

Climate Smart Discussion for TB Workshop-8/31/2020

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CSC Registration - in process

Next Steps - Set up a Climate Smart Community Task Force

- Recruit volunteers with appropriate interests (see Draft below);
- Formalize Task Force - Oct
- Accountability to Council/Supervisor - Oversight Committee?

CSC Framework: Certification/Recognition and Grant programs

- Complete information on certifications and actions can be accessed at:
<https://climatesmart.ny.gov/actions-certification/certification-overview/>

CSC Grants - Information gathering stage:

- Implementation: https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/administration_pdf/cscgfs19.pdf
- Previous Years Awards: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/109181.html#CSC>
- New building Timeline (?) - including renewables in planning is a plus -
- CEC Funding for Capital Upgrades (solar, LED street lighting, building upgrades)

Oct 17 Public Education Zoom Event at Claverack Free Library on Waste Reduction (Below)

Draft Announcement for Town Webpage and selected mailing:

Call for Volunteers for Claverack Climate Smart Task Force

Claverack has joined the NYS Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Program and is looking for volunteers to serve on a Climate Smart Task Force.

The NYS Climate Smart Communities program supports communities to increase energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy sources while reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing adaptation to a changing climate, and saving money for taxpayers.

The program involves taking actions across a broad range of actions detailed in ten categories flowing from the pledge towns make in joining the program.

The Task Force will advise on and initiate activities relating to energy efficiency, GHG emissions and adapting to climate change in accordance with the CSC framework.

Committee members will help research and plan projects, including applying for program grants for which the town is eligible under CSC. While most CSC actions are modest, the cumulative effect can be substantial, both ecologically and financially.

Some projects which require a larger scale effort will be undertaken jointly with other CSC communities or a County wide workgroup.

More information on CSC actions and Projects is available at :

- <https://climatesmart.ny.gov/actions-certification/certification-overview/>

To apply to volunteer, send your name, contact information and a brief statement about your interests and any related knowledge or expertise to: info@townofclaverack.com, Attention John Bradley, CSC Coordinator,

Future Event - Oct 17 Panel Discussion (Zoom) “The 7 R’s for a more sustainable Future”

Practical ways to rethink, reduce, refuse, reuse, repair, recycle, and recover waste for a more sustainable lifestyle.

Panel includes Zero Waste Columbia members and Columbia County Solid Waste Leadership Ron Knott and Jolene Race. Sponsors are Claverack Free Library, Zero Waste Columbia, and Town of Claverack Climate Smart Task Force

Claverack Clean Energy communities program actions:

- Benchmarking (2/28/2018) - 2-5 points
- Unified Solar Permit (3/8/2018)
- Energy Code Enforcement Training (4/9/2018)
- Clean Fleets (10/15/2019) EV Charging Stations

Per the Certification Framework, Points are earned by taking action around the Pledge Elements (PEs)

- Forming teams and setting goals (PE 1 & 2)
- Energy use (PE 3 & 4)
- Solid waste management (PE 5)
- Land-use policies (PE 6)
- Enhancing community resilience (PE 7)
- Supporting a green economy (PE 8)
- Public engagement and commitment to an evolving process (PE 9 & 10)