

## Association of Erie County Governments

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### Climate Smart Committee Minutes Association of Erie County Governments

Tuesday, June 14, 2022  
4:00pm via Zoom

#### Committee Members

- \*Gary Dickson, Town of West Seneca;
- \*Audrey Hamernik, Village of Depew;  
Mary Hosler, Town of Evans;  
Jason Keding, Town of Boston;
- \*Brian Kulpa, Town of Amherst
- \*Lynne Ruda, Village of Lancaster

\*In attendance. Also in attendance, Jason Kulaszewski and Matthew Bourke from UBRI

#### I. Review Climate Smart Survey Data

- Survey highlights are included at the end of the minutes

#### II. Determine a Direction

- The committee decided to choose one initiative and roll out information regarding that initiative. Considering the topic of the June Association meeting, the ZEV grant opening up, and the survey results, the Climate Smart Committee will focus on EV for the next few months, providing as much information and guidance as possible for municipalities that are interested in pursuing EV charging stations or EV Fleet conversion.

## Timeline for 2022

June -

- Set up a form of communication and information distribution to Supervisors and Mayors. We had a lot of discussion about the challenges of having a cloud-based information hub and will need to continue thinking about what information we need and want how to have it accessible to municipal leaders.
- Providing information on EV charging stations and how to apply for newly available ZEV grant funding

July -

- Creating and distributing data sheets and cost analysis on EV fleet conversion
- Create and distribute FAQ sheets regarding EV

August -

- Lobbying plan for Erie County and NYS regarding EV funding and timelines for these initiatives.

September - TBD

October - TBD

November - TBD

December - TBD

### **III. Next Steps**

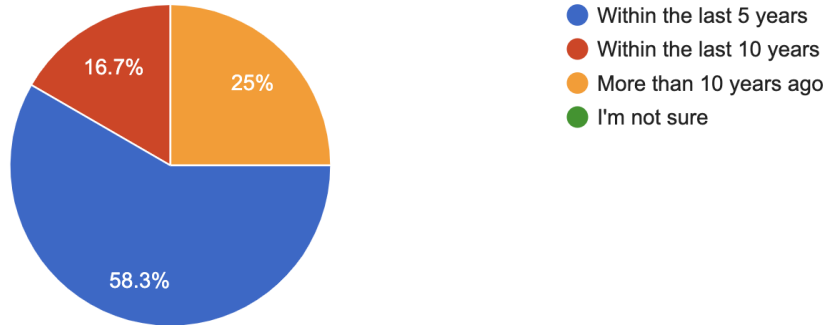
#### Next Steps

- Follow up with municipalities regarding the survey
  - We will do a final attempt to reach out to the municipalities who have not filled out the survey
- Create a “How to Apply for EV Charging Stations” funding sheet
  - Collaboratively create a step by step “How To” sheet for municipalities
  - Include information on how to get quotes and specs and who can be contacted in the Region to help with the application
- Report for June Association meeting
  - Lynne will type the minutes and prepare the report which will be accessible through a QR code at the tables

## Climate Smart Survey Results

When was the last time your Comprehensive Plan was updated?

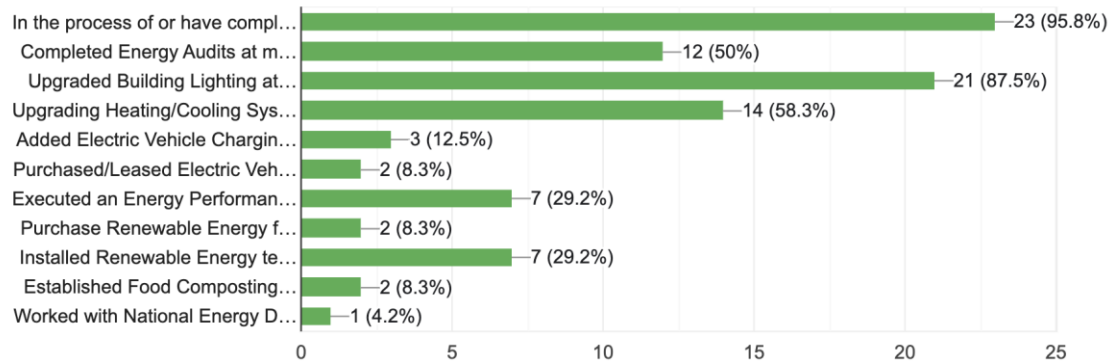
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Check any clean energy initiatives that your community has undergone:



