

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES COMMITTEE
ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS AGENDA
MARCH 22, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Supervisors McDevitt, Dickinson, Geraci, Braymer, Runyon, Seeber and Magowan

- I. Committee meeting called to order by Chair
- II. Approval of minutes of prior Committee Meeting
- III. Action Agenda/New Business Items:
 1. Request:
Rationale:
- IV. Discussion Items:
 1. Tara Donadio, Assistant Director of Sustainability Clean Energy Communities Outreach Coordinator, Heat Smart Capital Region Team – to discuss Clean Energy and how she can help municipal leaders in Warren County access resources and grants.
 2. Rob Cole, NYSDEC and Jim Lieberum, Soil & Water - Gypsy Moths / Spongy Moths presentation
- V. Referrals/Pending Items:
- VI. Privilege of the floor and public comment (please allow for 15 second delay on live stream meetings)
- VII. Motion to adjourn

Attachments: 1. Bio for Tara Donadio and Clean Energy information

Tara Donadio is the Assistant Director of Sustainability at the Capital District Regional Planning Commission, and outreach coordinator for the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities and DEC Climate Smart Communities Program.

She provides free technical support to municipalities in the Capital Region for climate and energy related actions, connects them with grant opportunities, and helps them to understand clean energy technology. She'll be discussing how she can help municipal leaders in Warren County access these resources and grants.



Clean Energy Communities

Program Overview

Take Action, Earn Points, Gain Rewards

The Leadership Round of the Clean Energy Communities program opens exciting new opportunities for municipalities across New York State to bring energy efficiency and renewable energy actions, guidance, funding, and recognition to communities. **The program and the rewards are more impactful, innovative, and sustainable than ever before.** Communities can now earn point-based grants by completing High Impact Actions.

In the Leadership Round, communities will use a new point system to earn grants by completing energy-saving High Impact Actions.

- Communities with populations of 40,000 and over can earn up to \$250,000 in point-based grants
- Communities with populations under 40,000 can earn up to \$100,000 in point-based grants
- All communities can qualify for additional Action Grants up to \$50,000 for NYStretch Energy Code adoption and up to \$60,000 for completing a Community Campaign.
- Communities that spend \$20,000 or more of their grant funds on projects in [disadvantaged communities](#) qualify for an additional \$10,000 bonus grant.
- Communities that complete four High Impact Actions can earn a \$5,000 grant and will earn the New York State Clean Energy Community designation.

Here's a brief overview of the new Point System—to learn more, connect with your regional Community Coordinator, who will help guide you every step of the way, from choosing to completing the High Impact Actions that best meet your community's needs.

The more points, the bigger the grants

But remember — these grants are offered first come, first served!



Here's how it breaks down

	Municipality Size by Population	Awards Available	Grant Amount
EARN 3,000+ POINTS	Large (40,000+)	50 Statewide	\$30,000
	Small/Medium (0-30,999)	40 Per Region	\$10,000
EARN 4,000+ POINTS	Large (40,000+)	20 Statewide	\$70,000
	Small/Medium (0-30,999)	10 Per Region	\$20,000
EARN 5,000+ POINTS	Large (40,000+)	10 Statewide	\$150,000
	Small/Medium (0-30,999)	4 Per Region	\$70,000

Launched by Governor Andrew Cuomo in August 2016, NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities program is for local government officials and staff who want their communities to benefit from the new clean energy economy. By providing grants, coordinator support, and clear guidance for implementing a range of high-impact clean energy actions, NYSERDA is helping local governments save money, grow the local economy, and improve the environment.



Clean Energy Communities

Coordinator services

Clean Energy Community Coordinators can help your municipality by:

- Providing free technical assistance and consulting services to communities undertaking clean energy actions and projects.
- Assisting with understanding Clean Energy Communities program requirements.
- Hosting educational seminars and training on topics including energy efficiency, clean energy technologies and policies, climate change, smart growth, and other best practices.
- Helping access other local, State, and federal resources.
- Engaging local organizations focused on clean energy, sustainability, and economic development, helping to create a self-sustaining network of local clean energy support.

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Ready to get started?

Call **866-NYSERDA**, email cec@nyserdera.ny.gov, or visit nyserdera.ny.gov/cec for more information, including detailed program requirements.

* Clean Energy Community Coordinators are not responsible for ensuring submission of program documentation or grant applications and cannot guarantee any community a grant award.

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