

BEDFORD 2030 RELAUNCH REPORT 2020

CLIMATE
ACTION
NOW



SEPTEMBER
2020

LET'S LAUNCH THE NEXT DECADE OF CLIMATE ACTION

Dear Friends,

With Bedford 2020 leading the way, our community has set the standard for local climate action.

Last year, we announced that our efforts over the past ten years resulted in a 44% community-wide reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Our progress thus far has been extraordinary, and it provides hope as we take a bold look at our future.

This year, with the urgency of the continuing climate crisis and the time-sensitive need to limit global warming, we set an aggressive new community goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80% by 2030.

This month during the United Nations Climate Week, we will relaunch our movement as **Bedford 2030: Climate Action Now**.

This report introduces Bedford 2030's new Climate Action Plan and highlights community strategies to: increase renewable energy, remove fossil fuels from our buildings and vehicles, reduce waste, and adopt climate friendly food and land practices. Our efforts will ensure that every member of the community is involved and that our activities are equitable and accessible to all.

We face big challenges ahead. With collective community action, we can and will accomplish our goals. Let's work together to fight for a clean and healthy environment for current and future generations.

Let's join for **Climate Action Now!**

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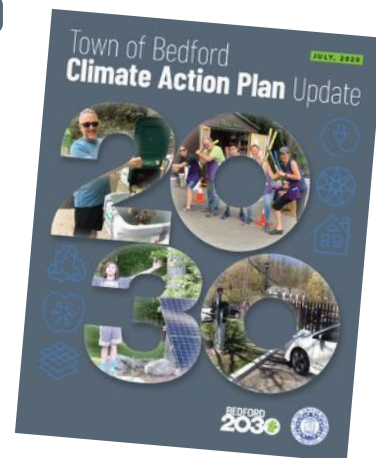
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Continuing Climate Leadership

TOGETHER WE HAVE SET AGGRESSIVE NEW GOALS FOR 2030

Community members, organizations, town department heads and Bedford 2030 have agreed to a 2030 Climate Action Plan that sets the course for our entire community to have even more impact.



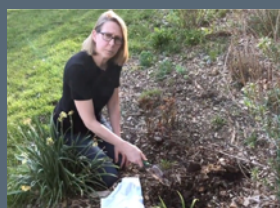
Bedford's Goals:

80%

**GREENHOUSE GAS
EMISSION REDUCTIONS
BY 2030**

NET ZERO

EMISSIONS BY 2040



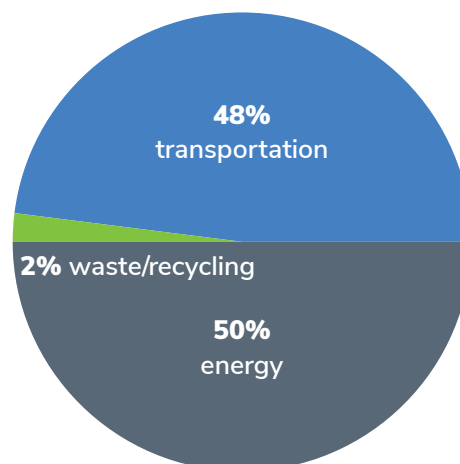
...THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED CLIMATE ACTION

Together, we will focus on high-impact actions to achieve our goals. These actions include:

- ▶ replace fossil fuels with renewable energy for our electric supply;
- ▶ shift our transportation and heating/cooling to electric power;
- ▶ make our homes and local buildings more energy efficient;
- ▶ engage the entire community in climate action efforts;
- ▶ reach a diverse segment of community members and offer solutions that are accessible to all.

CAP 2030 CLIMATE ACTION FOCUS

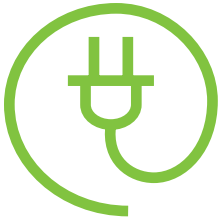
Sources of Bedford's GHG emissions



Launching 2030 Action Areas

IT WILL TAKE HIGH-IMPACT SOLUTIONS AND STRONG COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

With your help, Bedford 2030 will relaunch a community-wide effort to drive **Climate Action Now** in the following areas:



CLEAN ENERGY SUPPLY

New York State's electricity is generated from several energy sources and in order for Bedford to meet its 80% greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction target, electricity must transition to 100% renewable sources: hydro, solar, and wind power. Strategies to achieve this include community solar, locally generated renewable energy and community choice aggregation (CCA), among others.



HIGH-PERFORMANCE BUILDINGS

Residential and commercial buildings in Bedford produce 50% of our GHG emissions. To hit our goals, we must transition our homes and buildings away from dependence on fossil fuels and make them fuel efficient and carbon-free. Strategies include renewable energy, "electrifying" our heating and cooling systems with heat pumps and increasing energy efficiency.



