

NYS Climate Smart Communities An Overview



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Growing The New Economy

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Food Systems



Energy Economy



Entrepreneurial Economy





Climate Smart Communities



State Support for Local Climate Action

Assistance for each community to define its own best strategies for:

- Reducing emissions & cutting costs of energy use
- Building resiliency in the face of climate change

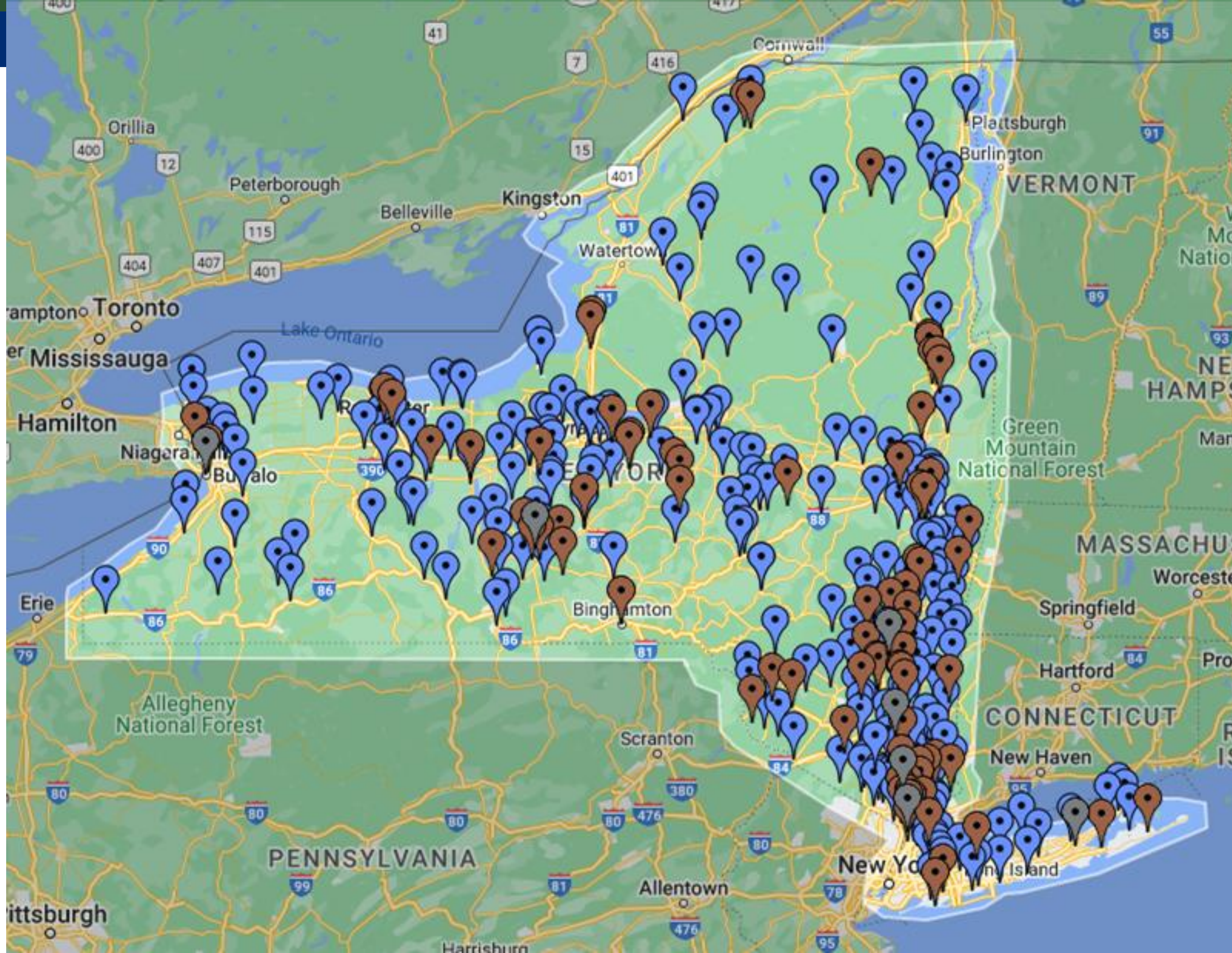
One of the few programs where local gov'ts can find:

