

Board of Trustees
Village of Tarrytown
Regular Meeting No. 18
One Depot Plaza
Tarrytown NY 10591
August 15, 2022
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT in person: Mayor Brown presiding; Trustees: McGovern, Mitchell, and Phillips-Staley, Village Administrator Slingerland via zoom; Village Attorney Zalantis ;Village Treasurer Morales; Village Clerk Gilligan and Deputy Village Clerk Fasman

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 P.M.

The meeting began with the Pledge to the Flag.

BOARD MISCELLANEOUS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Trustee Mitchell reported that the FASNY Parade was a wonderful event, and a great time was had by all.

Deputy Mayor McGovern reported that the Tarrytown pool hours are fluctuating due to the difficulty of finding lifeguards. The Summer Concert Series has another three weeks to go, and Summer Camp is almost over. It's been wonderful having your children this summer.

CHANGES AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Community Coalition Presentation was canceled for this evening's meeting and will be rescheduled at a future date. In addition, the resolution to Declare Intent to be Lead Agency for the RiverWalk Connection has been tabled to a future meeting as well. The Bond Resolutions that were on an earlier version of the agenda were tabled until the next meeting because we need a two third's majority when voting and there are only four Board Members present this evening. A motion will be added to the meeting this evening to install a fence at Consolidated Engine. It is not something that needs to go before the ARB, as it is just a privacy and security fence.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Slingerland reported that paving on Broadway was completed this week. The NYSDOT still needs to install flashing beacons and vehicle detectors. These items are currently on backorder due to pandemic supply chain issues with no exact date of installation. New York State did eliminate three parking spaces on Broadway because they did not meet the basic safety standard and measurements required for parking spaces. Paving will begin on Benedict Avenue this week from Hackley down to Broadway.

Administrator Slingerland continued his report by talking about congestion pricing in New York City. There is a proposal to start tolling private vehicles that go into the city in the Central Business District. It does not include the FDR Drive or the West Side Highway. During certain hours at certain locations, tolls would apply. If this goes into effect, Tarrytown could potentially have more commuters returning to our parking lots. New York City is still continuing to review this proposal, and Public Hearings will be held starting August 25th and concluding on August 31st. If this goes effect, it could benefit the Tarrytown community by bringing in more revenue. The Village is still down by as much as one million dollars per year on lost revenue from parking and commuting.

Deputy Clerk Fasman reminded everyone that the Primary Elections are being held on August 23rd. Early voting has already begun for the 16th and 17th Congressional Districts as well as the 34th Senatorial District. Tarrytown is now divided into two districts, the 16th and

17th, so polling places might change. Information regarding the Elections will be posted on our website.

Deputy Clerk Fasman also reported that the American Red Cross will be hosting w a blood drive on September 2nd at the Senior Center. Flyers will be distributed and registration can be done online. Donate and save a life.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION: SCOTT WEAVER

Mayor Brown noted that Tarrytown hosted the NYS FASNY Parade this past Saturday. It was an amazing event with 43 companies from across the state all bringing a variety of vehicles. Mayor Brown first thanked the Fire Department for representing our Village in such a wonderful way. Mayor Brown also thanked the Tarrytown Police Department, DPW and Parks Departments. So many different people worked together to make this day possible. There is one particular person who worked for over a year to organize and execute the parade in Tarrytown, Scott Weaver Sr.

Mayor Brown then read aloud the Certificate of Appreciation that was given to Scott Weaver Sr. as a thank you for all of his hard work in orchestrating the NYS FASY Parade. A copy of the Certificate of Appreciation is attached to these minutes.

Scott Weaver Sr. thanked Police Chief Barbelet and his force for their assistance, Lou Martirano and the Department of Public Works, TVAC, Anthony Ross and the Recreation Department and all of his Fire Department friends and family that supported him and the Village to make the parade a success. Scott Weaver Sr. then said it was his turn to do something. On behalf of himself, FASNY and Chief Tucci, Mayor Brown and the Board of Trustees were presented with an award commemorating the 150th Anniversary Parade which was held in Tarrytown on August 13, 2022.

