

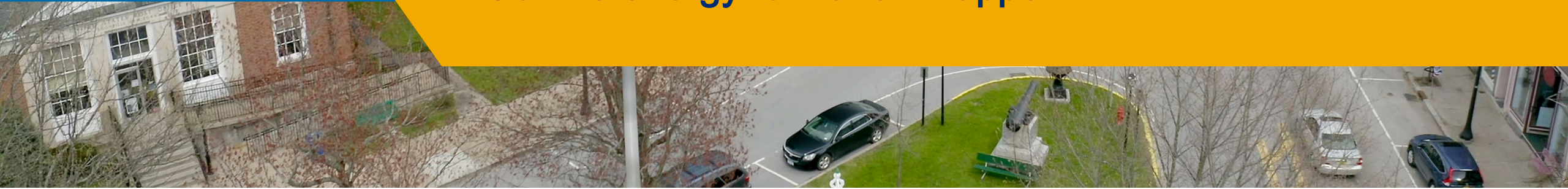


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Become a Clean Energy Community

Get the energy to make it happen





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The Power of Partnership



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About the Municipal Electricity and Gas Alliance (MEGA)

The Power of Partnership



Local Development Corporation serving an alliance of over **270 New York counties and municipalities**. Governed by its members for its members.



The **power of collective buying** to **minimize and stabilize the cost of energy** for members.



Reduces administrative burden by sponsoring **competitive bids in compliance with all NY Municipal Procurement Laws**.



Offers **technical assistance and pre-negotiated contracts for electricity, natural gas, renewable energy, and other energy products**. Pay only for the power you use.



Members have saved over **[\$15 million]** since 1998.

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Get a customized pricing quote in three easy steps at MEGAenergy.org

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Today It Means More Than Ever To Be a Clean Energy Community

- High Impact Actions that help your community
- Flexible grant funding with no local cost share
- Recognition for your community's leadership



Program Benefits and Services

- Free coordinator support
- Resources and toolkits to assist you
- Help choosing which energy actions are right for your community
- Assist with grant applications
- Present the CEC program to your stakeholders

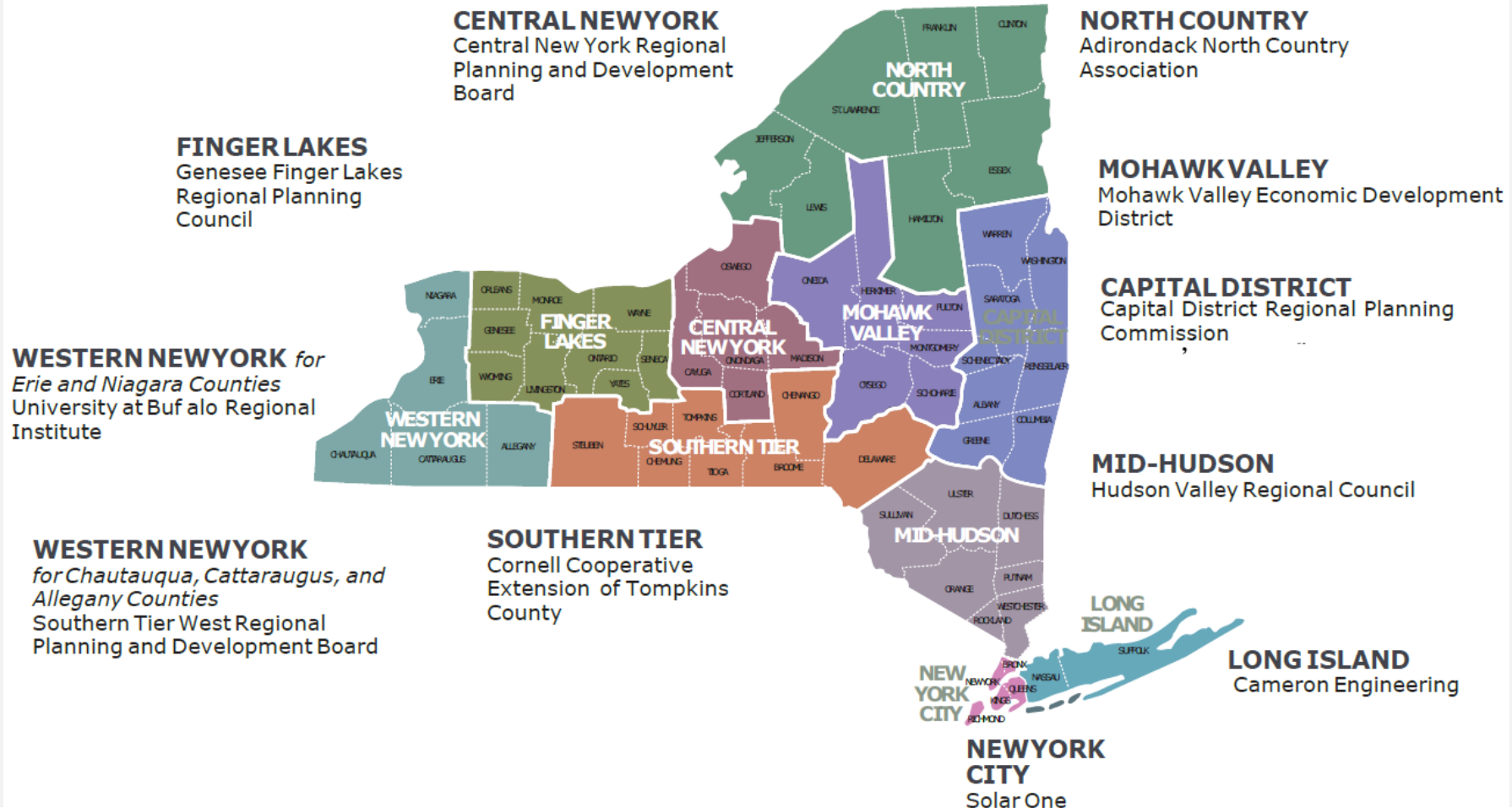
NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Scorecard

