



## Climate Smart Communities Certification Report

 BRONZE CERTIFIED

This is the Climate Smart Communities Certification Report of Saratoga Springs, City (Saratoga). Saratoga Springs, City (Saratoga) is a bronze certified Climate Smart Community.

Saratoga Springs, City (Saratoga) was certified on March 12, 2020 with 126 points earned from 19 completed actions. Listed below is information regarding Saratoga Springs, City (Saratoga)'s Climate Smart Communities efforts and materials associated with its certified actions.

The certification for Saratoga Springs, City (Saratoga) will expire on August 31, 2025.

### Contact Information

**The designated Climate Smart Communities contact for Saratoga Springs, City (Saratoga) is:**

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### Actions Implemented

Each approved action and supporting documentation for which Saratoga Springs, City (Saratoga) was approved for in 2020 appears below. Note: Standards for the actions below may have changed and the documentation listed may no longer satisfy requirements for that action. Additionally, points associated with actions prior to 2013 certifications may not be accurate.

## 1. Build a climate-smart community.

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### 1.1 Pass a Resolution Adopting the CSC Pledge

4 Points


**Program Summary:** No description was provided.

PDF: [CSC PLEDGE](#)

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### PE1 Action: CSC Task Force

20 Points

 Bronze Mandatory

**Program Summary:** Info about the Saratoga Springs Climate Smart Task Force can be found online: <https://www.saratoga-springs.org/2286/Climate-Smart-Task-Force>

WORD: [CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE.DOCX](#)

EXCEL: [2018 11 CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE MEMBERS.XLSX](#)


PDF: [2019 01 18 CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES](#)

PDF: [2019 04 12 CLIMATE SMART MEETING MINUTES.PDF](#)

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### PE1 Action: CSC Coordinator

10 Points

 Bronze Mandatory

**Program Summary:** See page 7 of the PDF of the minutes of the December 17, 2019 City Council meeting. The Mayor officially appointed Christina Carton's position as Administrator of Parks, Open Lands, and Historic Preservation at the December 17, 2019 City Council meeting. The agenda is attached. To watch the city council meeting where the appointment was made by the Mayor, please use the following link: <http://www.saratoga-springs.org/agendacenter> One of the attached documents also contains information on Christina Carton's position as Administrator of Parks, Open Lands, and Historic Preservation, which includes the role of CSC coordinator.

PDF: [TINACARTONCSCCOORDINATOR.PDF](#)

PDF: [2019 12 18 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA](#)

PDF: [SARATOGASPRCITYCOUNCILMTGMIN\\_12172019.PDF](#)

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## PE1 Action: National/Regional Climate Program

3 Points

**Program Summary:** NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities, Paris Climate Agreement, Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN)

PDF: [NYSERDA CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES DESIGNATION](#)

PDF: [RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT - 2019.05](#)

PDF: [2019 USDN CONFERENCE REGISTRATION](#)

PDF: [USDN PROFILE](#)

### 3. Decrease energy use.

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#### PE3 Action: Energy Benchmarking for Government Buildings

2 Points

**Program Summary:** The City has adopted legislation requiring benchmarking and reporting of local government energy use for buildings and facilities. At this time, three years of energy benchmarking data is available on the City dedicated website: <http://www.saratoga-springs.org/2421/Municipal-Energy-Benchmarking>

PDF: [2017 06 19 ENERGY BENCHMARKING RESOLUTION](#)

PDF: [6-19 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES](#)

PDF: [2017 10 20 NYSERDA CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES BENCHMARKING EMAIL](#)

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#### PE3 Action: LED Traffic Signals

4 Points

**Program Summary:** Attached is the traffic signal inventory, spreadsheet from National Grid showing the meter data and December 2019 cost, and letter confirming that all street traffic signals have been converted to LED.

PDF: [SARATOGA SPRINGS LED TRAFFIC LIGHTS LETTER](#)

EXCEL: [SARATOGA SPRINGS TRAFFIC SIGNAL LED INVENTORY](#)

EXCEL: [LED STREET LIGHT UTILITY BILL DATA](#)

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#### PE3 Action: Incentives for Employee Carpooling & Transit

2 Points

**Program Summary:** The City of Saratoga Springs participated in the 2019 summer's NYS DEC, DOT, and NY SERDA Green Your Commute Challenge. In 2019, the City also worked with CDTA to offer free bike share memberships city employees. To ensure participation, CDTA also located three bikes at the Recreation Center (temporary City Hall) so employees could use them at work to run errands and attend meetings without having to use their cars.