PRESENTATION – DYLAN MICHAEL SMITH ON EAGLE SCOUT MEMORIAL PROJECT FOR CHICK GALELLA

Dylan Michael Smith who is a 12 year old prospective Eagle Scout spoke about his Eagle Scout Project. An Eagle Scout Project is a service project that would benefit the community and is memorable. Dylan Michael Smith wishes to honor someone who has done a lot for Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow. That person is Chick Gallella. Dylan would like to build a memorial at the top of the hill in front of Sleepy Hollow High School where Chick Galella planted flags every year. It would be a concrete platform, two benches a bronze plaque and two cherry trees. The plaque will contain information about Chick' life, and his photo along with the motto "The Other Legend of Sleepy Hollow". Dylan Michael Smith requested from the Board of Trustees a donation of a bench for the memorial. The bench would overlook the Hudson River as well as Chick Galellas house. Mayor Brown noted that 13 is quite young to be an Eagle Scout. Dylan replied that if he obtains Eagle at 13 years old he would be the fifth youngest Eagle Scout in the country. There are various ways to raise funds for the bench. A GoFundMe will be set up shortly, and there is a jar at JP Doyle's. Mayor Brown thanked Dylan for his presentation and stated that she knows the people of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow will come out in force for this project.

PRESENTATION - SLEEPY HOLLOW TARRYTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, LAURA REY IANNARELLI

Laura Rey Iannarelli came tonight to reintroduce the Chamber to the Mayor and Board of Trustees and perhaps come on a monthly basis to update the Board on what is happening with the Chamber. Throughout the pandemic, the Chamber managed to stay vibrant and grow their membership. Street Fairs were brought back, and the turnouts have been wonderful. The Winter Stroll is a new addition, and an educational portion has been added to the Chamber meetings. The Chamber wishes to build their relationship with the Village, and welcome the Board to a networking meeting so they can see how the Chamber supports the community, the merchants and all of their members. They feel it's vital that the Village's see the Chamber as an important part of the community and encourage membership. The Chamber has increased its visibility on social media, have a lot of plans for the future, and hope the Village will be part of it. The Chamber is here to help, and is one of the best in the county.

The Board Meetings are on the second Thursday of the month, and the networking events are on the third Thursday of the month. All of this information and more can be found on our website. Mayor Brown stated that the entire Board of Trustees always looks at the Chamber as a partner in everything that they do. Mayor Brown feels it would be beneficial to try and incorporate more of the businesses in Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow into the Chamber. Laura Rey Iannarelli replied that they are try to have the meetings at different locations and businesses are encouraged to join. She can be reached at laura@reyinsurance.com or you may contact the insurance office. The next Chamber meeting is September 15th at 8:30 in the morning.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ONLY ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA, OTHER THAN PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. SPEAKERS SHALL HAVE THREE (3) MINUTES EACH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Peter Bartolacci from Miller Ave had a question about the resolution regarding the NYS bonds for different projects. He inquired what the impact would be on taxpayers, and what the value of this bond issuance is. Mayor Brown replied that the Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Act would support the act going to a vote, which would support such items as retrofitting buildings, purchasing clean energy buses, installation of community gardens and various other initiatives that reduce pollution and improve health and safety. As for the amount of the bond, NYS will distribute the real financial information. We are just supporting the idea of the bond and then it goes to the voters. Information is still coming out, and we will continue to look at it. Mr. Bartolacci then asked if the Board understood how much a green school bus cost. He stated that the cost could be anywhere from \$200,000 to \$400,000 per bus. Is the Board proposing replacing all of the school buses in Tarrytown? Would they be able to make it up our hills? Mr. Bartolacci stated that it doesn't sound like the Board has a lot of information or any specifics. He finds it hard to understand how the Board can vote to approve or support something without more information. He feels that once more specifics come out, and what the impact will be on taxpayers the Board could then decide whether to vote or not. Mr. Bartolacci asked how the Board came to this decision to write a resolution, and then vote on this item.

Mayor Brown responded the resolution supporting the bond is the Boards way of stating we support the investigation of the idea of the bond. The details will be given to the voters if the bond is put to vote. It will then fall on the voters whether to pass the bond or not. This could benefit Tarrytown as we always go to the state to assist us in obtaining funds in our pursuit of green infrastructure. The Village is asking the New York State Legislature to find the money to help us and other communities across New York works towards becoming more sustainable and to protect our future. Mr. Bartolacci stated that there a lot of issues in Tarrytown that need to be dealt with such as our sidewalks and roads, and any funds received from New York State could be better allocated that to be put towards green energy. Mr. Bartolacci asked the Board if we are prioritizing properly.