Thank you for participating in NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities Program. This scorecard shows your community's accomplishments and how they compare to others in your region and across New York State.



Clean Energy Community Coordinators Are With You Every Step of the Way

Contact a Coordinator





**So far, 800+ communities
have participated.**

**500+ Communities have
earned the initial CEC
Designation.**

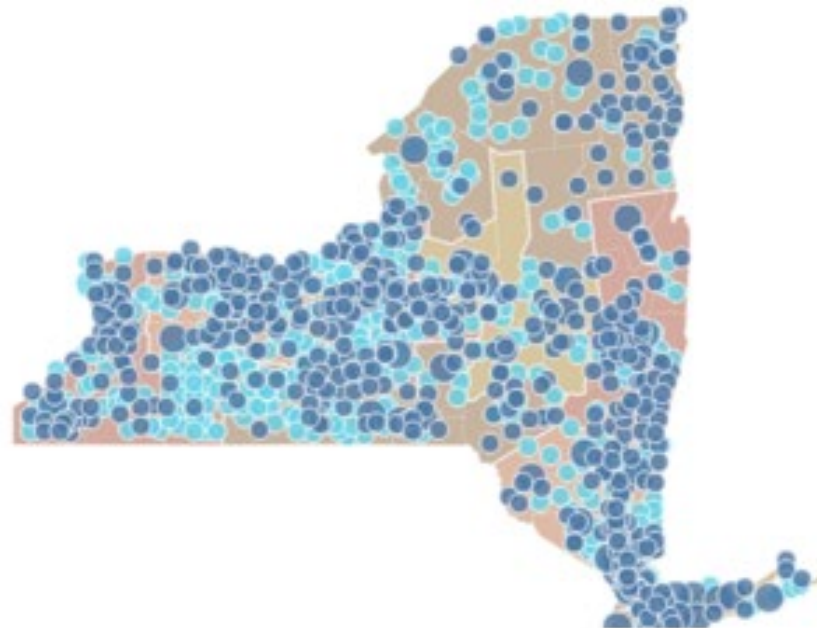
NYS County Participation

- 45 Counties of 62 are participating in NYS (73%)
- Counties have completed 308 actions to date and achieved thousands of \$s

899 Participating Communities

543 Designated Communities

3,990 Actions Completed



Display Communities that have completed a particular action

(All)

Display Communities by Region

(All)

