

Erie County Association of Governments Climate Smart Survey:

Village of Lancaster Mayor, Lynne Ruda, recently helped create a Climate Smart Committee for the Association of Erie County Governments. This committee worked to develop a survey to see what Climate Smart initiatives members of the Association needed more information about. The survey also worked to capture various other information related to planning, programs, funding, and resources local governments are familiar with. [survey and results are shared below].

Climate Smart Survey - Association of Erie County Governments

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What municipality do you represent? *

Choose

When was the last time your Comprehensive Plan was updated? *

Within the last 5 years

Within the last 10 years

More than 10 years ago

I'm not sure

Check any clean energy initiatives that your community has undergone: *

In the process of or have completed converting street lighting

Completed Energy Audits at municipal facilities

Upgraded Building Lighting at municipal facilities

Upgrading Heating/Cooling Systems at municipal facilities

Added Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Purchased/Leased Electric Vehicles for municipal fleet

Executed an Energy Performance Contract (EPC)

Purchase Renewable Energy for electricity

Installed Renewable Energy technology (solar, geothermal, wind)

Established Food Composting program

Other: _____

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

Updated Solar Law

Agricultural Protection Policies

Natural Resource Protections

Open Space Protections

Smart Growth Policies

Complete Streets Policy

Shade Structures Policy

Green Building Standards for municipal buildings

None of the Above

Other: _____

Check the boxes of any planning assessments or studies your community has undergone regarding climate or energy efficiency. *

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory

Watershed Protection

Agricultural Planning

Shoreline Protection

Climate Vulnerability Assessment

None of the Above

Other: _____

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

Yes. They meet regularly

Yes, but they do not meet regularly

No

I don't know

Are you familiar with the Climate Smart Communities Program? *

- Yes, my community is actively working towards bronze or silver certification
- Yes, my community is a registered Climate Smart Community
- Yes, we are familiar but are not interested in participating in this program at this time
- No, I am unfamiliar

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

- Yes, my community participates in this program
- Yes, we are familiar but are not interested in participating in this program at this time
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What climate related priorities do you have in your community right now? Check all that apply *

- Developing Solar Laws
- Natural Resource Protection
- Energy Efficiency
- Shoreline Protection
- Trail Connectivity
- Complete Streets
- Electric Vehicle infrastructure
- Educating the public
- Preserving and increasing tree canopy
- Green Infrastructure
- Native plants
- None of the Above
- Other: _____

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

- Providing educational material on Climate Smart Initiatives
- Lobbying Erie County and NYS regarding Climate Smart issues that are important in our region
- Providing information on how to get grants related to Climate Smart Initiatives
- Be a liaison to Erie County

What organizations do you currently partner with in your community for technical assistance on Climate Smart initiatives?

- UB Regional Institute
- Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council
- Erie County Climate Action
- New York State Power Authority
- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- Western New York Land Conservancy
- Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper
- GoBike
- NYSERDA - NYS Energy Research and Development Authority
- WNY Sustainable Business Roundtable
- Engineering firms or a third party
- Other: _____

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- Utility energy conservation programs
- Other: _____

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

- Funding projects and being awarded grants
- Staffing to implement projects
- Community support
- Lack of knowledge related to the topic
- Other: _____

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

- Grant opportunities
- NYS Climate Smart Initiatives
- Erie County Climate Action
- Educational material on EV Charging Stations
- Educational material on Solar Developments
- Educational material on writing a Solar Law
- Educational material on Energy Performance Contracts
- Who to contact with questions about the Climate Smart Communities or NYSERDA programs
- How to draft climate smart policies in my community
- How to get an Energy Audit completed in my community
- Flooding mitigation
- Agricultural Planning
- Open Space Protection
- Local Forestry Program
- Trail Planning
- Complete Streets
- Other: _____

Type the name of the main contact for your municipality regarding any Climate Smart information. *

Your answer _____

Please include an email address for your Climate Smart contact *

Your answer _____

If you have other comments or questions, please list them here.