Administrator Slingerland noted that the Village was contacted by Scenic Hudson to join a coalition of municipal governments and other organizations across the state that would support this initiative. The proposal would be on the ballot in the fall. Information about the proposal can be found on the New York State Elections website. Administrator Slingerland then reported on the various dollar amounts of the bonds that will be on the ballot. Municipalities and other organizations around the state could apply for the funds and the Village of Tarrytown could benefit from the programs that are listed.

PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW #7-2022 TO AMEND CHAPTER 119 “COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION” TO ENABLE THE ADDITION OF SOLAR CREDITS TO THE PROGRAM, WITH AN OPT-OUT OPTION

Deputy Mayor McGovern moved to open the Public Hearing which was seconded by Trustee Mitchell.

Leo Wiegman and Claire Kokoska from Sustainable Westchester and Westchester Power gave a brief presentation. Sustainable Westchester has presented this program to 29 different municipalities throughout the county. Sustainable Westchester serves all of the cities, towns

and villages in Westchester County, and Tarrytown is a founding member going back to 2015. As a consortium, they have developed a number of environmental and sustainability orientated programs that present fiscally sound solutions to towns, villages and cities. The county has a way of creating programs that can be shared across municipal boundaries, and a number of the programs are focused on New York State meeting very aggressive climate goals that are of 70% renewable energy production by 2030. A copy of the Sustainable Westchester and Westchester Power presentation is attached to these minutes.

Near the conclusion of the presentation, the Village experienced complete failure of all zoom, audio and video. On a motion made by Mayor Brown and seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern, the Public Hearing was tabled until the next Board of Trustees Meeting so that those participates listening and watching from home will have access to what transpires.

WHEREAS, the Village of Tarrytown established a Community Choice Aggregation Program in September 2015; and

WHEREAS Assistance Program Participants (low-income residents who receive support for utility payments) are not eligible to participate in the Community Choice Aggregation program, but have been approved by the State Public Service Commission for enrollment in Westchester Power's Solar Credit Program because the cost savings are guaranteed; and

WHEREAS Westchester Power can enroll Assistance Program Participants on an opt-out basis in the Solar Credit Program for a guaranteed savings of between 5% and 10% off of their electricity bill every month; and

WHEREAS enrollment in the program will not change how participants pay their electric bill or impact their assistance benefits in any way; and

WHEREAS participation in the program will support a local solar farm while guaranteeing savings for participants; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tarrytown must amend Chapter 119 of its Village Code entitled "Community Choice Aggregation Program" to incorporate opt-out Community Distributed Generation pursuant to Section 10(1)(ii)(a)(12) of the New York Municipal Home Rule Law;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Tarrytown Village Board of Trustees does hereby adopt Local Law No.7-2022 amending Chapter 119 of the Village Code. The full text of this law can be found at the end of this Agenda.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA. SPEAKERS HAVE THREE (3) MINUTES BEFORE YIELDING TO THE NEXT SPEAKER

While trying to repair the audio and video malfunction the Board decided to change the order of the agenda and let the Public Speaker address the Board since there was one person waiting in the audience.

Sitig Agrawel from Windle Park spoke about the lack of pedestrian access when trying to walk to the designated area to empty the compost bins. He suggested that the area be moved to a more pedestrian friendly space as he has difficulty making his way there safely. Mr. Agrawel also stated that there are other areas in the village such as Franklin where crossing the road on foot can be hazardous. Mayor Brown recommended that his concerns be brought to the TMC and specifically Trustee Kim as they would do the research to see what can be done to mitigate these issues.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR AND GREEN JOBS BONDS ACT

The resolution below was tabled to a future meeting.

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown supports New York State investment in improving infrastructure to safeguard clean drinking water by replacing lead pipes, improving sewers and water treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown supports the preservation of open land and improving access to public parks, campgrounds and nature centers; and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown supports investment in clean air infrastructure including clean energy facilities, retrofitting of public buildings, purchasing of clean energy school buses, the installation of community gardens and other initiatives that reduce pollution and improve health and safety;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown supports the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Bond Act in 2022, and joins with other New York municipalities such as Piermont, Saugerties, and Warwick in the coalition supporting the passage of the Act in the election on November 8, 2022.

