



Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

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March 5, 2021

The Honorable Matthew J. O'Connor, P.E.
The Honorable Michael Yudelson
Co-Chairmen, Monroe County Legislature
Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee
39 West Main Street
Rochester, New York 14614

Re: Appointment of Monroe County Climate Smart Communities Task Force

Dear Councilman O'Connor and Legislator Yudelson:

Further to the registration of Monroe County with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Climate Smart Communities (CSC) program, the County is committed to pursuing the actions necessary to achieve Certification under this program.

Under the CSC program, *Pledge Element 1: Building a climate-smart community* lists two mandatory actions for Certification: convening a CSC Task Force and appointing a CSC Coordinator. It is noted that completing these actions will result in points (20 points for the CSC Task Force, 10 points for the CSC Coordinator) that will be applied towards the necessary score to achieve Certification.

The responsibilities of the CSC Task Force will be to advise and collaborate with Monroe County to accomplish plans, programs, and activities that are part of the Certification program. The Task Force shall consist of community members and municipal representatives.

The responsibilities of the CSC Coordinator will be to coordinate the activities necessary to achieve CSC Certification, including developing an overall strategy for achieving Certification and working with the various Monroe County departments in implementing specific actions. Furthermore, as a member of the Task Force, the Coordinator will enable the collaboration between the Task Force and the County.

Due to the role of the Monroe County Legislature Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee in developing the County's Climate Action Plan, its members have a special understanding of the issues and actions necessary to achieving CSC Certification. Accordingly, I hereby appoint the members of the Monroe County Legislature Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee to the Monroe County CSC Task Force. Furthermore, the Officers of the CSC Task Force shall be the same as the Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

Cc: Michael J. Garland, P.E., Monroe County Environmental Services
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