



## PE4 Action: County-hosted Trainings

3 Points

6 Points

9 Points

12 Points

15 Points

### A. Why is this action important?

County governments are uniquely positioned to convene and support local governments to advance local action on clean energy. The County-hosted Trainings high-impact action is designed to help communities understand how to manage responsible clean energy development in their communities.

### B. How to implement this action

This action offers Climate Smart Communities (CSC) certification points for the successful completion of the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities County-hosted Trainings high-impact action. County governments can receive CSC points for one or more of the following trainings: Overview of the Model Solar Energy Law, Overview of the Model Battery Energy Storage System Law, Clean Energy and Your Comprehensive Plan, Battery Energy Storage for First Responders, and Solar PV Permitting and Inspecting.

The County-hosted Trainings Toolkit is available at [www.nyserra.ny.gov/cec](http://www.nyserra.ny.gov/cec).

These trainings must be hosted by the county and conducted in coordination with a NYSEDA Clean Energy Community Coordinator. These coordinators are available to offer free technical assistance with implementing this action. Contact [cec@nyserra.ny.gov](mailto:cec@nyserra.ny.gov) for more information.

### C. Timeframe, project costs, and resources needed

Organizing a training tends to take at least four weeks, which must be hosted by the county in coordination with a NYSEDA Clean Energy Community Coordinator. Project costs include staff time for organizing, publicizing, and promoting the training. Other costs may include printing and mailing information, as well expenses tied to events, such as room and equipment rentals, refreshments, virtual connectivity, etc.

### D. Which local governments implement this action? Which departments within the local governments are most likely to have responsibility for this action?

This action is applicable to county governments. Departments that are most likely to be involved will vary; they may include the chief elected official's office, sustainability staff, planning departments, or boards and committees that manage energy and climate efforts in the local government. Local government departments such as planning boards, zoning board of appeals, building safety inspectors, and code enforcement officials may also be involved.

### E. How to obtain points for this action

CSC points are available for county governments that submit documentation showing NYSEDA approval for the following trainings. Three points are available for each training, for a maximum of 15 points.

#### POSSIBLE POINTS

Overview of the Model Solar Energy Law

3

Overview of the Model Battery Energy Storage System Law	3
Clean Energy and Your Comprehensive Plan	3
Battery Energy Storage for First Responders	3
Solar PV Permitting and Inspecting	3

#### **F. What to submit**

Submit documentation of approval from NYSERDA for completion of one or more of the trainings that are part of the Clean Energy Communities County-hosted Training high-impact action. Indicate the approximate start and end date of each county training.

All CSC action documentation is available for public viewing after an action is approved. Action submittals should not include any information or documents that are not intended to be viewed by the public.

#### **G. Links to additional resources or examples**

- NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities County-hosted Trainings Toolkit: available at [www.nyserda.ny.gov/cec](http://www.nyserda.ny.gov/cec)

#### **H. Recertification requirements**

To maintain status as a certified Climate Smart Community, recertification is necessary every five years. For this particular action, however, CSC points will only be awarded once, to align with the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Program.