CHURCH STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE EMERGENCY REPAIR

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, and seconded by Trustee Mitchell the following resolution was approved unanimously. Approved: 4-0

WHEREAS; the Church Street Pedestrian Bridge was built in 1996 and over the years it has slowly been deteriorating and recently has been declared unsafe for pedestrian traffic; and

WHEREAS; upon close inspection it has been determined that two support beams, and all deck boards need replacement; and

WHEREAS; that in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare, the Board of Trustees has determined that the Church Street Bridge is in need of emergency repair; and

WHEREAS the Village Engineer obtained two quotes from Giacorp Contracting and C&F Steel Design ranging from \$149,929 to \$160,000; and

WHEREAS, the funds for the repair will be withdrawn from the Village's Capital Account; and

WHEREAS the proposed action is a Type II Action under SEQRA and therefore, not subject to further review under SEQRA.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the Village, the Board of Trustees authorizes this emergency award pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law, and authorizes the Village Administrator to execute the contract with Giacorp Contracting, to perform the repair work on an expedited basis for the estimated cost of \$149,929, and put the Church Street Pedestrian Bridge back into usable and safe condition.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS-SEWER JET VACUUM TRUCK AND DEEP FRYER

On a motion made by Trustee Mitchell, and seconded by Trustee Phillips-Staley the following resolution was unanimously approved. Approved: 4-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby declare the following items as surplus and ready for disposal by auction:

- 2005 Vactor Sewer Truck ID number JV-5 – last four vin numbers are 0285
- Deep Fryer, from the Main St Firehouse Co. 37, year of manufacture unknown

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, and seconded by Trustee Mitchell the following resolution was approved unanimously. Approved: 4-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve the following Fire Department membership changes recommended at the July 19, 2022 Board of Fire Wardens meeting.

Active Membership: Germin Ovalles has been elected to Active Membership of Washington Engine Co. Marcus Theo Harper has been elected to Active Membership of Conqueror Hook & Ladder Co. Frankie Clarke and Brian E. Usher has been elected to Active Membership of Marine 5 and Marine 31.

Membership Transfer: Michael Pereira has been elected to Active Membership of Conqueror Hook & Ladder Co. pending a letter of good standing from Riverside Hose Co

Removal of Membership: Steven Pena has been removed from Washington Engine in good standing. Rayder De la Cruz and Kelvin Ferreiras have been removed from Washington Engine not in good standing.

Driver: Logan T. Spector has been approved as a driver and pump operator for Marine 5 and Marine 31.

APPOINTMENT JOSEPH PETRELLA AUTO MECHANIC I

On a motion made by Trustee Mitchell, and seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern the following resolution was unanimously approved. Approved: 4-0

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby authorizes the appointment of Joseph Petrella to the position of Auto Mechanic I (pursuant to the contract between the Village and the CSEA) in the Department of Public Works at an annual starting salary of \$90,243.00 effective Tuesday, August 16, 2022, subject to a probationary period not to exceed one year and subject to all applicable civil service rules and regulations

SEASONAL LABORER/PART TIME – DPW DEPARTMENT

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, and seconded by Trustee Mitchell the following resolution was approved unanimously. Approved: 4-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby appoint Joseph Clewell to the position of Part Time Seasonal Laborer - DPW Department at an hourly rate of \$20.00 per hour effective Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF JULY 18th, 2022

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, and seconded by Trustee Mitchell the following resolution was approved unanimously. Approved: 4-0

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, and seconded by Trustee Mitchell the following resolution was unanimously approved with all voting aye. Approved: 4-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, July 18, 2022 as submitted by the Village Clerk.

APPROVAL OF AUDITED VOUCHERS

On a motion made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern the following resolution was unanimously approved with all voting aye. Approved: 4-0

Roll Call: Trustee Mitchell, Yes; Trustee McGovern, Yes; Trustee Phillips-Staley, Yes; Mayor Brown, Yes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve Abstract No. 3 of Audited Vouchers in the total amount of \$746,821.44 as presented by the Village Treasurer, to be paid in the following amounts:

General	\$ 552,937.77
Water	\$ 155,560.08
Sewer Fund	\$ 1,310.16
Capital	\$ 0.00
Library	\$ 31,656.98
Trust & Agency	\$ <u>5,356.45</u>
Total	\$ 746,821.44

FENCE FOR CONSOLIDATED ENGINE

The Board of Trustees moved to authorize the installation of a security fence around the back of Consolidated Engine Firehouse, which is Village property, based upon the permit that was submitted and filed with the Tarrytown Building Department using fire department operating funds from this fiscal year. The motion was made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, seconded by Trustee Mitchell with all voting aye: 4-0

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm on a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, and seconded by Trustee Mitchell with all voting aye: 4-0

Kristine Gilligan
Village Clerk

Office of the Mayor
Village of Tarrytown

Certificate of Appreciation

WHEREAS, the Village of Tarrytown was honored to host the 150th Annual Convention of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York which culminated in a dress parade down Broadway and Main Street to the waterfront; and

