

Climate Smart Communities **Crosswalk**

Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2)



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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 the DWSP2?

The Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) is a locally led, state-supported program that empowers municipalities to take action to improve and protect their public water sources and surrounding environment. Communities accepted into the program work with technical assistance providers to develop a DWSP2 Plan and initiate implementation of their unique Drinking Water Source Protection Program, leading to actionable steps each municipality can take to protect their drinking water sources now and into the future.

Technical Notes

Preparing a DWSP2 includes two phases: plan development and plan implementation. Both phases are supported through technical assistance and funding. Therefore, both the DWSP2 plan development and plan implementation phases were included in this crosswalk tool. In the plan implementation phase, each community may choose a select few out of a range of activities (they are not pre-determined). As a result, the CSC certification actions that relate to plan implementation will vary from community to community.

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/>

DWSP2 Program

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/water/water-quality/dwsp2>

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

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DWSP2 Components

#	CSC Pledge Element	CSC Certification Action	Stakeholder Group	Drinking Water Source Assessment	Protection & Implementation Strategies	Progression & Maintenance	Plan Implementation	# of Relevant CSC Actions per Pledge Element
1	Build a climate smart community	<i>Partnerships with Other Entities</i>	✓			✓	✓	1
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>Comprehensive Plan with Sustainability Elements</i>					✓	6
		<i>Smart Growth Policies</i>					✓	
		<i>Green Parking Lot Policies</i>					✓	
		<i>Natural Resources Inventory</i>		✓				
		<i>Local Forestry Program</i>					✓	
		<i>Zoning for Protection of Natural Areas</i>					✓	



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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.

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7	Enhance community resilience to climate change	Conserve Natural Areas					✓	7
		Green Infrastructure					✓	
		Riparian Buffers					✓	
		Strategic Relocation					✓	
		Nature-based Shorelines					✓	
		Watershed Plan for Water Quality	✓	✓	✓	✓		
		Source Water Protection	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
8	Support a green innovation economy	N/A						0
9	Inform and inspire the public	Climate-related Public Events					✓	2
		Social Media					✓	
10	Engage in an evolving process of climate action	N/A						0
# of Relevant CSC Actions per DWSP2 Component:			3	3	2	3	14	



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