

# Climate Smart Communities *Crosswalk*

## Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)



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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 Hazard Mitigation Planning?

Hazard mitigation planning reduces loss of life and property by minimizing the impact of disasters. Hazard Mitigation Plans identify risks and vulnerabilities from natural disasters, and then develop long-term strategies for protecting people and property from these events. State, tribal, and County governments are required to develop a Hazard Mitigation Plan and update it regularly, in order to be eligible for certain types of federal funding.

### Technical Notes

There were several CSC certification actions that could be included as a mitigation action in the HMP, but would not be completed as part of the HMP creation process. In other words, implementing these mitigation actions would happen after the HMP is developed, and would vary widely from community to community. These CSC certification actions were excluded from this crosswalk document, but they are noted separately in the online survey.

**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	<a href="https://seagrantsunysb.edu/">https://seagrantsunysb.edu/</a>
Climate Smart Communities	<a href="https://climatesmart.ny.gov/">https://climatesmart.ny.gov/</a>
Local HMP Program	<a href="https://www.dhss.ny.gov/hazard-mitigation">https://www.dhss.ny.gov/hazard-mitigation</a>

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Walk through the Climate Smart  
Communities Crosswalk online!  
[www.nyseagrantsunysb.edu/csc-crosswalk](http://www.nyseagrantsunysb.edu/csc-crosswalk)

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#	CSC Pledge Element	CSC Certification Action	Public Involvement	Risk Assessment	Mitigation Strategy	Additional HMP Requirements	# 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	N/A					0



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7	Enhance community resilience to climate change	<i>Climate Vulnerability Assessment</i>	✓	✓			8
		<i>Evaluate Policies for Climate Resilience</i>			✓	✓	
		<i>Climate Adaptation Plan</i>	✓		✓	✓	
		<i>Climate-resilient Hazard Mitigation Plan</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
		<i>Heat Emergency Plan</i>	✓		✓		
		<i>Watershed-based Flood Mitigation Plan</i>	✓	✓	✓		
		<i>Green Infrastructure</i>			✓	✓	
<i>Culverts &amp; Dams</i>			✓				



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8	Support a green innovation economy	N/A					0
9	Inform and inspire the public	<i>Climate Change Education &amp; Engagement</i>	✓				4
		<i>Climate-related Public Events</i>	✓				
		<i>Local Climate Action Website</i>	✓				
		<i>Social Media</i>	✓				
10	Engage in an evolving process of climate action	N/A					0
11	Innovation	N/A					0
12	Performance	N/A					0
<b># of Relevant CSC Actions per Local HMP Program Component:</b>			<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	



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