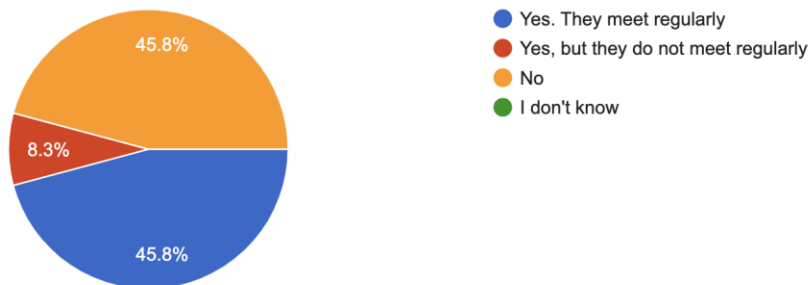
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Does your community have a Conservation Committee, Environmental Committee or similar body?



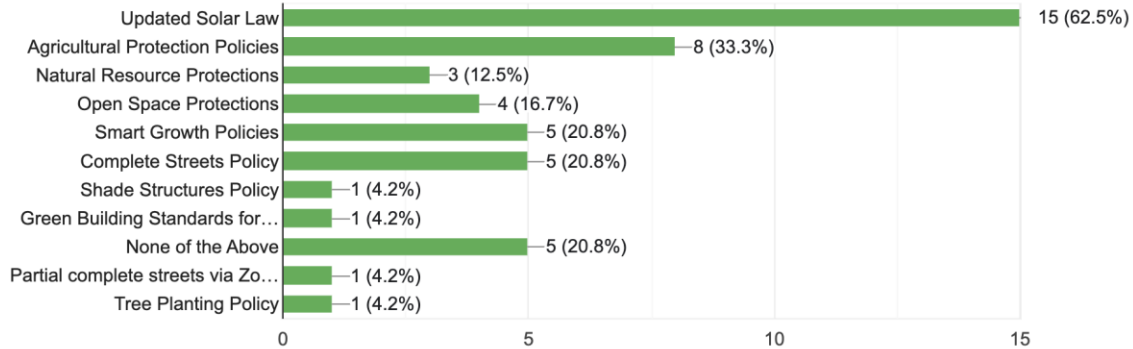
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### Check the boxes of any policies or laws that your community has adopted

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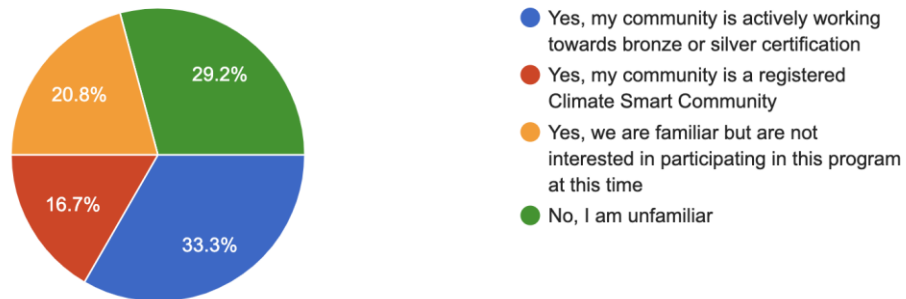
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### Are you familiar with the Climate Smart Communities Program?

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### Are you familiar with the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities program?

