

Village of Newark Earns Clean Energy Community Designation for its Commitment to Cut Costs and Reduce Energy Consumption

The Village of Newark is pleased to announce it has been designated a Clean Energy Community by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), recognizing its leadership in reducing energy use, cutting costs and driving clean energy locally.

Announced by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo in January 2021, the second phase of the Clean Energy Communities (CEC) initiative, the \$17 million CEC Leadership Round supports and recognizes local government leaders across the state by providing grants to eligible municipalities to implement energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainable development projects in their communities. Achievements by Clean Energy Communities help support Governor Cuomo's nation-leading climate and clean energy goals as outlined under the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

Mayor Jonathan Taylor stated, "We are pleased that the Village has been designated as a Clean Energy Community. This designation helps our community in its long-term vision for revitalization. The Village Board is committed to working toward the goal of completing other high-impact clean energy projects and seeking additional funding from this program."

The Village of Newark received the designation for completing four high-impact clean energy actions identified by NYSERDA as part of the Clean Energy Communities initiative. To date, the Village of Newark has completed the following high-impact actions:

- Benchmarking – Adopted a policy to report the energy use of the Village's municipal buildings
- LED Street Lights – Converted street lights to energy efficient LED technology
- Unified Solar Permit – Streamlined the approvals process for solar
- Energy Code Enforcement Training – Trained compliance officers in energy code best practices

Doreen M. Harris, Acting President and CEO, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), said, "Congratulations to the Village of Newark on their designation and for establishing a strong foundation for a clean energy future that will help deliver long-term energy savings while shrinking their carbon footprint. Under Governor Cuomo's leadership, New York State is providing communities with multiple resources and tools to help them meet our state's climate and clean energy goals and we're proud to have the Village join us in this effort."

Communities that complete at least four NYSERDA-identified high-impact actions are designated Clean Energy Communities and are eligible for a Designation Grant of \$5,000. This grant is just one of the many exciting grant opportunities offered through the Clean Energy Communities Leadership Round. Other grant opportunities include action grants of up to \$50,000 for adopting the NYStretch Energy Code or \$60,000 for

undertaking one or more clean energy Community Campaigns; a point-based grant system where communities become eligible for larger grant amounts; and grants where a [New York State Disadvantaged Community](#) may be eligible for an additional \$10,000 bonus grant on a grant of \$20,000 or more.

Eligible city, town, village, and county governments may apply for grants on a rolling basis, until December 31, 2025 or until funds are exhausted. Funds are being provided through the Clean Energy Fund and the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

Clean Energy Community Coordinators are available at no charge to help communities develop and prioritize clean energy goals, access easy-to-use resources such as guidance documents and case studies and take advantage of available funding and technical assistance opportunities.