

The Village of Clinton Earns Clean Energy Community Designation for its Commitment to Cut Costs and Reduce Energy Consumption

The Village of Clinton today announced it has been designated a Clean Energy Community by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), recognizing its leadership in reducing energy use, cutting costs and driving clean energy locally.

Announced by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo in August 2016, the \$16 million Clean Energy Communities initiative supports local government leaders across the state by providing grants to eligible municipalities to implement energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainable development projects in their communities. Clean Energy Communities advance the Governor's Green New Deal by demonstrating the importance of communities in helping New York reach its goal of having a carbon-neutral economy as soon as practicable and a carbon-free power grid by 2040.

The Village of Clinton received the designation for completing 4 of 10 high-impact clean energy actions identified by NYSERDA as part of the Clean Energy Communities initiative.

"It is a distinct honor to be designated a Clean Energy Community. Members of the Village have taken an active role in advancing energy conservation and sustainable actions in our community and it is with pride and commitment to our climate that we have been able to achieve this designation.

To earn the Clean Energy Community designation, the Village of Clinton completed the following high-impact clean energy actions:

- Code Enforcement Officials completed New York State Building Code Energy Conservation Training
- Converted its 184 Low pressure sodium street lights to LED lights with the assistance of National Grid
- Approved use of a unified solar permit process
- Instituted energy benchmarking of its facilities using the Energy Star Portfolio Manager and commitment to publish its energy use annually on the Village webpage

Cities, counties, towns and villages that complete at least four of 10 high-impact clean energy actions are designated Clean Energy Communities and are eligible to apply for funding of up to \$250,000 with no local cost share and the option of receiving up to 25 percent paid in advance to support additional clean energy projects.

For more information on Clean Energy Communities, visit www.nyserda.ny.gov/cec. Local government officials or employees can find contact information for their respective coordinator [here](#) for assistance navigating the program.