

Climate Smart Communities Certification Program



Documentation Submittal Form

Instructions:

Complete this form for each action in which you are submitting documentation to receive points. List all relevant documentation in the fields below for the action. For actions with multiple documents to be submitted, only one form per action is required.

Local Government: _____ **Dobbs Ferry**

Action # and Name: 5.5 _____

Document(s) Submitted *(list the titles and year released for all documents submitted, or include links to relevant websites with a title and date accessed for the website or webpage)*

Waste Management Policy Analysis

Summary of Document(s) Submitted *(Explain why the submitted document(s) meet the requirements for the action. Note any specific pages in the document in which the required information can be found, if only a portion of the document is relevant for the action).*

The Energy Task Force undertook a detailed analysis of the Village's waste management policies and operations with a particular focus on analyzing the opportunity to implement Pay As You Throw. This included reviewing municipal data, meeting with Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities officials, review of national best practices, meetings with elected officials and key staff in Dobbs Ferry, etc.

Though there is strong support for the concept of PAYT, we determined that the way that property owners currently pay for sanitation services is not conducive to inclusion of PAYT on a municipal basis. Property owners currently pay the significant majority of the cost for these services through County taxes which are based on property values. This arrangement is part of a 10 year IMA that had just been concluded at the time that this report was completed. For PAYT to be introduced in a way that those who generate less waste would pay less, the way revenue is generated for these services would need to be changed at the County level.

Requested Points: 1 of 6 points