TRANSPORTATION

Vehicles represent 48% of our GHG emissions in Bedford and a movement away from internal combustion engines relying on fossil fuels to electric vehicles (EVs) will be required to meet our goal. Reducing overall miles driven, increased use of public transportation, and an expanded EV charging infrastructure along with rebates and incentives will help drive change.



WASTE/RECYCLING

Representing just 2% of Bedford's GHG emission output, still much more can be done to have an impact in this area: eliminate food waste, significantly reduce commercial waste and drive behavior change to reuse and consume less.



SUSTAINABLE FOOD

We can lower food-generated GHG emissions that come from growing, processing, transporting, storing and disposing of food. Community strategies to do this include: more plant-based eating, advocate for more locally and sustainably grown food, reduce "throw-out" food waste and collaboration with our local restaurants, food purveyors, schools, hospitals and other institutions.



WATER AND LAND USE

Land preservation and water quality efforts in Bedford garner attention and help propel the climate action movement. Focus areas include carbon sequestration initiatives (e.g., planting and maintaining trees), healthier yard practices, and a continued focus on water quality.

Community Engagement

COLLABORATION TO INSPIRE CONVERSATION AND ACTION

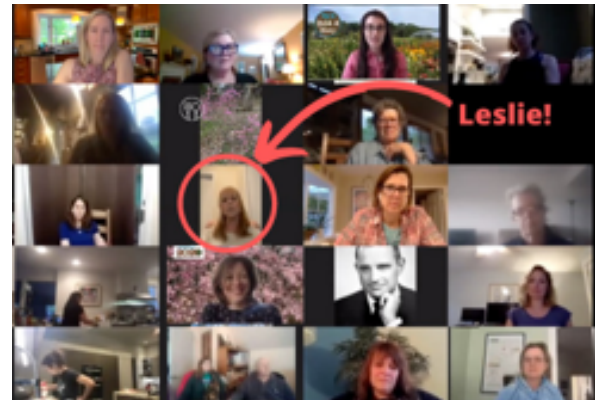
Thank you to all the community members involved over the past year in Bedford 2020 community programs to mobilize residents to take crucial climate action.



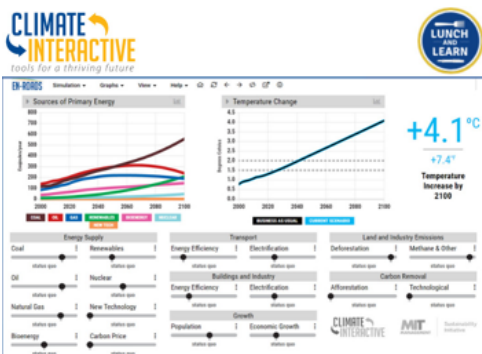
We packed the Bedford Playhouse for films and conversation before we moved the Environmental Film Series online!



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



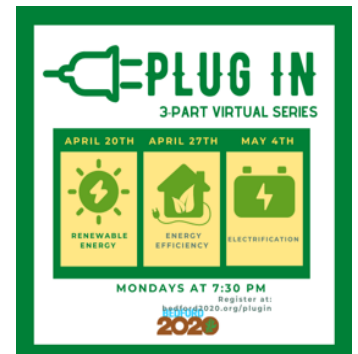
Leslie Lampert, aka the Scrappy Chef, shared tricks with over 75 participants to ensure that we waste less food.



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.

GHG EMISSIONS ↓ BY 44%



The Bedford community exceeded its goal to reduce GHG emissions by 20% ahead of schedule!

This year we continued to drive climate action and set new goals to do even more going forward.

HeatSmart Homeowners recognized last fall.

WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

75+

COMMUNITY
SOLAR
PARTICIPANTS

200+

ENERGIZED
BEDFORD HOMES
1500+ Energized
Westchester Homes

91.5

TONS OF
FOOD WASTE
DIVERTED
SINCE 2017

8

EV CHARGING
STATIONS IN
BEDFORD

20+

HEAT PUMPS
INSTALLED

275+

HOUSEHOLDS
TAKE FOOD
SCRAPS TO
RECYCLING
CENTER

42%

OF WASTE
STREAM GETS
RECYCLED

1,373

INSTAGRAM
FOLLOWERS

52%

RESIDENTS WITH
CCA 100%
RENEWABLE
ELECTRIC SUPPLY

75

HOUSEHOLDS
PARTICIPATING
IN CURBSIDE
FOOD SCRAP
PICKUP

95%

TIOLI SHED
ITEMS
REPURPOSED

30

VIRTUAL
EDUCATIONAL
EVENTS SINCE
APRIL 2020

LET'S COMMIT TO CLIMATE ACTION NOW AND DO EVEN MORE!

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— Kirtley Cameron, Bedford Village

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Action Now!**