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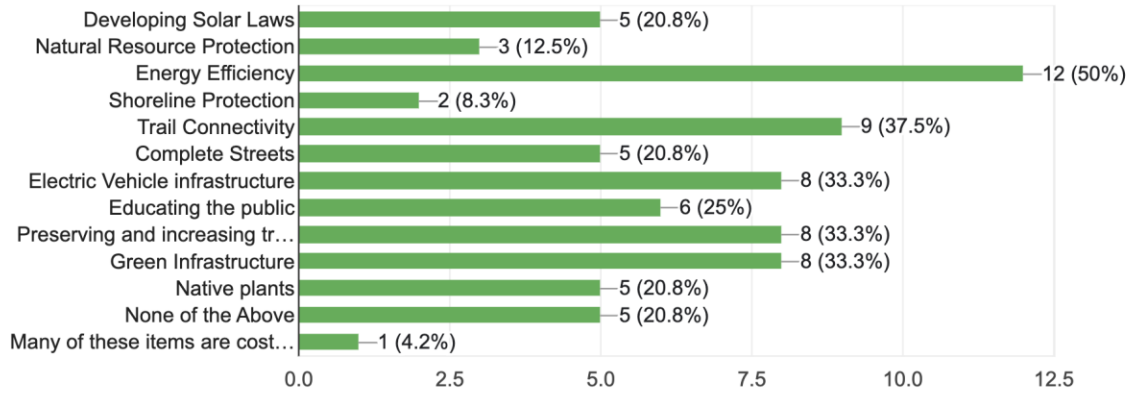
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What climate related priorities do you have in your community right now? Check all that apply

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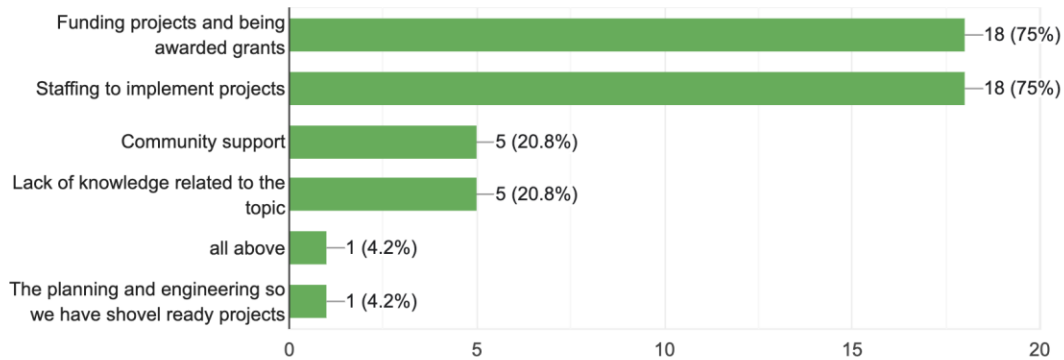
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What are the greatest obstacles for potential climate related initiatives in your community? Check all that apply

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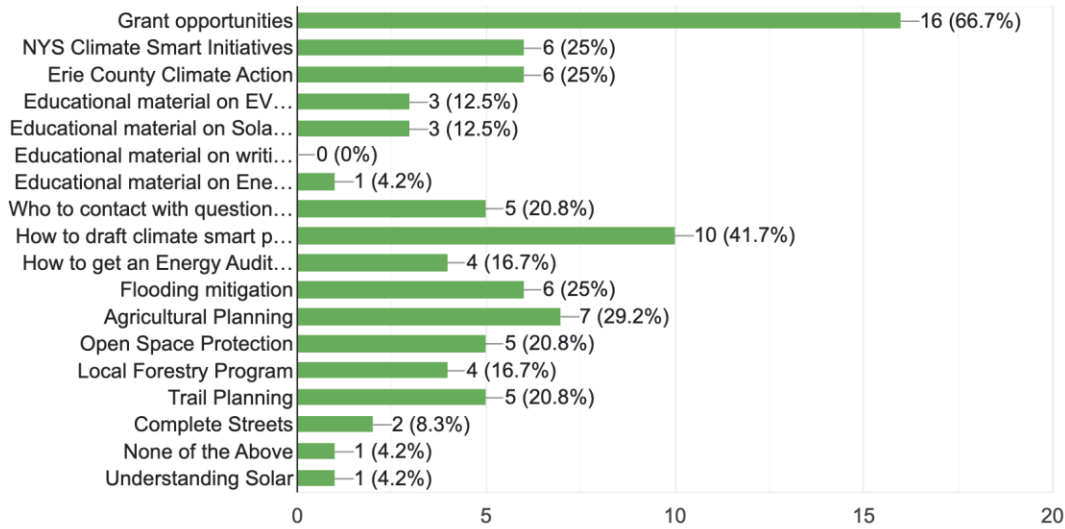
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What topics would you like more information about? Check up to five.



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What do you think should be the priorities for the Climate Smart Committee of the Association of Erie County Governments?



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