

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES TASK FORCE

TOWN OF HYDE PARK

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO WORK ON CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUE

The Town of Hyde Park adopted in 2015 the New York State Climate Smart Communities Pledge in recognition of the risks climate change presents to infrastructure, private property, economic activity and natural resources in our town.

The Town recognizes its response to climate change provides an opportunity to

1. Save money,
2. Build livable and secure communities,
3. Improve the resilience of our infrastructure.

Participation in the New York State Climate Smart Communities (CSC) program, increases Town access to grants and other resources.

The Hyde Park CSC intent is to minimize Climate Change Impact. Climate change has social, financial and security impact on all. Impact is reduced in two ways:

- **Reducing GHG Emissions:**

Starting now to reduce GHG emissions and create permanent carbon sinks that remove GHG emissions from the atmosphere - these actions will help stabilize atmospheric levels of carbon dioxide at manageable levels and avoid severe climatic changes.

- **Adapting to a Changing Climate:**

Altering built and natural environment in anticipation of predicted climatic changes, or in response to actual changes, alleviate risks associated with unavoidable climate changes.

The Climate Smart Communities Task Force of community volunteers have identified, prioritized and is now initiating actions in these two classes of intervention, which will qualify Hyde Park for certification under the New York State Climate Smart Communities Program. This process requires the skills and assistance of many community members.

HELP NEEDED

Please suggest/recommend someone to help the Town of Hyde Park Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Task Force. <https://www.hydeparkny.us/626/Climate-Smart-Communities-Task-Force>

We need an individual in the community with a **personal passion, background, track record** willing to volunteer a small portion of their time to perform work in one of these specific areas:

1. Interacting and information exchange with other agencies/organizations
2. Education and outreach
3. Outdoor lighting efficiency
4. Solar system permitting
5. Stream bank protection and stabilization
6. Reforestation

We look forward to discussing this with a person you would suggest.

Sincerely,

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