WHEREAS, the parade, which took place on August 13, 2022, featured 45 fire departments from across New York, more than 75 vehicles, hundreds of firefighters, and local and regional dignitaries; and

WHEREAS, an event of this magnitude requires a high level of planning, coordination, and communication with multiple constituencies to ensure the event runs smoothly; and

WHEREAS, Scott Weaver, Sr., longtime member of Hope Hose Company #1 and a previous Chief of the Fire Department, served as Chair of the Parade for the Village of Tarrytown, working closely with the leadership of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York for more than a year; and

WHEREAS, the countless volunteers hours Scott Weaver, Sr., devoted to the organization of the event resulted in a successful parade enjoyed and appreciated by many.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Karen G. Brown, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Village of Tarrytown, and on behalf of the entire Board of Trustees and all our residents, do hereby tender to Scott Weaver, Sr. this certificate of public recognition, extending to him our deep appreciation for his distinguished service To the Village.

Karen G. Brown, Mayor

*Given over my hand and the Seal of the Village of Tarrytown, NY
this 15th Day of August 2022.*



Westchester Power

Village of Tarrytown Board of Trustees Meeting



Tarrytown, NY

8/15/22

Presented by:

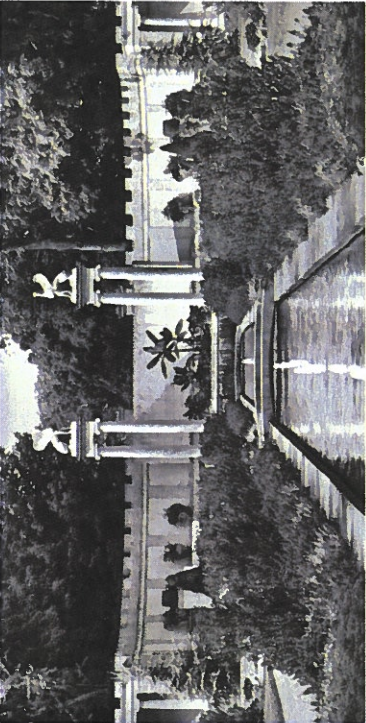
Leo Wiegman, Director, Solar Programs

Claire Kokoska Manager, Solar Programs



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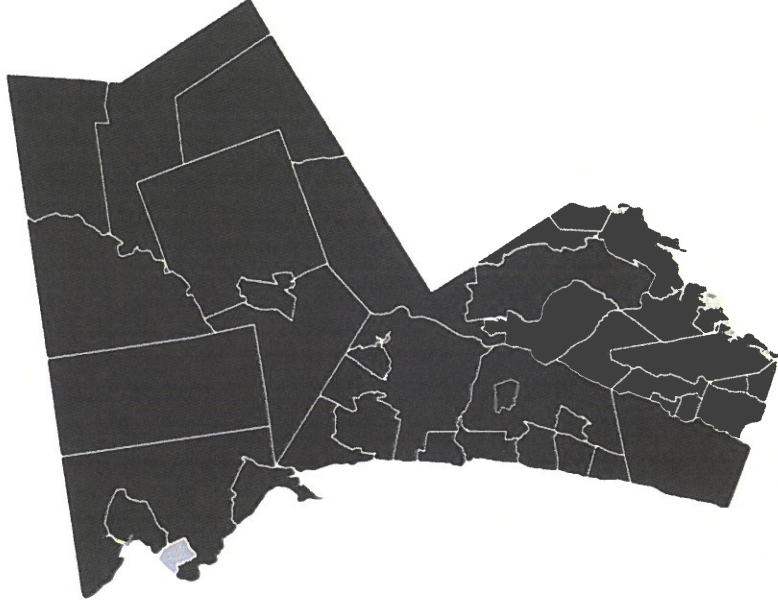


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- We are a consortium of member municipalities:
44 cities, towns and villages + Westchester County and including Tarrytown.
- We offer sustainable, environmentally & fiscally sound solutions to build resilient communities.
- Many of our programs focus on achieving a “clean energy” environment.



