



# Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

**Adam J. Bello**  
*County Executive*

March 5, 2021

Michael J. Garland, P.E.  
Director of Environmental Services  
7100 City Place  
50 West Main Street  
Rochester, New York 14614

**Re: Appointment of Monroe County Climate Smart Communities Coordinator**

Mr. Garland:

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 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 Department of Environmental Services' central role in executing the County's sustainability initiatives, including coordinating development of the Climate Action Plan, and your leadership in this role, I hereby appoint you, or your delegated designee, as the Monroe County CSC Coordinator.

Sincerely,

Adam J. Bello  
Monroe County Executive

c: Clement Chung, P.E., Environmental Services  
Monroe County Climate Smart Communities Task Force