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Dedicated to Becoming the Greenest County in New York State.

Team Green

Albany County has developed a comprehensive green policy that applies to all county functions and is provided to all employees during orientation. In addition to this, key departments send representatives to a quarterly focus group meeting to develop ideas and check on initiative implementation.

Albany County took the [Climate Smart Communities \(CSC\) Pledge](#) in 2009, and continues to address the 10 focus areas (pledge elements) identified by New York State. In 2017, Albany County became the first municipality in the Capital Region to earn NYSERDA's Clean Energy Community designation.

EIC Open C-PACE

Albany County is pleased to offer EIC Open C-PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy). Open C-PACE is operated by Energy Improvement Corporation (EIC) and provides a low-cost, long-term alternative to traditional loans to fund clean energy projects in commercially owned buildings. Eligible projects include: boilers and controls, chillers and controls, insulation and air sealing, lighting, oil-to-gas conversions, pumps, windows, combined heat & power systems, solar photovoltaic systems, solar thermal systems, geothermal, wind turbines and battery storage.

Open C-PACE is not a bank loan and differs from traditional financing options:

- Financing is available for up to 100% of the project cost, or can be combined with other financing
- Competitive private financing from EIC-approved capital providers
- Customizable loan terms up to the expected life of the improvement
- Repayment is secured through a benefit assessment lien that is subordinate to municipal taxes
- Financing automatically transfers to a new owner if the property is sold
- Projects must comply with [NYS Article 5-L](#) (NY's PACE law) and [NYSERDA's Commercial PACE Guidance Document](#)

For more information, visit eicpace.org or call (914) 302-7300 x8114

Clean Energy Community Designation

In March of 2017 Albany County demonstrated its commitment to sustainability by becoming the first municipality in the Capital Region to earn NYSERDA's [Clean Energy Community designation](#). The Clean Energy Communities initiative supports local governments in implementing energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in their communities.

Albany County earned this designation by:

- Adopting a benchmarking policy to track and publish energy use for more than 40 County Buildings;
- Undertaking a community-based Solarize campaign;
- Establishing an Energize NY Finance Program; and
- Installing electric vehicle charging station at the Albany County Airport.

As a result, the County is eligible for up to \$250,000 in state funding for additional clean energy projects.

Local Styrofoam Ban Law

Albany County Executive Daniel P. McCoy signed Local Law A for 2012, also known as the Styrofoam Ban Law.

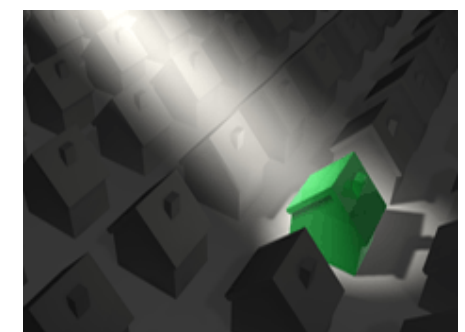
He also announced three major green initiatives for Albany County.



Energy Conservation Projects

Learn How Albany County Is Saving Energy & Lowering Costs

Albany County has many ongoing and completed projects to improve the energy efficiency of County facilities. These projects will save the County costs while reducing wasted energy.



[Click here to learn more.](#)

Showcase your project here! Motivate other area homes, businesses and organizations to save energy cost with grants and incentives. Send us an [email](#) and we will contact you to learn more.

- [Albany County Green Infrastructure Policy](#)
- [Albany County Utility Benchmarking Report \(2016-2020\)](#)

Free viewers are required for some of the attached documents. They can be downloaded by clicking on the icons below.