- Free technical support on clean energy and climate

Registered vs. Certified Climate Smart Community

- **Registered** = making a commitment
 - Local gov't passes a formal municipal resolution adopting the 10-point CSC Pledge
- **Certified** = leaders who've made concrete progress
 - Accumulate points through documented actions to achieve Certified, Bronze, Silver or Gold levels
 - 1-10 points per action, 130+ total possible actions
 - Range of action types: planning, policies, outreach, implementation, etc.
- www.climatesmart.ny.gov





What are the benefits of CSC?

- **Free Technical Assistance**
- **Guidance & Tools:** website, decision-support tools
 - Monthly webinars, email list, workshops
 - Certification program offers a framework for planning, a menu of actions
- **Leadership Recognition:** state-level attention for local leaders
- **Networking:** learn with like-minded community leaders & connect w/ agencies
- **Funding:** better positioned to compete for funds; CSC grants; ZEV rebates



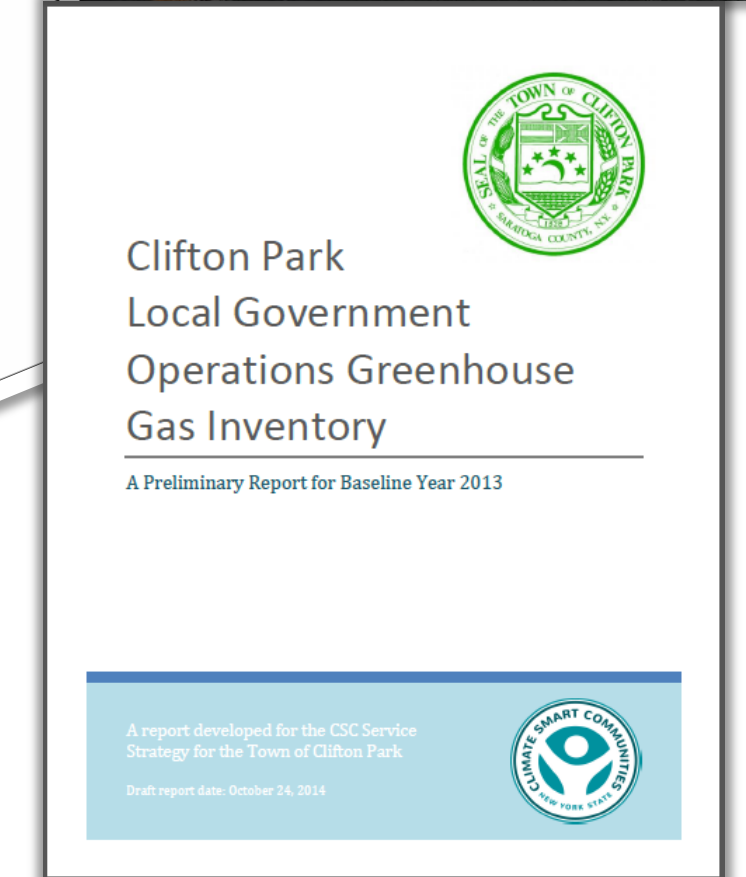
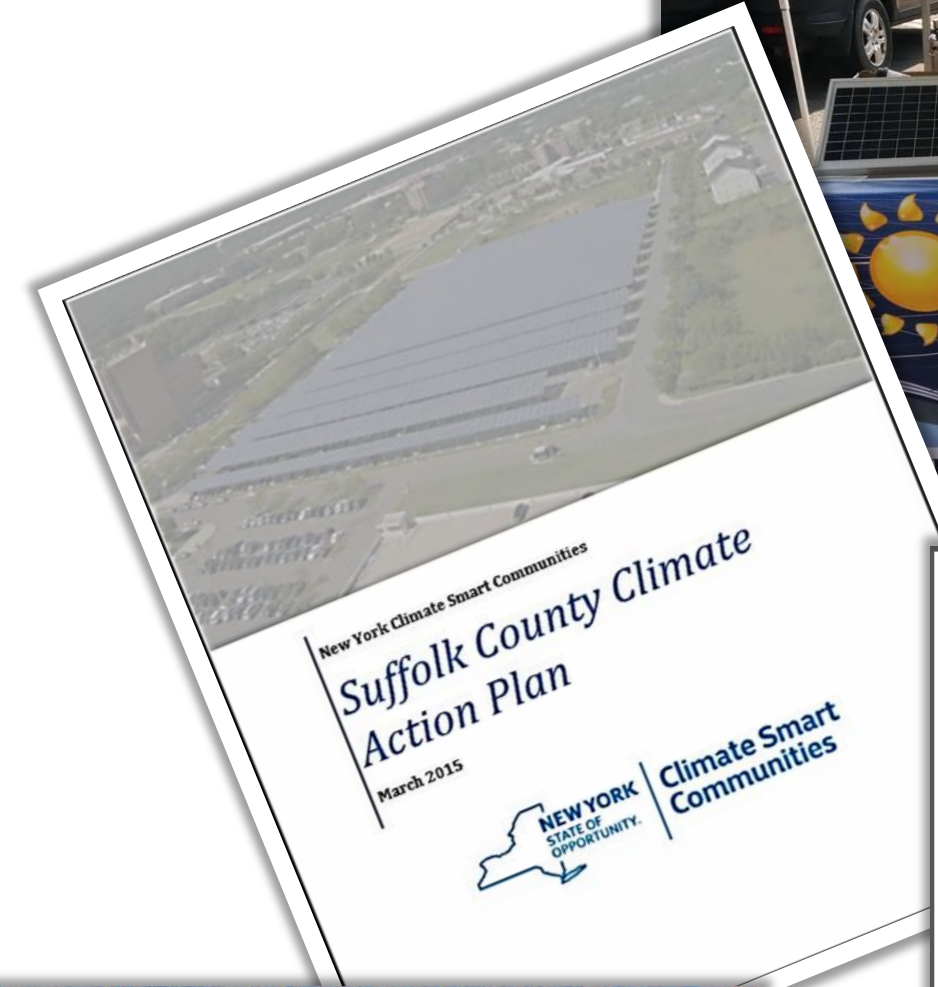
Climate Smart Pledge Elements

