

Bronxville Climate Smart Communities Task Force Meeting

June 2, 2022

Attendees: Stephen Shallo, Ellen Edwards, Maria Terjanian, Caorle Upshur

**Climate Smart Communities (CSC) is a New York State program that helps local governments take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate.**

**Background:**

In February 2021, Bronxville's Village Trustees passed the Climate Smart Community resolution to become a registered CSC, created a Climate Smart Task Force and identified a Program Coordinator, who will be a liaison between the Climate Smart Task Force and the Village government.

**Requirements:**

As a registered community, we have made a commitment to act by passing the CSC pledge. We have identified the specific actions required to meet 120 points for Bronze status. Our current goal is to submit our application for certification by the July 8, 2022 deadline.

List of Pledge Elements (PEs):

**PE1: Build a climate-smart community**

- CSC Task Force: Completed and uploaded to CSC portal
- CSC Coordinator: Completed and uploaded to CSC portal
- National/Regional Climate Program: Completed and uploaded to CSC portal
- Partnership with Other Entities: Maria to upload to CSC portal by Monday, 6/6

**PE 2: Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action**

- Government Operations GHG Inventory: Report has been completed and reviewed by task force members and Village Trustees. Stephen to upload to CSC portal by 6/6
- Community Operations GHG Inventory: Report is completed; Carole to send to Jim and Helen for initial review with the option of presenting at 6/13 meeting; Ellen to send to larger task force; Stephen to upload to CSC portal by 6/6

**PE 3: Decrease energy use**

- Fleet Inventory: Completed and uploaded to CSC portal
- LED Traffic Signals: Completed and uploaded to CSC portal

**PE 4: Shift to clean, renewable energy**

- Heat Pumps: Completed and uploaded to CSC portal

**PE 5: Use climate-smart materials management**

- Organic Management Plan: Report completed; Maria to add additional images; to upload to CSC portal by Friday, 6/10

- Recycling Bins in Government Buildings: Stephen to upload to CSC portal by Friday, 6/10
- Organic Waste Program for Government Buildings: Completed and uploaded to CSC portal
- Waste Reduction Education Campaign: Completed and uploaded to CSC portal
- Residential Organic Waste Program: Completed and uploaded to CSC portal

**PE 6: Implement climate-smart land use**

- Comprehensive Plan with Sustainability Elements: Completed and uploaded to CSC portal
- Traffic Calming: Stephen to upload to CSC portal by Friday, 6/10
- Alternative Fuel Infrastructure: Completed and uploaded to CSC portal

**PE 7: Enhance community resilience to climate change**

- Hazard Mitigation Plan: Completed and uploaded to CSC portal

**PE 8: Support a green innovation economy**

- Farmers Market: Summary is completed and uploaded to the portal; Stephen to upload letter between the Chamber of Commerce and the manager of the FM that indicates the Village's role in providing police and DPW service by Friday, 6/10.

**PE 9: Inform and inspire the public**

- Local Climate Action Website: Maria to upload to CSC portal by Friday, 6/10
- Social Media: Completed and uploaded to CSC portal

See next page for Phase II Actions.

## Phase II:

- PE3 Actions:
  - Government Building Energy Audits
  - Interior Lighting Upgrades
  - Water Efficiency Fixtures
  - Green Standard for Government Buildings
  - Green Building Certification
  - LED Street Lights—Trustee Helen Knapp asked about this step and Stephen reported that we have not yet converted enough to LEDs to get credit; we will continue to work on it; appears all the NYPA bills have information
  - Energy Code Enforcement Training
- PE 5 Actions:
  - Construction & Demolition Waste Policy
  - Recycling Program for Public Places & Events
- PE 6 Actions:
  - Unified Solar Permit
  - Complete Streets Policy
  - Planning & Infrastructure for Bicycling & Walking
  - Safe Routes to School
- PE 7 Actions:
  - Heat Emergency Plan
  - Cooling Centers
  - National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System
- PE 8 Actions:
  - Community Choice Aggregation/Westchester Power