

## **PE3 Action: Energy Code Enforcement Training**

**5 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.

Since buildings represent roughly 60 percent of New York's total energy consumption, there is significant opportunity for energy savings and reduced greenhouse gas emissions through improved Energy Code compliance. This training focuses on what code enforcement officials need to know about the Energy Code in the context of its practical application on active construction projects.

### **B. How to implement this action**

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

The focus of this action is on educating local compliance officials about energy code best practices. At least one code official must complete a NYSERDA-approved Energy Code Enforcement Training series, including both residential and commercial workshops.

For guidance on implementing this action, see the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Energy Code Enforcement Training Toolkit, which is available at [www.nyserdera.ny.gov/cec](http://www.nyserdera.ny.gov/cec). Municipalities interested in this action can receive free technical assistance from the Clean Energy Communities Coordinators; contact [cec@nyserdera.ny.gov](mailto:cec@nyserdera.ny.gov) for more information.

### **C. Time frame, project costs, and resource needs**

These training sessions are free to attend. The main investment is the staff time involved in attending the training(s).

### **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 all local governments that enforce the uniform code for private buildings. In New York State, this responsibility falls to cities, towns, and villages in most cases. Code officials are the type of staff that participate in the training.

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

Five CSC points are available for local governments that submit documentation showing participation in a NYSERDA training of the type described here.

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

Submit a dated copy of the approval from NYSERDA that indicates completion of the Clean Energy Communities Energy Code Enforcement Training 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**

- [NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Program](#)

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

To maintain status as a certified Climate Smart Community, recertification is necessary every five years. For CSC points under this action, applicants for recertification must submit evidence of participation in an energy code enforcement training within the last five years and after November 15, 2020. The training must meet the NYSERDA standards associated with the Clean Energy Communities Program.