



PE6 Action: NYStretch Energy Code

10 Points

A. Why is this action important?

The Energy Code is a minimum building standard for energy efficiency, applicable to new construction and renovation of commercial and residential buildings in New York State. The Energy Code is a complex document and one of nine building codes in New York State, making implementation and enforcement complex and time consuming.

NYStretch Energy Code - 2020 was developed by NYSERDA as a statewide model code for New York jurisdictions to use to meet their energy and climate goals by accelerating the savings obtained through their local building energy codes. For jurisdictions that adopt it, NYStretch will provide savings of roughly 11% over the 2020 Energy Conservation Construction Code of New York State (2020 ECCC-NYS).

B. How to implement this action

This action awards Climate Smart Communities (CSC) certification points for the successful completion of the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities high-impact action called NYStretch Energy Code.

For guidance on implementing this action, see the NYStretch Energy Code Toolkit available at www.nyserdera.ny.gov/cec. Municipalities interested in this action can receive free technical assistance from the Clean Energy Communities Coordinators that are available across New York State. Contact cec@nyserdera.ny.gov for more information.

C. Time frame, project costs, and resource needs

The time frame will be dependent on the size of the municipality and its legislative process. Project costs may include staff and consultant time, where applicable.

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

This action is applicable to any local government and requires legislative action. The building department is responsible for enforcement of this action.

E. How to obtain points for this action

Ten points are available for local governments that submit documentation showing adoption of the NYStretch Energy Code.

F. What to submit

Submit documentation of approval from NYSERDA for completion of the Clean Energy Communities NYStretch Energy Code high-impact action.

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 Best Practices

- The NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities NYStretch Energy Code Toolkit is available at www.nyserda.ny.gov/cec.

H. Recertification requirements

To maintain status as a certified Climate Smart Community, recertification is necessary every five years. The recertification requirements of this action are similar to the initial requirements, except that applicants must show they have adopted the most recent version of the NYStretch Energy Code when they are seeking points for this action a second or third time. Generally the code will be updated every three years or so. Approved submissions for this action will be valid for about three years.