

Goal:

Reduce carbon emissions in Bedford by 80% by 2030

(From page 4 of the 2020 CAP)

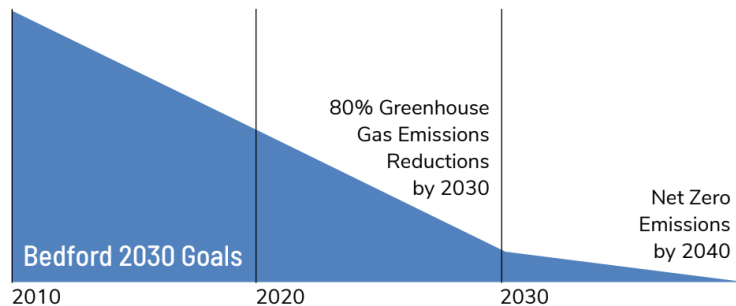
## Purpose

This Town of Bedford Climate Action Plan Update 2030 (“CAP2030”) is an update to the original 2010 Bedford Climate Action Plan. It sets new goals and addresses those actions that will be the most impactful in responding to the ever more urgent threats presented by climate change in 2020 and beyond.

## Goals

The Climate Action Priorities outlined in this report will set the Town of Bedford on a path to carbon neutrality and 100% fossil free energy, with these specific goals:

- ▶ 80% greenhouse gas emission reductions by 2030;
- ▶ Net Zero emissions by 2040.



Partners:

(From page 6 & 7 of the Bedford 3030 relaunch report)

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and other communities to take bold action  
in the face of climate change."*

— Kirtley Cameron, Bedford Village

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— Meredith and Jason Black, Katonah

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#### Audience:

On page 7 of the 2020 Climate Action Plan we write “the Town of Bedford and Bedford 2030 will work together to engage and mobilize the entire community—residents, businesses, schools, houses of worship and partners—in action. By doing so effectively, Bedford will also provide a replicable model for other communities.” This indicated that the target audience is members of our community, as well as those in neighboring communities who we hope will learn from our example.

#### Methods of engagement:

Later on page 7 of the 2020 Climate Action Plan we write, “This plan lays out recommended community actions to be taken on a personal, individual business or institutional level. In many cases community actions will be facilitated by Bedford 2030. The plan also lays out municipal actions to be implemented by the Town— including both actions to reduce emissions on municipal buildings/property as well as programs, policies, incentives, actions that will facilitate collective, community-wide reductions.”

These recommended actions are communicated and implemented through public events, messages in written and visual communications, and publicized policy proposals.

Images:

Community engagement from relaunch report:

## Community Engagement

### COLLABORATION TO INSPIRE CONVERSATION AND ACTION

Thank you to all the community members involved over the past year in Bedford 2020 community programs to mobilize residents to take crucial climate action.



We packed the Bedford Playhouse for films and conversation before we moved the Environmental Film Series online!



We ensured that the Bedford TriFesta was a zero-waste event with the help of volunteers.



Leslie Lampert, aka the Scrappy Chef, shared tricks with over 75 participants to ensure that we waste less food.



Janet Harckham and Sean Dague led community members in an interactive workshop designed to explore dynamics in energy supply, land use, transportation, carbon removal, and more.



B2020 staff and supporters joined the climate strike in New York City last fall.



B2020 hosted a 3-part virtual series to encourage residents to take energy actions.



Over 100 students and 40 judges participated in our 5th annual Greenlight Award™ Competition which had winners in two climate solution categories: advocacy and innovation.



Over 500 community members have zoomed in for our weekly Dig In series, featuring a new topic and engaging expert to discuss healthy yards, land, and sustainable food.



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## Community Engagement from the Climate Action Plan:

### Community Engagement

All of these climate change factors threaten our health, well-being and way of life on a global and local level. Bedford can act as a leader in our community, region and across the state by creating and implementing high impact programs and policy changes that, combined with town local laws and policies as well as state and federal policies and incentives, will enable the Bedford community to achieve its goals.

In pursuit of the goals of this Climate Action Plan, the Town of Bedford and Bedford 2030 will work together to engage and mobilize the entire community—residents, businesses, schools, houses of worship and partners—in action. By doing so effectively, Bedford will also provide a replicable model for other communities.

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- This Building health & performance initiative specifically is focused on implementing an inspection and benchmarking law that targets rental units in Bedford. Bedford won funding from NYSERDA to use for this law. Bedford has created a draft law, committee and notified landlords of the impending passage of this law. The law will inspect buildings and identify heating and cooling costs of buildings to help tenants understand how rental units will affect their budget and adapt to increasing fossil fuel costs and also hopefully spur landlords to make buildings more energy efficient and help mitigate future climate change.

<https://bedfordny.gov/the-building-health-and-performance-advisory-committee/>