



# MARBLETOWN, NY

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## **Marbletown's Municipal Cooperation 2016-2018**

### **Summary**

#### **2016**

- Rondout Municipal Center: Marbletown and Rosendale become [the first two town halls in the state](#) to share facilities.
- RCWS: Marbletown hosts the second annual [Rondout Creek Watershed Summit](#) at the Rondout Municipal Center.
- MRDC: Marbletown hosts a Municipal Recycling Drop-Off Center meeting at the Rondout Municipal Center.

#### **2017**

- Energy Code Enforcement Training: Marbletown joined up with both the Town and the Village of New Paltz to accelerate the training program.
- Solarize Rondout Valley: The towns of Marbletown, Olive and Rochester teamed up for a state-sponsored program making it easier and more affordable to get business/residential solar.
- Marbletown CSC Coordinator assisted Tusten, NY in LED streetlight research.
- EV Charger: Worked with Rosendale to get a unit installed at the Rondout Municipal Center.

#### **2018-2019**

- Hudson Valley Community Power: Marbletown joined five other municipalities in its effort to get 100% renewable power for their entire towns.

#### **Other (Undated) Collaborations**

- Marbletown joined the Mid-Hudson Streetlight Consortium while it was converting to LED streetlights.
- Marbletown helped Warwarsing take the CSC pledge and audit their streetlights.
- Marbletown assisted the Town of Rochester with outreach, which helped them win their Community Solar referendum.
- Marbletown worked with representatives from Riverkeeper, Warwarsing, Accord, Rosendale and Kingston to revive the Rondout Creek Watershed Alliance.

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## **Additional Details**

### **January 2016: Rondout Municipal Center**

After years of discussion, planning and legal work, Marbletown and the Town of Rosendale began sharing a former school for their government offices. The former Rosendale Elementary School was repurposed and renamed the Rondout Municipal Center. The site is located almost directly on the town boundary in Rosendale's hamlet of Cottekill.

About a year later, New York's Secretary of State presented the two towns with the Extraordinary Partnership Award. Marbletown and Rosendale are the first two towns in the state to share facilities. Since then, other towns have looked into the possibility.

Marbletown had outgrown its previous site in the hamlet of Stone Ridge, which has since become known as Old Town Hall. At the time, the town's Supervisor estimated it would have cost about \$4 million to construct a new building. Instead, both towns pay one dollar per year for the lease, which goes to the Rondout Valley School District. Rosendale moved into the building in 2014.

The RMC is also home to The Arc Ulster-Greene and the Rondout Valley Growers Association. The former school's cafeteria now houses the Blackboard Bistro.

Since the move, Marbletown and Rosendale have worked together on energy efficiency upgrades. As of 2019, Marbletown's CSC coordinator is looking at ways to get the Blackboard Bistro to compost their organic waste.

### **March 2106: MRDC**

In 2016, Marbletown's CSC Coordinator, Jason Zimmerman, helped temporarily resurrect the Municipal Recycling Drop-Off Center collective. The group's meetings had been off-and-on until several years previously. Following a county-wide invite, representatives from multiple towns gathered on March 18th at the Rondout Municipal Center.

Jason's goal for the meeting was to discuss shared services, namely for waste tires. Other topics on the agenda included waste oil charges, scrap metal and grants. There was also a broader discussion of other shared-service possibilities.

## **March 2016: Rondout Creek Watershed Summit**

On March 29, 2016, the second annual Rondout Creek Watershed Summit was held at the Rondout Municipal Center in Cottekill. The purpose of the summit was to update the public and environmental commissions of Wawarsing, Rosendale, Marbletown and Rochester.

Hosts were Marbletown, the town of Rochester and Riverkeeper. Presenters included Riverkeeper and the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

## **February 2017: Energy Code Enforcement Training**

In 2016, New York's NYSERDA kicked off a program called Clean Energy Communities. It offered a limited number of financial incentives to the first municipalities that completed the program.

Despite the three municipalities essentially needing to complete against each other, they decided it would be wise to pool their resources to complete one of the available projects: Energy Code Enforcement Training. The office-training session was held on February 17, followed by on-site work.

All three municipalities eventually received the Clean Energy Community designation. For its part, Marbletown became eligible for a \$50,000 grant in May of 2017.

## **April 2017: Streetlight Assistance**

In April of 2017, the Energy Committee of Sullivan County's Tusten, NY contacted Marbletown's CSC Coordinator, Jason Zimmerman, to inquire about LED streetlights. The possibility of a streetlight audit was on the table. Jason first did a Google Street View tour of the town. He then created a 14-page report on Marbletown's process for them to use as a self-help guide. *Marbletown Streetlight Improvement Process v3.PDF*

## **2017: Solarize Rondout Valley**

Marbletown, Rochester and Olive formed Solarize Rondout Valley as a more localized segment of the larger Solarize Hudson Valley. The goal was to make it easier and cheaper to get solar.

The towns offered solar discounts and free at-home estimates for homes and business across Ulster County. They also held events and informational sessions over the course of multiple months.

## **2019: Hudson Valley Community Power**

On January 16, 2019, an official PR release announced the creation of Hudson Valley Community Power. Before 2019, the collective was branded as Renewable Highlands CCA.

At the time of the PR release, six communities had joined forces: Marbletown, Beacon, Cold Spring, Philipstown, Fishkill and the City of Poughkeepsie. This new CCA was created through a partnership between Hudson Valley Energy and administrator Joule Community Power.

## **Document List**

[ARTICLE](#): Towns of Marbletown, Rosendale Lauded by NY State for Sharing Space in Former School: Daily Freeman: December 12, 2016

[ARTICLE](#): Rondout Creek Watershed Summit to be Held March 29: Daily Freeman: March 23, 2016

FILE: Solarize Rondout Valley Flyer - 16 March 2017.JPG

FILE: Solarize Rondout Valley Flyer - 24 May 2017.JPG

FILE: Solarize Rondout Valley Flyer - 15 July 2017.JPG

FILE: Hudson Valley CCA Flyer - Jan-Feb 2019.PDF

FILE: Marbletown Streetlight Improvement Process v3.PDF