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Town of Ashford earns Clean Energy Community Designation

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ASHFORD—The Town of Ashford announced it has been designated a Clean Energy Community by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, recognizing its leadership in reducing energy use, cutting costs and driving clean energy locally.

Announced by Governor Cuomo in August, the \$16 million Clean Energy Communities initiative supports local government leaders across the state to implement energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainable development projects in their communities. Clean Energy Communities advance Cuomo's Reforming the Energy strategy by demonstrating the importance of communities in helping New York reach its Clean Energy Standard of 50 percent of the state's electricity coming from renewable energy resources by 2030.

The Town of Ashford received the designation for completing four of 10 high-impact clean energy actions identified by NYSERDA as part of the Clean Energy Communities initiative.

To earn the Clean Energy Community designation, the Town of Ashford completed the following high-impact clean energy actions:

- The benchmarking of municipally owned buildings over 1,000 square feet within the town.
- Adoption of the New York State Unified Solar Permit.
- Installation of electric car charging stations within the town.
- Completion of the Energy Code Enforcement Training.

Cities, counties, towns and villages that complete at least four of 10 high-impact clean energy actions are designated Clean Energy Communities and are eligible to apply for funding of up to \$250,000 with no local cost share with the option of receiving up to 25 percent paid in advance to support additional clean energy projects. At least two of the four actions must have been completed after Aug. 1, 2016.

For more information on Clean Energy Communities, visit www.nyserdera.ny.gov/cec.