

Climate Smart Task Force- Putnam Valley
Wednesday, October 7, 2026 · 6:30pm – 7:30pm

In attendance: Ben Boltin, CJ Brooks, Allison Hague, Alan Lash

General Updates

- We have 71/120 points as of today. This does not include EV chargers (8 points), Community Solar (up to 9 for Community Campaigns, and 2-8 for Community Solar for Municipalities) GHG Inventory (16 points), Organics Management Plan (2-16 points), Recycling bins for Government Buildings (3 points), Benchmarking Resolution (4 points, must include 24 months of data), Fleet Inventory (4 points), Partnership with other Entities (3 points) and Culvert work.
- Approximately 49 points available from the above (not including culverts or benchmarking resolution). This would place us at 120 points out of 120.
- The County [Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) is currently in Public Comment phase
- The group will consider the list of potential Actions to assess if more points are available
- Hudson Valley Regional Council will review submitted actions
- Round 1 deadline is Jan 8, 2027 and Round 2 Deadline is May 21, 2027.
- The group agreed to focus solely on the existing action items and put additional grant applications on hold until Bronze is completed.

Electric Vehicle Charger Grant

- Two dual port Level 2 chargers have been installed and will be connected this week.
- Allison will collect necessary documentation and input into the portal.

PE8: Buy Local Buy Green Campaign

- Saturday, November 28, 2026 is Small Business Saturday. Climate Smart can work on a campaign to showcase local businesses
- Public engagement - poll favorite businesses ask partners to participate or share.
- Generate a list to see if businesses want to opt in to a future map of PV resources

PE5: Waste Management

Large Events:

- We collected 5 bags of recycling at Town Day using county recycling bins
- Develop a policy for events moving forward. Allison will ask FSR committee

Recycling Bins for Government Buildings (within past 2 years)

- Need Resolution or EO showing a policy requiring the placement of recycling bins wherever there is a trash bin.
- CJ and Allison can propose to the board- find an example and consult legal

Food scraps/organic materials management:

- Organics Management Plan- committee needs to write a draft for approval

- PVES has started their second year of food scrap collection. [Read the story here](#)
- Next FSR meeting 10/11 9:30am at PV Library

PE4: Community Solar

- Putnam Valley has been enrolled in Community Solar since 2021.
- Allison will work on getting historical records to assess energy and cost savings of [this campaign](#) for both municipal and residential accounts.
- Consider education campaign around Balcony solar and energy independence

PE3: Fleet Inventory

- Highway Dept is Working to update the Inventory with specific criteria from CSC
- Can we include waste carting and Fire Department impacts in future inventory?

PE2: Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.

Government Buildings Energy Audit/Benchmarking:

- The committee is working to develop a Resolution to benchmark municipal buildings using Portfolio Manager
- The Town would need to enroll in [Energy Star Portfolio Manager](#).
 - NYSEG smart meters and ENERGY STAR automatically link for free
 - Ben can help to onboard users

Greenhouse Gas Inventory

- Additional bills have been requested from NYSEG
- Ben can assist with pulling data
- Long term goal following the GH Inventory: [Community Climate Action Plan](#)

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

The next meeting will be 11/5 at 6:30 via Zoom.

Submitted by Allison Hague