- 1) **Pledge** to be a Climate Smart Community
- 2) Set Goals, Inventory Emissions, **Plan for Climate Action**
- 3) Decrease Community **Energy Use**
- 4) Increase Community Use of **Renewable Energy**
- 5) Realize Benefits of **Recycling** & Other Climate-Smart Solid Waste Mgmt. Practices
- 6) Reduce GHG emissions Through Use of **Climate-Smart Land-Use** Tools
- 7) Enhance Community **Resilience** and Prepare for the Effects of Climate Change
- 8) Support Development of a **Green Innovation Economy**
- 9) **Inform & Inspire** the Public
- 10) Commit to an **Evolving Process** of Climate Action



What have Climate Smart Communities done?

- **Climate and Energy Planning**
 - 89 Climate Action Plans
 - 112 Community GHG Inventories
 - 85 Government Ops GHG Inventories
- **Energy and Transportation Initiatives**
 - 17 Solarize Campaigns
 - Green Fleet Policies
 - Right-sizing Fleets
- **Vulnerability Assessments**
- **Adaptation Planning**



What have Climate Smart Communities done?

Energy Retrofit: Preble Town Hall

- \$ from EPA, NYSERDA, & Nat'l Grid
- New windows
- Fully re-insulated bldg. envelope
- Lighting upgrade
- Saved \$7,400 in utility costs in 1st year
- Reduced carbon emissions by 19 tons





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