

Climate Smart Task Force- Putnam Valley
Wednesday, June 3, 2026 · 6:30pm – 7:30pm
Pancho's and Gringos

In attendance: Allison Hague, CJ Brooks, Christian Russo, Mike Priano, Jean McGee, Dave Spittal

EV Charger Grant- Allison

Allison gave an overview of the grant Putnam Valley received to install 2 dual-port EV chargers. The initially proposed location of the chargers had been delayed, and the decision was made to move the project to Town Hall. The group discussed how to best move forward to complete the work in a timely and cost-effective fashion. Allison, CJ, Christian, and Dave agreed to do a walk-through of the new proposed location for the chargers at the Town Hall campus the following day. Christian offered to reach out for electrician bids, with a focus on local vendors. Allison agreed to work on getting estimates for the charging stations for various vendors and charging speeds.

PE6: Comprehensive Plan Update and PE7: Policies for Climate Resilience

CJ explained that various stakeholders would be invited to work on the new Comprehensive Plan, for which Putnam Valley received a grant. Additionally, Putnam County was working on a Hazard Mitigation Plan, which includes a chapter for Putnam Valley. Allison mentioned that there is significant overlap between Climate Smart Community Resilience actions and the specific Hazard Mitigation Plan action. The group discussed the option for the Environmental Commission (CCE) and Climate Smart to assist with development and outreach in order to best incorporate sustainability into the Town's planning processes.

Allison showed the group the [Climate Smart Resiliency Planning V 2.0.pdf - Google Drive](#) and advised that the document would be a good place to start as an inventory of existing actions, as well as identify opportunities for future planning. Some additional hazard prevention could be identified as part of a [Climate Vulnerability Assessment](#), which is scalable in scope. FEMA has a [Flood rating system](#) and Mike T's GIS/MS4 work could all be tools in this process.

(PE2) GHG inventory/energy audits:

Allison reviewed the progress toward a government property inventory of greenhouse gas emissions. With the Highway Department's fleet data and a year of data from NYSEG, the project is already identifying opportunities for improvement.

Abbi sent some updates around [Government Buildings Energy Audit/Benchmarking](#). She confirmed that there is an automatic link between NYSEG smart meters and ENERGY STAR for free, and that she could support the input of data into [Energy Star Portfolio Manager](#). Abbi also

offered to reach for quotes and guidance for automating the input, the benchmarking process, and to three energy companies for [FlexTech proposals](#).

(PE5) Food scraps/organic materials management:

The organics management committee agreed to draft an initial [Organics Management Plan](#) to incorporate existing projects like [Collecting food scraps](#) at Tompkins Corners throughout the Summer and the potential for extended community composting in the future.

[PE8: Farmers Markets:](#)

Because Tompkins Corners and the Grange already have Farmers Markets, the group discussed how to incorporate that work into Climate Smart. According to the “Collaborating with partners” [definition](#), the municipality should either 1) submit a resolution of support, 2) make a commitment to support an action in a plan, policy, ordinance, or other adopted document or 3) support adoption, enforcement, implementation of a policy, plan, or ordinance. More work is needed to count this (and other projects) for climate smart points.

PE8: [Buy Local, Buy Green Campaign](#)

CJ updated the group on the status of the Neighborhood Business Committee, stating that their last meeting included the possibility of joining the HV chamber of commerce. The group discussed ways to increase visibility on local businesses, including a webpage, social campaign, and features at town meetings.

#2 Priority (PE7) Lakes/watershed

Mike P. conducted independent research around public water supplies and the [source water protection plan](#). A discussion followed about PFAS , which Dave has data on following the prior contamination at PV schools. The group agreed that water quality is a common concern for the many residents on wells, and that some of this action area can support and educate around this topic. Allison confirmed that Mike T has resigned from the task force to avoid a conflict of interest. Mike P and Mike T will connect about the MS4 work he is doing for the town to continue the conversation.

The next meeting will be in person on July 1, 6:30-7:30 at Pancho’s and Gringos.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Submitted by Allison Hague