

Goal:

Although Bedford 2030's primary focus is on climate mitigation, adaptation will play a crucial role in preserving the health and safety of our residents in the face of a new set of climate-induced challenges to air quality, weather patterns, and compounding economic inequalities. Bedford 2030's environmental justice work aims to help residents adapt to these challenges in a number of ways, illustrated by these quotes pulled from the environmental justice page of our website:

"We are aiming to improve the health, safety and energy efficiency of Town rental units through the Rental Building Performance Initiative. Our priority is upgrades in rental units located in the NYSERDA designated Environmental Justice Community Area within the Town of Bedford."

- This 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/>

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Bedford2030 has also launched the energy coach program in 2021 to help local residents not only mitigate climate change but also adapt by making their homes more resilient and less dependent on fossil fuels: <https://bedford2030.org/energy-coach/>



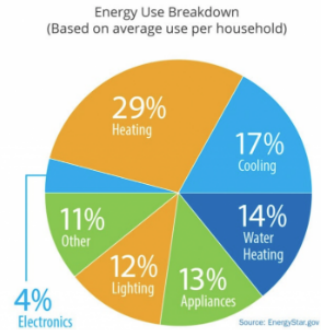
Talk to our FREE Personal Energy Coach!

Save money & energy. Consultations are available in English and Spanish.

Our free energy coach can help you answer your home and building energy questions, such as:

- How can I make my apartment or home warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer based on my budget?
- Do I need an energy audit? How do I get one?
- What do I do after I get my energy audit?
- Are there things I can do myself to cut energy use and save money?
- Are heat pumps right for me?
- What is community solar? Why should I sign on?
- What resources are available to help me afford efficiency upgrades?

Find out how you can update your home and be better prepared to face the climate challenges we will face moving forward



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:

We engage the community in our climate adaptation programs in the same ways that we engage residents in climate mitigation efforts — through public events, blog posts, and social media outreach, and the publicization of our policy proposals such as the Rental Building Performance Initiative.

While we understand that climate change impacts everyone, it more adversely affects communities of color and those with socioeconomic risk factors. Bedford 2030 will seek to bring more diverse voices to our movement and to go deeper – both in our own backyard and in our region – to ensure that we are reaching and involving a diverse segment of community members and offering solutions that are accessible to all.

Bedford 2030 is committed to positive change and to working towards clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment for everyone.

Midge Iorio, Executive Director of Bedford 2030



We helped the Town acquire NYSDA Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Grant Funding to provide covered bike parking at the train stations. These bike racks increase accessibility and incentive to drive less by providing safe & protected parking for bicycles.



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We acquired funding to deliver free consultations with our Energy Coach in English and Spanish to improve home energy efficiency and health.



We helped over 200 community members save on electric bills and support clean energy in New York State by enrolling in the community solar program.



We created a free Clean Ride and Drive event showcasing electric vehicles, lawn equipment, and biking options for residents.



We designed a Bike Bedford map for Google, indicating speed limits and shoulder sides on throughways and important roads.



We installed air quality monitors at two train stations in Bedford, tracking air quality changes over time.



We are campaigning for adding electric school buses to the local fleet to protect the health and safety of our children.



We host the annual Greenlight Awards, empowering hundreds of students to take climate action in their communities.

Link to the environmental Justice page of the bedford 2030 website:
<https://bedford2030.org/about/environmental-justice/>