Community Size

- Small Community
- Large Community

Status

- Designated CEC
- Not Designated

Designation Grants – the Points System

More Points = Bigger Grants



Designation Grants through 10/1/2024

Designation Level	Number of Points	Funding for Small Municipalities (Up to 39,999 population)	Funding for Large Municipalities (40,000 or greater population)
CEC Designation - must complete 4 high-impact actions	N/A	\$5,000	\$5,000
1-Star Designation ★	1,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
2-Star Designation ★★	3,000	\$50,000	\$125,000
3-Star Designation ★★★	5,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
4-Star Designation ★★★★	7,000	\$175,000	\$275,000
5-Star Designation ★★★★★	9,000	\$250,000	\$350,000

Designation Grants on or after 10/1/2024

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3-Star Designation ★★★	5,000	\$75,000	\$150,000
4-Star Designation ★★★★	7,000	\$125,000	\$200,000
5-Star Designation ★★★★★	9,000	\$200,000	\$300,000

Which High Impact Actions Are Right for Your Community?

Up to 800 Points	Build-Ready	Up to 1,000 Points	Thermal Energy Networks	Up to 2,000 Points	Community Choice Aggregation
300 Points	Energy Code Enforcement Training	Up to 900 Points	LED Street Lights	Up to 3,800 Points	Action Grant up to \$290K Community Campaigns
Up to 1,000 Points	Green Financing	Up to 1,800 Points	Benchmarking	Up to 1,200 Points	County-Hosted Trainings
Up to 4,100 Points	Clean Energy Upgrades and Municipal Buildings Demo	Up to 6,700 Points	Clean Fleets	200 Points	Electric Landscaping Equipment
Up to 4,600 Points	Renewable Energy	Up to 1,400 Points	Climate Smart Communities Certification	200 Points	Municipal Clean Fleets Inventory

100 – 4,100 Points:
**Clean Energy
Upgrades and
Municipal Buildings
Demo**

- Upgrade municipal buildings, facilities, and infrastructure
- Save money with energy-saving upgrades
- Show leadership and contribute to more sustainable communities

300 – 4,600 Points:
Renewable Energy

- Subscribe to clean Community Distributed Generation (CDG), such as solar, hydro, or wind
- Host or install clean distributed energy resources on municipal property, or purchase RECs
- Save money with utility bill discounts

500 – 1,000 Points: Thermal Energy Networks

- Explore thermal energy networks as an effective solution to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Conduct a study to determine if a thermal energy network is the right fit for your community

200 - 900 Points: LED Street Lights

- Convert at least half of municipal streetlights energy-efficient LEDs
- Significant savings on electricity
- Contribute to creating a well-lit, safer and more attractive community

300 – 1,800 Points: Benchmarking

- Identify energy saving opportunities in buildings
- Spark investment in energy-saving upgrades
- Address major source of emissions

200 – 6,700 Points:
Clean Fleets

- Invest in electric vehicles and infrastructure
- Increase resident access to electric vehicle charging stations
- Help reduce greenhouse gas emissions

800 – 1,400 Points:

**Climate Smart
Communities
Certification**

- Earn Climate Smart Community (CSC) Certification
- Take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate
- Achieve recognition for your community's leadership

500 – 2,000 Points:
**Community Choice
Aggregation**

- Negotiate lower rates
- Pool the buying power of your community for better pricing
- Choose cleaner energy
- Increase local control over energy resources
- Increase percentage of renewables in fuel mix

300 – 1,200 Points:

**County -
Hosted
Trainings**

- Convene and support municipalities to advance local action on clean energy.
- Be a leader in helping municipalities understand how to manage responsible clean energy development in their communities

200 Points:

**Electric Landscaping
Equipment**

- Invest in efficient, money-saving equipment for your community and staff
- Reduce harmful emissions

200 Points:

**Municipal Clean
Fleets Inventory**

- Take an inventory of fleet vehicles as the first step toward transitioning to electric vehicles
- Take a thoughtful and organized approach to transitioning fleet vehicles

Additional Opportunities:

Energy Studies and Disadvantaged Communities Bonus Grants

- Funding for energy studies
 - May apply to use a portion of grant funding for energy studies
 - Complete the Benchmarking – CEC Energy Study Qualification High Impact Action
- Grant awards greater than \$5,000 may be eligible for a grant bonus of up to 50% if the project is located in a disadvantaged community:
<https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/ny/Disadvantaged-Communities>



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