

Inventories

Greenhouse gas emissions inventories have been conducted for the Clinton and Kirkland municipalities.

Solar

Both municipalities have adopted the state's unified solar permit and the code officer has attended training.

Flooding mitigation

Community events were held to discuss flooding concerns. As one of the problem areas in our region, we want to provide information on causes and what can be done. Studies have been conducted on St Mary's Brook and Sherman Brook with public input. An Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission which includes all the municipalities along the Creek is studying mitigation techniques. Some extensive culvert work to improve water flow was done on Norton Avenue.



Flooding has been one of the major issues of concern expressed at community meetings.



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Kirkland/ Clinton Climate Smart Community Task Force



Both the Town of Kirkland and the Village of Clinton in Oneida County, New York, have adopted the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge.

The CSC Task Force, made up of volunteers with Alma Lowry as Coordinator, advises and helps in carrying out various actions for climate mitigation and adaptation. Both the Village of Clinton and the Town of Kirkland have been named Clean Energy Communities.

Heat smart technology

Community meetings have been held to explain various heating and cooling technologies which are environmentally sound. These include heat pumps and geothermal units with NYSERDA-approved installers available to answer questions.

Farmer's market

An educational booth at the Clinton Farmer's Market featured a free raffle for a tree. Trees help combat climate change. **Clinton has been designated by the State as a Tree Village.**



LED street and building lights

Both Clinton and Kirkland replaced all the street lights with LED lights, representing a significant cost savings in electricity usage. Also lights in municipal buildings were replaced. This resulted in points gained toward a NYSERDA grant.

Projects

Electric vehicle car show



In conjunction with the Clinton Fire Department's "Annual Cruise-In" for classic cars, the Climate Smart Communities Task Force has sponsored a display of electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles and answered questions at a booth.

Hamilton College has ten EV stations on campus and there are two behind the Kirkland Town Library. More are being considered within the Village.

Repair Cafe

The Task Force sponsored an event bringing together experts with knowledge in different types of repair. Some repairs attempted were: small appliances, clothing, electronics, furniture, ceramics, bicycles and similar items. The goal is to save them from the landfill and reduce waste.

Food waste collection

The CSC Task Force sent all Village residents a survey to gauge their interest in changing how they dispose of food waste. A pilot project was completed in which 50 households in the Village separated their food waste from the rest of their garbage. The food waste was picked up separately and delivered to Oneida County's anaerobic digester, where it was converted into clean energy. Food waste in landfills, where it otherwise would go, releases methane, a powerful greenhouse gas, into the atmosphere. Many residents continue to subscribe to the program.



Clinton and Kirkland receive grants

Clinton accrued sufficient points to receive attain Bronze Certification and thus received \$50,000 from NYSERDA to buy electric equipment. Kirkland hopes to attain Bronze Certification this year.