



**Identify  
energy saving  
opportunities in  
buildings**

**Spark  
investment  
in energy saving  
upgrades**

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## Improve energy use in buildings.

Buildings account for more than 60% of the energy used in New York State. Adopting a benchmarking policy to measure and share data on building energy use over time allows owners and occupants to compare energy usage against other buildings and better identify opportunities to cut energy waste.

Collecting, reporting, and sharing benchmarking data regularly helps the public and government agencies make smarter investment decisions; rewards efficiency; and drives widespread, continuous improvement. Benchmarking requires the annual reporting of energy used in municipal buildings. Large communities are also required to disclose annually the amount of energy used in large private buildings.

### **Earn credit toward the Clean Energy Communities designation**

NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities Program recognizes and rewards local governments for their clean energy leadership. Complete four of the ten High Impact Actions to earn the Clean Energy Community designation as well as a grant of up to \$250,000 with no local cost share to support additional clean energy projects.

To earn credit for this action, small and medium size communities (0-39,999 population) and counties must adopt a benchmarking program for municipal buildings. Large size cities, towns, and villages (population of 40,000+) must adopt a benchmarking program for municipal buildings and large private buildings.

### **Get started**

Municipalities have access to approximately 50 hours of free on-demand technical assistance from a Clean Energy Community Coordinator and a toolkit that includes step-by-step guidance, model ordinances, and other tools and resources.

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