

**Business of the Village Board
Village of Saranac Lake**

SUBJECT: Climate Smart Communities Task Force

DATE: 8-22-2022

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Mayor Williams

BILL # 142-2022

DATE SUBMITTED: 8-17-2022

EXHIBITS: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney

Village Administration

EXPENDITURE
REQUIRED
\$

AMOUNT
BUDGETED
\$0

APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED:

Resolution to authorize the Climate Smart Communities Task Force to work toward silver certification

MOVED BY: Catillaz SECONDED BY: Shapiro

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR WILLIAMS	<u>YES</u>
TRUSTEE BRUNETTE	<u>YES</u>
TRUSTEE CATILLAZ	<u>YES</u>
TRUSTEE SCOLLIN	<u>YES</u>
TRUSTEE SHAPIRO	<u>YES</u>

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES TASK FORCE
TO WORK TOWARD SILVER CERTIFICATION**

WHEREAS, the Village has established a Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Task Force to facilitate certification of the Village as a Climate Smart Community and act as an advisory board that collaborates with Village elected officials and staff to advance plans, programs and activities that are part of the CSC certification program; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake has achieved CSC certification at the Bronze Level; and

WHEREAS, the Village would like to continue to work towards CSC certification at the Silver Level; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has drafted a Silver Certification Assessment which includes recommended actions for achieving certification.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the CSC Task Force to implement the recommended actions in the Silver Certification Assessment with input and oversight from the Village Manager and Community Development Director.



Village of Saranac Lake
Climate Smart Communities Task Force
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Village of Saranac Lake Climate Smart Community Silver Certification Assessment

Tentative Silver Submission Date: January 2024?

Required Points: 300

Summary: The Saranac Lake Climate Smart Community (CSC) Task Force is working to fulfill the resolution passed on 11/9/20 to lay out a pathway for earning Silver CSC Certification and develop a government operations climate action plan. If Silver Certification is accomplished, the Village will become the first municipality in the North Country to reach this designation. This document outlines actions needed to reach Silver Certification that are realistic for the Village to achieve. These actions total well over 300 points as it is possible that some actions may not occur.

The Task Force is seeking a resolution from the Board of Trustees that would grant the Task Force permission to work towards completion of the actions listed below on behalf of the village.

* indicates actions that overlap with NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities (CEC) program. The Village is close to earning a \$20,000 CEC grant.

Recommended Actions

Action	Status	Points
PE2: Government Operations Climate Action Plan	The Task Force has done significant background work on a Climate Action Plan. Erin can complete this action through ANCA.	12-16
PE4: Heat Pumps*	This is a likely action to come out of the energy master plan and an ideal use for the CEC grant	9
PE4: Renewable Energy Feasibility Study	Task Force member Brian Killkelly completed an initial analysis that shows the DPW garage roof is likely the most lucrative location in	4

	the Village to install solar. Next step is to confirm this with a feasibility assessment by a solar developer. Follow up actions will depend on if the array is owned by the Village or if the roof space is leased	
PE5: Government Solid Waste Audit	Paul Smith's College has expressed interest in completing this action with a class or interns	2
PE5: Recycling Program for Public Places and Events	This is a gap in SL	2-6
PE6: Zoning for Protection of Natural Areas	This will likely be completed through the LWRP work – not sure about this	4-6
PE6: Comprehensive Plan with Sustainability Elements	Keep this in mind for future comp plan updates - only complete if comp plan is revised	3-21 points
PE7: Riparian Buffers	This is important for protecting the waterfront in SL	2-14
PE7: Climate Vulnerability Assessment	Planned - may be eligible for funding from the DEC to complete this	4-16
PE7: Climate Adaptation Plan	Planned - may be eligible for funding from the DEC to complete this	3-15
PE8: Community Campaign*	This is a well-incentivized CEC action to encourage EV/heat pump adoption that the Task Force can take on	3 points per campaign
PE11: Innovation	The community heat pump feasibility study should qualify if it moves forward	9
	TOTAL:	Min: 57 Max: 115

Potential Performance Points

Action	Status	Points
PE12: Reduce GHGs from Government Facilities	In progress - conservative estimate is 25-29% reduction	30 (preliminary estimate)
PE12: Reduce GHGs from Government Vehicles	In progress – aiming for 10-14% reduction	15 (preliminary estimate)
	TOTAL:	45

Actions In Progress

Action	Status	Points
PE3: Government Building Energy Audits	In progress	12-16
PE5: Recycling Bins in Government Buildings	Town of Harrietstown is doing this in the Town Hall - check if this is eligible	3
PE6: Traffic Calming	DRI Main & Broadway intersection realignment will count	3
PE6: Natural Resources Inventory	This will likely be completed through the LWRP Update	8-10
PE8: Community Choice Aggregation*	In progress	27
PE10: Annual Progress Report	In progress by Task Force	4
PE10: Greenhouse Gas Tracking System	In progress by Community Development Department	5
	TOTAL:	Min: 62 Max: 68

Completed Actions

Action	Status	Points
PE1: CSC Coordinator	Complete - eligible for recertification	20
PE1: CSC Task Force	Complete - eligible for recertification	10
PE1: National/Regional Climate Program	Complete - eligible for recertification	3
PE1: Partnerships with Other Entities	Complete - eligible for recertification	3
PE2: Government Operations Greenhouse Gas Inventory	Complete - eligible for recertification	16
PE3: Clean Energy Upgrades*	Completed with Lake Flower Dam upgrades	10
PE3: Interior Lighting Upgrades	Complete - eligible if application is submitted no later than 2023	5

PE3: Benchmarking: Municipal Buildings*	Complete - eligible for recertification	4
PE3: Fleet Inventory	Complete - eligible for recertification	4
PE3: Energy Code Enforcement Training*	Complete - eligible for recertification	5
PE3: LED Streetlights*	Complete	12
PE3: Outdoor Lighting Upgrades	All converted with the exception of ski hill lights	4
PE3: Advanced Vehicles*	Complete	2
PE5: Residential Organic Waste Program	Complete - eligible for recertification	2
PE6: Smart Growth Policies	Complete - eligible for recertification	8
PE6: Unified Solar Permit*	Complete - eligible for recertification	5
PE6: Infrastructure for Biking and Walking	Complete - eligible for recertification	10
PE6: Safe Routes to School	Complete - eligible for recertification	3
PE6: Local Forestry Program	Complete - eligible for recertification.	6
PE6: Complete Streets Policy	Complete - eligible for recertification	4
PE6: Alternative-fuel Infrastructure*	Complete - eligible for recertification	4
PE8: Buy Local Buy Green Campaign	Complete	2
PE8: Farmers Markets	Complete - eligible for recertification	3
PE9: Climate-related Public Events	Complete - eligible for recertification if more events are held	3
PE9: Local Climate Action Website	Complete - eligible for recertification	3
PE9: Social Media	Complete - eligible for recertification	3
	TOTAL:	154

Total Points

Min: 318 Max: 382