

Climate Smart Communities **Crosswalk** **Coastal Erosion Hazard Area (CEHA)** **Permit Program**



Climate Smart
Communities

What is the Climate Smart Communities Crosswalk?

The Climate Smart Communities Crosswalk is designed to show where there are potential overlaps between the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Certification program and 6 water-focused programs in New York State. The goal is to help communities save time, energy, and money by exploring opportunities for achieving points for CSC certification actions. The CSC Crosswalk tool consists of 8 PDF documents and 6 online surveys.

What is the CSC Certification Program?

The NYS Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Certification program helps local governments reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change. The program offers grants, electric vehicle rebates, and free technical assistance.

What is CEHA?

Communities along certain water bodies in New York State are required to comply with regulations under the Coastal Erosion Hazard Area (CEHA) Permit Program to address coastal erosion. These communities are divided into two groups: certified communities and state-administered communities. Certified communities have a CEHA permit process for their municipality specifically, and enforce regulations locally under a local Coastal Erosion Management ordinance. State-administered communities follow the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation regulations and permitting process.

Technical Notes

The intended audience of the CEHA Crosswalk Tool is CEHA-certified communities. However, some communities who follow the DEC regulations regarding Coastal Erosion Management Permits may also be eligible for points under some CSC certification actions listed. Communities that are in good standing with the CEHA program may have the best chance of receiving points under the CSC Certification program for the certification actions listed.

The points areas in the crosswalk are not guaranteed, nor endorsed by state agencies. Extra effort may be required to achieve points under the CSC Certification program. The ultimate decisions about points lie with the CSC reviewer.

Important Links

New York Sea Grant	https://seagrantsunysb.edu/
Climate Smart Communities	https://climatesmart.ny.gov/
CEHA Permit Program	https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/water/water-quantity/dam-safety-coastal-flood-protection/coastal-management/areas-regulated-by-ceha
CEHA Maps by County	https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/fs/projects/coastal/

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**Walk through the Climate Smart
Communities Crosswalk online!**
www.nyseagrant.org/cscrosswalk

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CSC Pledge Element	CSC Certification Action	CEHA Permit Program	# of Relevant CSC Actions per Pledge Element
1 Build a climate-smart community	N/A		0
2 Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action	N/A		0
3 Decrease energy use	N/A		0
4 Shift to clean, renewable energy	N/A		0
5 Use climate-smart materials management	N/A		0
6 Implement climate-smart land use	<i>Smart Growth Policies</i>	✓	2
	<i>Zoning for Protection of Natural Areas</i>	✓	
	<i>Conserve Natural Areas</i>	✓	
7 Enhance community resilience to climate change	<i>Riparian Buffers</i>	✓	3
	<i>Nature-based Shorelines</i>	✓	
8 Support a green innovation economy	N/A		0
9 Inform and inspire the public	N/A		0
10 Engage in an evolving process of climate action	N/A		0

of CSC Actions Related to the CEHA Program: 5



The CSC certification action could be achieved by completing the plan/program, with little to no extra effort.



The CSC certification action could be achieved by completing the plan/program, under certain conditions and/or with some extra effort.

N/A

No CSC certification actions within the Pledge Element are relevant, OR the CSC certification actions within the Pledge Element could not be achieved without significant additional effort and/or external funding beyond the plan/program.