

Climate Smart Communities Profile

Town of Ossining

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Overview and Highlights

The Climate Smart Communities (CSC) program is a New York State initiative to help local communities reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, prepare for effects of climate change and save taxpayers money. The program is designed to address 10 focus areas, or “pledge elements,” outlined in the CSC Pledge: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/53013.html>.

New York State is now offering technical support to communities that have adopted the CSC Pledge. This profile is the first step in identifying a technical support service package to help the Town of Ossining progress through the pledge elements.

Detailed information on actions completed, in progress, and identified for future action is provided in the tables on the following pages. If a table is missing for a particular pledge element, it means that the CSC program does not have a record of actions taken to address that element.

Quick Facts:

Adopted Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Pledge: 2009

CSC Pledge Elements Addressed: 4 out of 10

Total Actions Completed: 6

Government Type: Town

County: Westchester County

Region: Lower Hudson Valley

Population: 37,674

Pledge Element 1: Pledge to Combat Climate Change by Becoming a Climate Smart Community

Action	Status	Description
Ossining Green Committee	Completed	"The Ossining Green Committee is a joint Town of Ossining and Village of Ossining task force consisting of members of the Town and Village Environmental Advisory Councils (EACs) as well as interested Town and Village residents. The Green Committee also organizes an annual Earth Day Fair each April as well as other environmental-related events and activities designed to raise awareness of environmental issues in Ossining." - Committee website
Adopted CSC Pledge	Completed	The Town adopted the Climate Smart Communities Pledge in 2009.

Pledge Element 2: Set Goals, Inventory Emissions, Move to Action

Action	Status	Description
Community Climate Action Plan	Completed	"The Plan is based upon the Green Committee's work over the course of 2010-11 and outlines steps for environmental initiatives that the Committee can take on in the future." – Green Ossining Committee website. The Plan covers the following sectors: Transportation, Energy, Water Resources, and Waste.
Community GHG Inventory	Completed	A community inventory is included in the Climate Action Plan. Data was collected for 2005 for residential, commercial, transportation, and waste sectors.

Pledge Element 5: Realize Benefits of Recycling and Other Climate Smart Solid Waste Management Practices

Action	Status	Description
Curbside Recycling through Westchester County	Completed	Westchester County offers weekly curbside pick of recyclables including paper, cardboard, glass, and metals.

Pledge Element 9: Inform and Inspire the Public

Action	Status	Description
Green Ossining Committee Website	Completed	Green Ossining Committee (Village and Town) has an active website with information regarding events, documents and reports including the Village's Climate Action Plan, and links to other related organizations and information. It is also used as a forum for sharing energy saving and other green tips with the community. It is linked to from the Villages webpage on climate change http://www.villageofossining.org/cit-e-access/webpage.cfm?TID=24&TPID=11003

For more information about Ossining's climate protection efforts, please contact:



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