

The Town of Kendall (Orleans County) Earns Clean Energy Community Designation for its Commitment to Cut Costs and Reduce Energy Consumption

The Town of Kendall today announced it has been designated a Clean Energy Community by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), recognizing its leadership in reducing energy use, reducing costs and driving clean energy locally.

Announced by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo in August 2016, the \$16 million Clean Energy Communities initiative supports local government leaders across the state by providing grants to eligible municipalities to implement energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainable development projects in their communities. Clean Energy Communities advance the Governor's Green New Deal by demonstrating the importance of communities in helping New York reach its goal of having a carbon-neutral economy as soon as practicable and a carbon-free power grid by 2040.

The Town of Kendall received the designation for completing four of 10 high-impact clean energy actions identified by NYSERDA as part of the Clean Energy Communities initiative. In addition, the designation gives the Town of Kendall an opportunity to apply for funding for additional clean energy projects, with no local cost share, when additional grant funds become available.

Mr. Anthony Cammarata, Town of Kendall Supervisor, said the following about earning the Clean Energy Community designation:

“The Town of Kendall has been in need of a paradigm shift into clean energy. Being designated as a Clean Energy Community affords us the opportunity to expand our goals through training and grant initiatives. The Town of Kendall is honored to be designated as a Clean Energy Community and will promptly pursue all options available to us in achieving an enhanced clean energy community.”

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

- Conversion to LED Street Lights
- Energy Use Benchmarking
- Energy Code Enforcement Training
- Unified Solar Permit

Doreen M. Harris, Acting President and CEO, NYSERDA said, “The Town of Kendall has taken charge of their clean energy future by joining the more than 300 Clean Energy Communities statewide in adopting tangible actions that can reduce the carbon footprint of residents and businesses alike. This creates a proud legacy for generations to come while reducing energy costs and helping meet Governor Cuomo's nation-leading goals under the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.”

Cities, counties, towns and villages that complete at least four of 10 high-impact clean energy actions are designated Clean Energy Communities. Clean Energy Community Coordinators are also available at no charge to help communities develop and prioritize clean energy goals, access easy-to-use resources such as guidance documents and case studies, and take advantage of available funding and technical assistance opportunities.

For more information on Clean Energy Communities, visit www.nyserda.ny.gov/cec. Local government officials or employees can find contact information for their respective coordinator [here](#) for assistance navigating the program.