





## CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES WEBINAR SERIES BENCHMARKING YOUR BUILDING'S ENERGY USE

Save kWh and \$\$\$ 10:30 - 11:45 AM

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#### **AGENDA**

Welcome Pat Courtney Strong, Courtney Strong Inc.

Clean Energy Communities Overview Robyn Reynolds, Capital Region

Clean Energy Communities Coordinator,

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Commission

EPA: Technical Assistance and Resources Juan Gutierrez, ENERGY STAR Coordinator,

**US Environmental Protection Agency** 

Benchmarking Process/Available Help Amanda Mazzoni, Senior Planner, Central

New York Regional Planning and

**Development Board** 

How To Get Started/Resources Jim Yienger, Managing Principal, Climate

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**Question & Answer Period** 











#### **Presenters**

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#### **Presenters, Continued**



Robyn Reynolds is a coordinator for the Capital Region under the Clean Energy Communities Program, and has been working on sustainability and climate action in the region and statewide for the past several years. Through her current position, she encourages local and regional adoption of energy efficiency and clean energy technologies and policymaking. Robyn has worked in the private sector as a sustainability planner and assisted municipalities with renewable energy implementation and sustainable development. Robyn has a B.A. in International Relations and Environmental Studies from SUNY Geneseo and a Master of Regional Planning from the University at Albany, SUNY.



Amanda Mazzoni is a Senior Planner at the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board, a public agency that serves a five-county region including Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, and Oswego Counties. She is currently working with municipalities in CNY to assist in completion of NYSERDA's Clean Energy Community High Impact Actions, including Benchmarking. Amanda is also particularly involved in assisting CNY municipalities to convert streetlights to LED technology, including providing cost-benefit analyses of conversion options. She has also worked with CNY municipalities as part of the Climate Smart Communities pilot program, including helping to compile Greenhouse Gas Inventories and Climate Action Plans.



Jim Yienger is the founder of Climate Action Associates LLC (CAA), a sustainability consulting firm that supports a variety of state and local government clients nationwide. He has more than 20 years of experience in energy policy and sustainability planning at all levels of government. He coordinates and supports technical services provided to communities by the Capital District Regional Planning Commission under its various programs including the Clean Energy Communities program. Prior to starting CAA, he served as ICLEI--Local Government for Sustainability's Technical Director from 2001 – 2009.



Juan G. Gutierrez is an Environmental Protection Specialist for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Region 2. He is the ENERGY STAR coordinator for EPA / Region 2. ENERGY STAR is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy helping us all save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices. He provides technical and program knowledge on ENERGY STAR to industry, businesses, organizations and private homes. Juan has a B.S. in Applied Mathematics and Statistics from Stony Brook University, NY. He earned a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from Baruch College, NY, NY.











#### **FACT SHEET**

### **CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES**





## 10 High Impact Actions

**Benchmarking** 

**Clean Energy Upgrades** 

**LED Street Lights** 

**Clean Fleets** 

**Solarize** 

**Unified Solar Permit** 

**Energy Code Enforcement** Training

Climate Smart Communities Certification

Community Choice Aggregation

**Energize NY Finance** 

#### contact:

your local Clean Energy Community Coordinator listed on the reverse side of this fact sheet

visit:

nyserda.ny.gov/cec

# Recognizing and rewarding local governments for their clean energy leadership

The Clean Energy Communities Program recognizes and rewards village, town, city, and county governments in New York State for reducing greenhouse gases and implementing clean energy. This program provides tools, resources, and technical assistance to help local governments implement clean energy actions that can save taxpayer dollars, create jobs, and improve the environment.

#### **Building a better community**

By participating in this program, Communities can:

- Protect the environment
- Galvanize the community
- Promote economic development
- Save taxpayer money
- Offer technical support

#### Clean energy leadership brings rewards

Elected officials or employees of local governments across New York State can apply to the program to gain recognition and rewards for their communities.

Communities that complete four out of the 10 High Impact Actions and meet all other eligibility requirements are:

- Designated by New York State as a Clean Energy Community
- Eligible to apply for grants of up to \$250,000 to fund additional clean energy projects

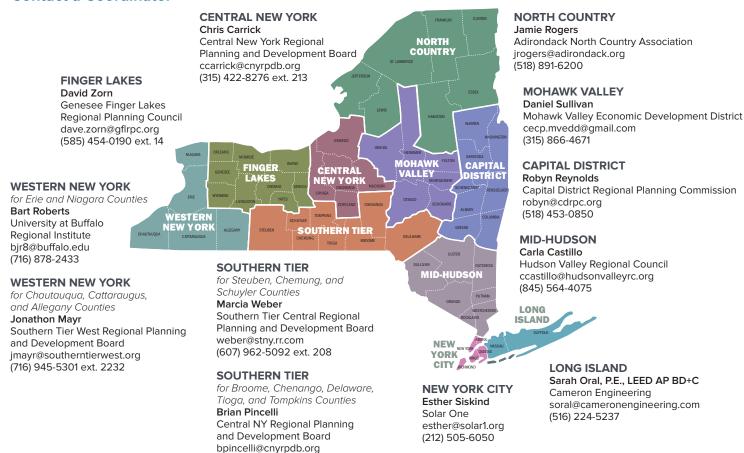


#### **Coordinator services**

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.

#### **Contact a Coordinator**



#### **Get started**

Visit nyserda.ny.gov/cec or contact your local Clean Energy Community Coordinator listed above.

(315) 422-8276 ext. 216

\* 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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