

Moving Resiliency Forward in 2022

A year in review for Buffalo Niagara

January 2023

Clean Energy Communities

Participating Clean Energy Communities earn points for completing actions in the Leadership Round of the program. In 2022, **35 communities completed 43 High Impact Actions** that reduce greenhouse gases, save resources and help build a more resilient Western New York.

High Impact Actions completed in 2022



* One legislation passed

Participating Communities Points

Erie County	5200
Village of Lancaster	2500
Town of Grand Island	2200
City of North Tonawanda	2000
Town of Aurora	2000
Town of Boston	1900
Town of Colden	1900
Town of Evans	1900
Town of Lewiston	1800
Town of Porter	1800
City of Lockport	1700
City of Buffalo	1500
Town of Eden	1400
Village of East Aurora	1400
Village of Hamburg	1400
Town of Tonawanda	1200
Town of Concord	1100
Town of Lancaster	1100
Village of Akron	1100
Village of Depew	1100
Town of Cheektowaga	1000
Village of Springville	1000
Town of West Seneca	900
Town of Amherst	700
Town of Hamburg	700

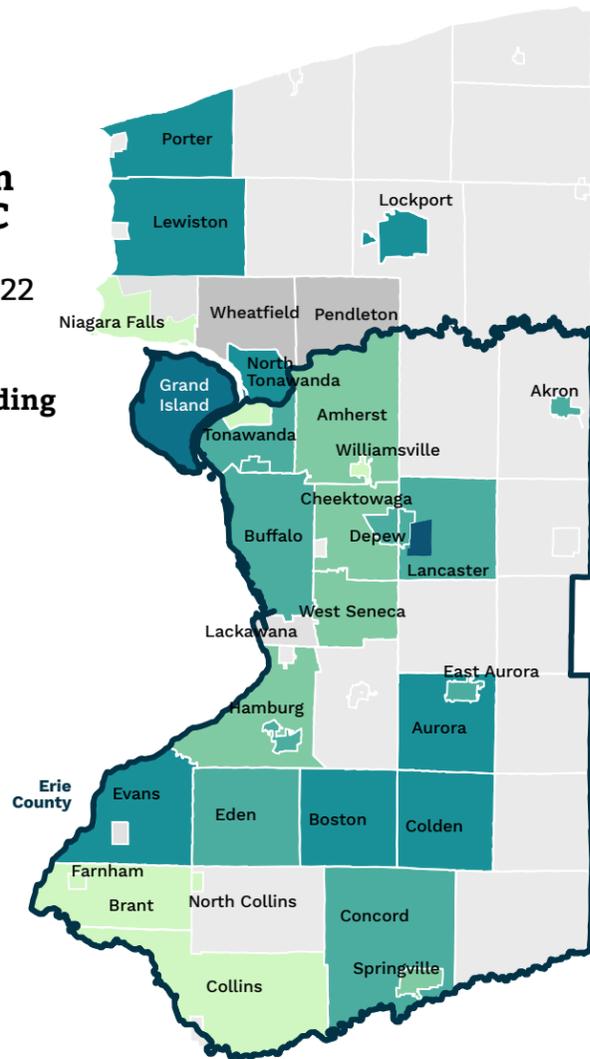
35 communities participating in NYSERDA's CEC Program as of December 2022

\$300,000 in Clean Energy Grant Funding in 2022

● New CEC Communities

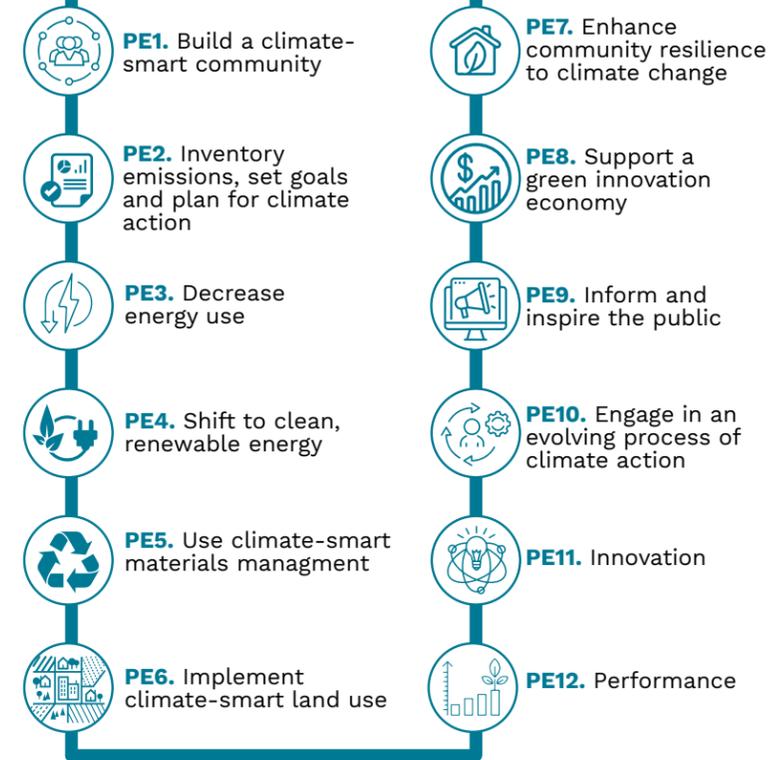
Participating Communities Points

City of Tonawanda	400
Village of Williamsville	400
City of Niagara Falls	200
Town of Brant	200
Town of Collins	200
Village of Farnham	200
Village of North Collins	200
Town of Pendleton	0
Town of Wheatfield	0