Your answer _____

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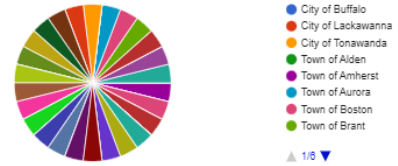
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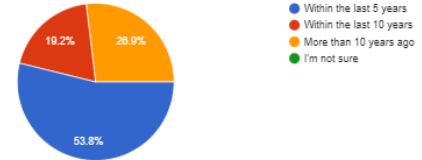
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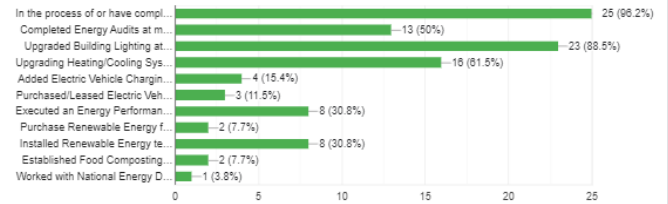
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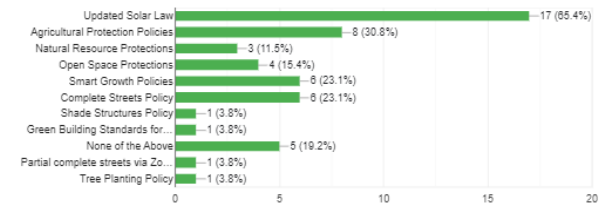
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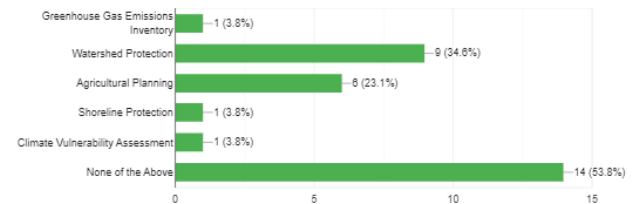
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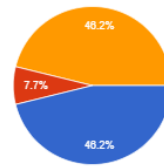
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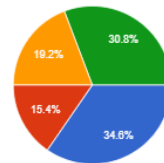


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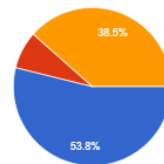


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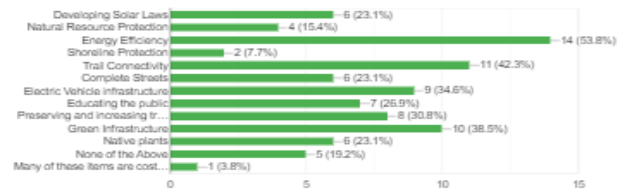


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What climate related priorities do you have in your community right now? Check all that apply

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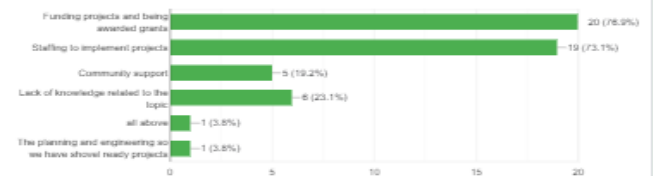
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What are the greatest obstacles for potential climate related initiatives in your community? Check all that apply

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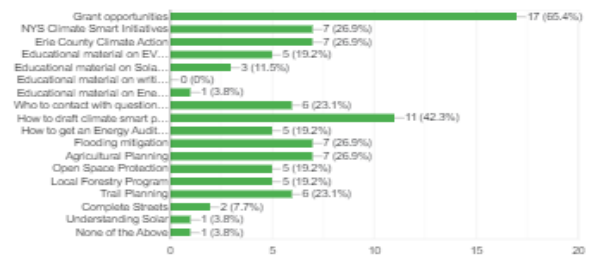
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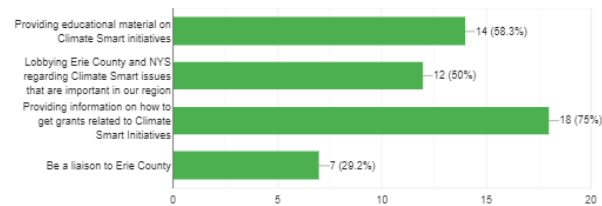
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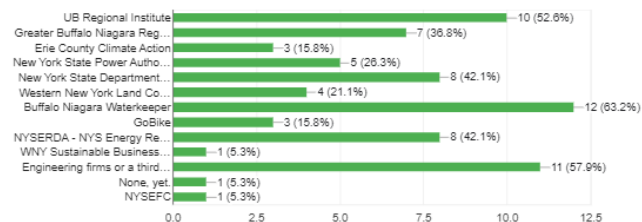
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