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Town of Jay Climate Smart Communities Taskforce Q1 2025 Progress Report

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Introduction: The Town of Jay continues to make significant strides in its climate smart initiatives. Building on the momentum from 2024, the taskforce has achieved several milestones in the first quarter of 2025.

Key Achievements in Q1 2025:

1. Bronze Certification:

- The Town of Jay was awarded Bronze certification in the Climate Smart Communities program, becoming one of about half a dozen communities in the Adirondack Park to achieve this milestone.

2. Solar Installation Project:

- Launched a solar installation project on the Highway garage roof, with an estimated completion date in late spring.

3. EV Charger Installation Projects:

- Initiated EV Charger installation projects in Jay and Upper Jay, with estimated completion in late spring/early summer.

4. Residential Compost Drop-Off Pilot Program:

- Applied for a grant to establish a pilot program for residential compost drop-off. If successful, this will pave the way for a full-scale compost operation and a potential recycling center. Grant award notification is expected by mid-April.

5. EV Chargers in Au Sable Forks:

- Applied for a grant to install EV chargers in Au Sable Forks, including a level 1 high-speed charger. The grant award notice is expected in fall 2025.

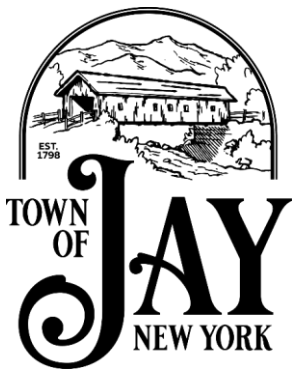
6. Grant Research for Streetscapes and Sidewalk Improvements:

- Ongoing research to identify grants for streetscapes and sidewalk improvements, with the intent to apply for a grant in 2025.

7. Community Campaigns:

- Continued efforts in Community Solar, Heat Pump, and EV vehicle community campaigns.
- Promoted events and resources, such as the Energy Resources Seminar by the North Country Energy Hub.

8. NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Program:



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- Continued participation in the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities program, which has been a significant source of grants for the Town of Jay. Although the grant funding was exhausted in late 2024, we hope for re-funding to secure additional grants for ongoing and completed projects.

Focus Areas for 2025- Town of Jay Comprehensive Plan:

The taskforce's key focus in 2025 will be the Town of Jay's Comprehensive Plan, leading the Climate Smart, Infrastructure, and Transportation working group, with the following key focus areas.

1. Climate Smart Communities Program Categories:

- **Transportation Master Plan:** Climate Smart Land Use (CSC category PE6)
- **Materials:** Climate Smart Materials Management (CSC category PE5)
- **Climate Action Plan:** Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action (CSC category PE2)
- **Resiliency:** Enhance community resilience to climate change (CSC category PE7)
- **Infrastructure Expansion:** (CSC category PE6)

2. Other Issues and Opportunities:

- **Sustainable Agriculture and Land Use Practices:** (CSC category PE8 Green Innovation Economy)
- **Locally Sourced Goods & Produce:** (CSC PE8)
- **Walking and Bike-Friendly Streets:** (CSC PE6)
- **Litter/Trash Receptacles:** (CSC PE5)
- **Culvert/FEMA Properties:** (CSC PE7)

Conclusion: The Town of Jay continues to build on its climate smart initiatives, with a strong focus on community involvement and sustainable practices. We look forward to achieving more milestones in 2025 and beyond.

For more details on the Climate Smart Communities program and the Town of Jay's efforts, please visit <https://www.townofjayny.gov/climate-smart-task-force/>.