Climate Smart Communities

12 Pledge Elements



Steps in the CSC Program



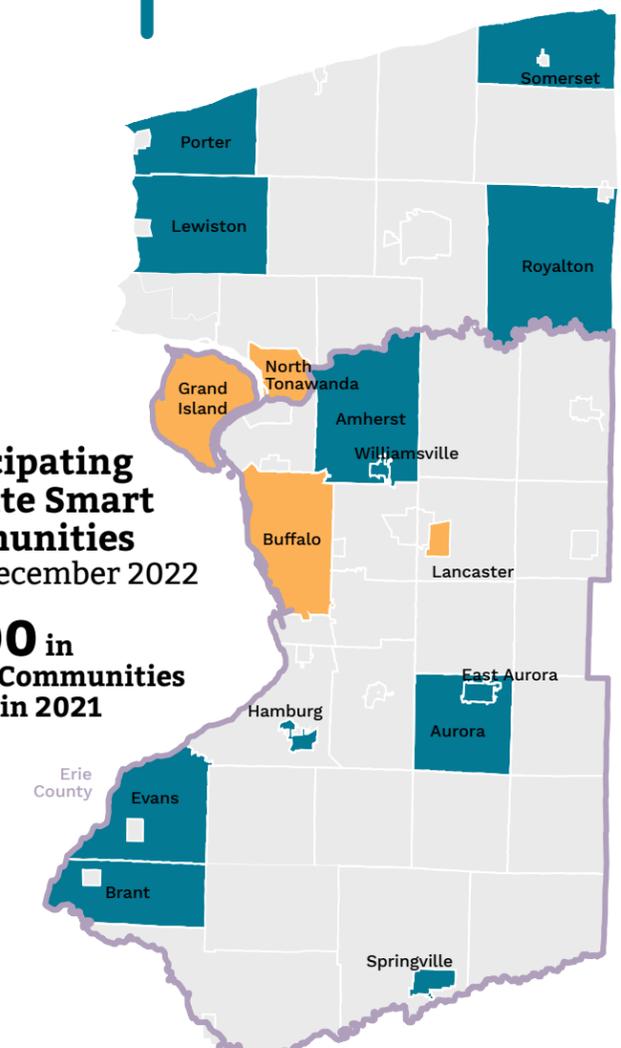
Communities Designation

Erie County	Certified - Silver
City of Buffalo	Certified - Bronze
Town of Grand Island	Certified - Bronze
Village of Lancaster	Certified - Bronze
City of North Tonawanda	Certified - Bronze
Town of Amherst	Pledged
Town of Aurora	Pledged
Town of Brant	Pledged
Town of Evans	Pledged
Town of Lewiston	Pledged
Town of Porter	Pledged
Town of Royalton	Pledged
Town of Somerset	Pledged
Village of East Aurora	Pledged
Village of Hamburg	Pledged
Village of Springville	Pledged
Village of Williamsville	Pledged

17 participating Climate Smart Communities as of December 2022

\$630,000 in Climate Smart Communities Grant Funding in 2021

■ Re-engaged
● Newly Pledged



Technical Assistance from UBRI:

Since 2016, the **University at Buffalo Regional Institute (UBRI)** has coordinated program support, technical assistance, and outreach efforts to encourage local and county governments in Erie and Niagara counties to participate in the **Clean Energy Communities (CEC)** and **Climate Smart Communities (CSC)** programs. Our capacity to support these programs expanded in 2022, to provide additional support to the Climate Smart Communities program; a program identified in the **One Region Forward** plan to help our region address climate change at the local level.

Over the first six years, UBRI Technical Assistance resulted in **35 municipalities participating** in the programs, and **over \$1.7 Million in grant funding** for sustainability and resiliency projects in Buffalo Niagara.

Contact us to see how the Climate Smart and Clean Energy Communities programs can help your local resiliency efforts!

To see real world examples of implemented projects from across the region visit the [One Region Forward Learning Series video library](#).

Visit regional-institute.buffalo.edu/work/one-region-forward/ for more information.



Moving One Region Forward through the Clean Energy Communities and Climate Smart Communities Programs



Climate Smart Communities (CSC) helps local governments plan and act for long-term resiliency. Participating communities can choose among over 100 climate mitigation and adaptation actions to complete in the program, allowing many different approaches to resiliency. Our technical assistance includes program navigation, training and education, project development, and other hands-on support.

Find out more at:
climatesmart.ny.gov

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regional-institute.buffalo.edu/work/csc/

Local governments in New York State are also using NYSERDA's **Clean Energy Communities (CEC)** program to identify and implement clean energy actions that save energy costs, foster a clean energy economy and improve the local environment. In addition to providing tools, resources, and technical assistance, the program recognizes and rewards leadership for the completion of clean energy projects.

Find out more at:
www.nyserderda.ny.gov/All-Programs/clean-energy-communities

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