PDF: [BIKE SHARE MEMBERSHIP EMAIL](#)

PDF: [GREEN YOUR COMMUTE EMAIL](#)

PDF: [RISE TO THE CHALLENGE EMAIL](#)

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#### 4. Shift to clean, renewable energy.

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##### PE4 Action: Geothermal Installation

9 Points

**Program Summary:** The City of Saratoga Springs installed a geothermal system on the Recreation center, 15 Vanderbilt Ave, in 2010. There are two GE 600 FP Panels and 10 wells.

PDF: [4.5 GEOTHERMAL AT 15 VANDERBILT RECREATION CENTER.PDF](#)

PDF: [04GT101 GEOTHERMAL DETAILS.PDF](#)

PDF: [05GT100 GEOTHERMAL SITE MAP.PDF](#)

PDF: [CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS GEOTHERMAL PHOTOS AND POSTER PHOTOS](#)

PDF: [GEOTHERMAL POSTER AT THE RECREATION CENTER](#)

PDF: [CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS](#)

#### 5. Use climate-smart materials management.

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##### PE5 Action: Residential Organic Waste Program

8 Points

**Program Summary:** Attached is a document describing Saratoga's residential organic waste programs which include a Community-wide Curbside Pick-up Yard Waste Program and a Drop-off Food Waste Program.

PDF: [PE 5. RESIDENTIAL ORGANIC WASTE PROGRAM](#)

PDF: [CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS COMPOST WEBSITE INFORMATION](#)

#### 6. Implement climate-smart land use.

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##### PE6 Action: Comprehensive Plan with Sustainability Elements

21 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** 1. Saratoga Springs 2015 Comprehensive Plan. Link: <http://www.saratoga-springs.org/DocumentCenter/Index/278> 2. Meeting Minutes where the plan was formally approved 3. Comprehensive Plan Reference Chart

PDF: [2015 COMP PLAN.PDF](#)

PDF: [2015 06 16 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.PDF](#)

EXCEL: [COMPPLANREFERENCECHART.XLSX](#)

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## PE6 Action: Unified Solar Permit

5 Points

**Program Summary:** In 2016, the City of Saratoga Springs officially adopted the New York State Unified Solar Permit. Attached is a letter from the Zoning and Building Inspector who implements the program as well as the letter from NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities recognizing this accomplishment.

PDF: [2016 11 15 NYSERDA CGC69784 CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY](#)

PDF: [CITY OF SARATOGA SPRING NYS UNIFIED ADOPTION LETTER](#)

PDF: [SARATOGA SPRINGS NYS-UNIFIED-SOLAR-PERMIT APPLICATION](#)

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## PE6 Action: Complete Streets Policy

4 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** Attached is the adopted Complete Streets Policy of the City of Saratoga Springs from May 1, 2012 as well as the memo used to introduce City Council members to the proposed policy. The Complete Streets Policy was unanimously adopted by City Council on May 1, 2012. In addition, the City Council adopted a Complete Streets Plan on December 20, 2016. The full report, which is too large to upload here, is found on the City website: <http://www.saratoga-springs.org/224/Complete-Streets-Advisory-Board>

PDF: [COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FINAL 050112.PDF](#)

WORD: [COMPLETE STREETS POLICY OVERVIEW COUNCIL MEMO.DOC](#)

PDF: [2012 05 01 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES COMPLETE STREETS POLICY](#)

PDF: [2016 COMPLETE STREETS PLAN - INTRO \(FULL TEXT ONLINE\)](#)

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## PE6 Action: Alternative-fuel Infrastructure

8 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** 1. Saratoga Springs Electric Vehicle Public Charging Station: <https://www.saratoga-springs.org/2419/EV-Charging-Stations> 2. July Report for Woodlawn Garage / Woodlawn Charging Station and Woodlawn Garage / Saratoga Charging Station 3. NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities

PDF: [EV STATION DATA.PDF](#)

PDF: [CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES EV CHARGING.PDF](#)

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## 8. Support a green innovation economy.

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### PE8 Action: Farmers' Markets

3 Points

**Program Summary:** From May through October, the Saratoga Farmers' Market operates on at the High Rock Park Pavilions, a city owned park on High Rock Avenue in downtown Saratoga Springs. The market is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays each week. The times are below. Wednesdays - 3:00pm – 6:00pm Saturdays - 9:00am – 1:00pm Attached are website shots of the city website documenting city involvement and siting of the park. A history of the farmers market and city involvement is attached. This screenshot is from the Saratoga Farmers Market website.

