

TOWN OF JAY CLIMATE SMART TASKFORCE by Knut Sauer

The Town of Jay is a NYSERDA <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/cec> designated Clean Energy Community. The NYSERDA clean energy communities program includes many different climate smart initiatives and activities of different size and of scope. Many of these initiatives are low to zero cost and include public outreach, education, and community campaigns. Upon completion of various initiatives, the town receives points and can earn grants which can be used for energy efficiency and climate smart projects, such as converting municipal building light fixtures to LED, insulating steam pipes, installing air source heat pumps, etc. The town has completed several initiatives which earned it a free energy audit of the Community Center and \$15,000 so far in grants to be used for energy efficiency improvements.

The Town of Jay is also participating in the New York State Climate Smart Communities program <https://climatesmart.ny.gov/> with a goal to achieve Bronze certification no later than mid 2025

We do need help as we are currently running a few community campaigns; community solar (INSERT LINK), heat pumps (INSERT LINK), and electric vehicles (EV) (INSERT LINK). These campaign educates residents on the benefits of community solar, heat pumps, and EV's. Please help by letting us know via email knutsauer@frontiernet.net, if you have either installed heat pumps after July 21, 2023, subscribed to community solar after August 4, 2023, or purchased an electric or plug-in hybrid vehicle since March 8, 2024.

If you are interested in getting involved with the committee and our activities, please reach out to me at knutsauer@frontiernet.net.