PDF: [SARATOGA FARMERS MARKET 042017.PDF](#)

PDF: [PEDDLING %26 VENDING APPLICATION FARMERS MARKET 050418\\_201805070733417398.PDF](#)

PDF: [FARMERS MARKET INFORMATION.PDF](#)

PDF: [SARATOGA FARMERS MARKET HISTORYCITY WEB](#)

PDF: [CITY WEBSITE AND TIMES OF THE MARKET](#)

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### PE8 Action: Financing Program for Building Energy Efficiency

7 Points

**Program Summary:** The City passed a local law known as the “Energize NY Open C-PACE Financing Program” to provide property assessed clean energy financing to Qualified Property Owners (as defined below) for the installation of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency measures. This local law establishes a program that will allow the Energy Improvement Corporation (as defined below, “EIC”), a local development corporation, acting on behalf of the Municipality pursuant to the municipal agreement (the “Municipal Agreement”) to be entered into between the Municipality and EIC, to make funds available to Qualified Property Owners that will be repaid through charges on the real properties benefited by such funds, This local law provides a method of implementing the public policies expressed by, and exercising the authority provided by, Article 5-L of the General Municipal Law (as defined below, the “Enabling Act”).

PDF: [PACE LOCAL LAW.PDF](#)

PDF: [PACE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION MINUTES.PDF](#)

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### PE8 Action: Solarize, Clean Heating & Cooling, or Solar for All Campaign

5 Points

**Program Summary:** In 2015, the Mayor's Office and the Saratoga Springs Climate Smart Community Task Force launched the Solarize Saratoga Campaign. The goal of the Solarize campaign was to reduce market barriers such as price and choice of installers and ultimately making it easier and more affordable for Saratoga area homeowners and businesses to install solar PV systems. As a result of the campaign, Solarize Saratoga was able to install 22 new installations resulting in 219 kW of renewable energy generated.

PDF: [SOLARIZE SARATOGA FINAL REPORT](#)

PDF: [NYSERDA SOLARIZE APPROVAL FOR CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES](#)

PDF: [SARATOGA SPRINGS SOLARIZE LAUNCH PRESS RELEASE](#)

PDF: [SOLARIZE MAYOR PRESS RELEASE](#)

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## 9. Inform and inspire the public.

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### PE9 Action: Energy Reduction Campaign

5 Points

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PDF: [HEATSMART CAMPAIGN SOCIAL MEDIA WEBSITE INFO](#)

PDF: [LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR HEATSMART CAMPAIGN](#)

PDF: [CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS OPEN C PACE MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT EXECUTED](#)

PDF: [CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS OPEN C PACE WEBSITE INFORMATION](#)

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### PE9 Action: Local Climate Action Website

3 Points

**Program Summary:** Sustainability and resiliency are values embedded in everything the City of Saratoga Springs works to achieve. "Sustainable development enhances economic opportunity and community well-being while protecting the human and natural resources, upon which the future of our economy and our community depend." (2015 Comprehensive Plan) The City of Saratoga Springs created a Sustainability and Resiliency Section of the city website (<http://www.saratoga-springs.org/2410/Sustainability-and-Resiliency>). The website has a landing page with links to additional pages. The additional pages include information on: • CDPHP Cycle! – CDTA bikeshare program • Climate Smart Task Force with links to documents and presentations on climate change • Community Choice Aggregation – Updates to where the City is on implementing a program • Complete Streets - Updates and information on plan and implementation • Energize NY PACE financing • EV Charging Stations – Locations of our stations • Municipal Energy Benchmarking - reports the energy use of buildings • Open Space – links to the Open Space Advisory Committee website • Saratoga Greenbelt Trail – Updates and information on plan and implementation • Spa Solar Park – information on landfill project • Lake Avenue Bike Lanes – information about recently installed bike lanes

PDF: [CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS SUSTAINABILITY RELATED INFORMATION.](#)

PDF: [CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS SUSTAINABILITY ACTIONS](#)



## PE9 Action: Social Media

3 Points

**Program Summary:** The attached document includes information on the social media account of Sustainable Saratoga and other organizations connected to sustainability in the Saratoga region. Hyperlinks have been added to demonstrate the initiatives of this group such as reducing waste, open discussions, community educational events/campaigns, and clean energy.

WORD: [9.5SOCIALMEDIACSC.DOCX](#)

PDF: [EXAMPLE OF CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS](#)