SUSTAINABLE WESTCHESTER PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY ENERGY

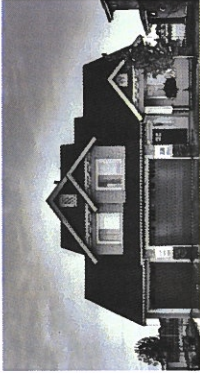
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BUILDING ENERGY

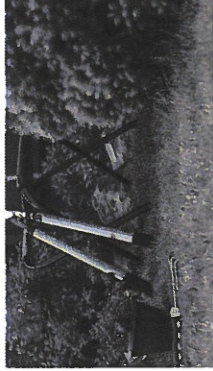
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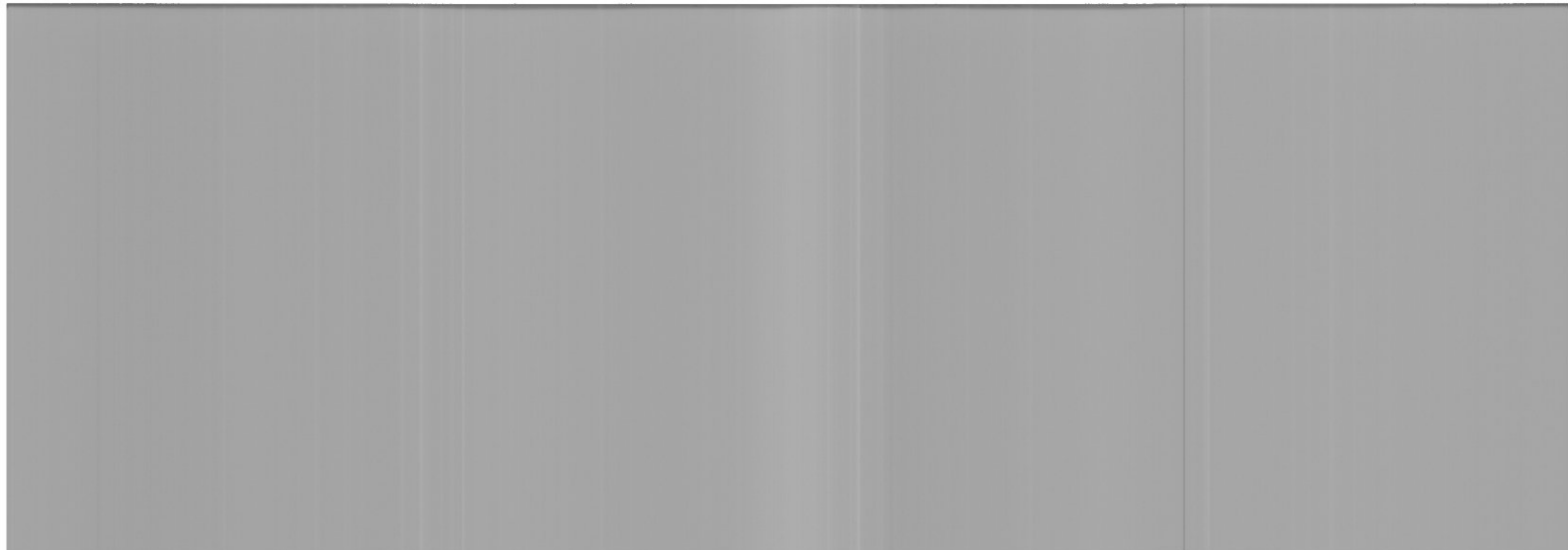


SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPING
LAND CARE AND ELECTRIC TRANSITION

ZERO WASTE

RECYCLE RIGHT APP





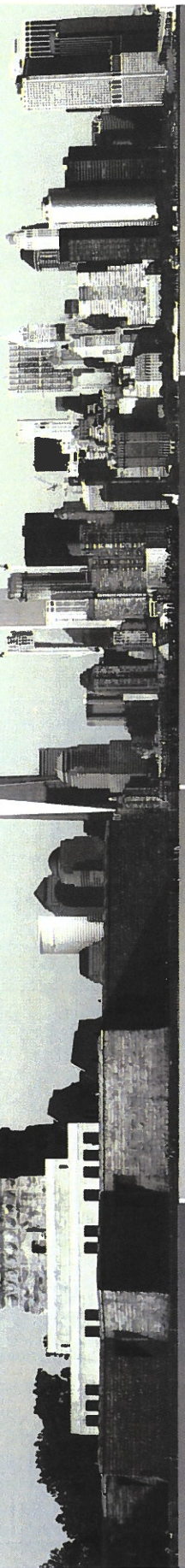
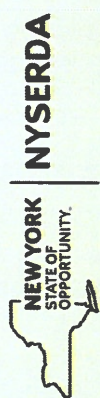
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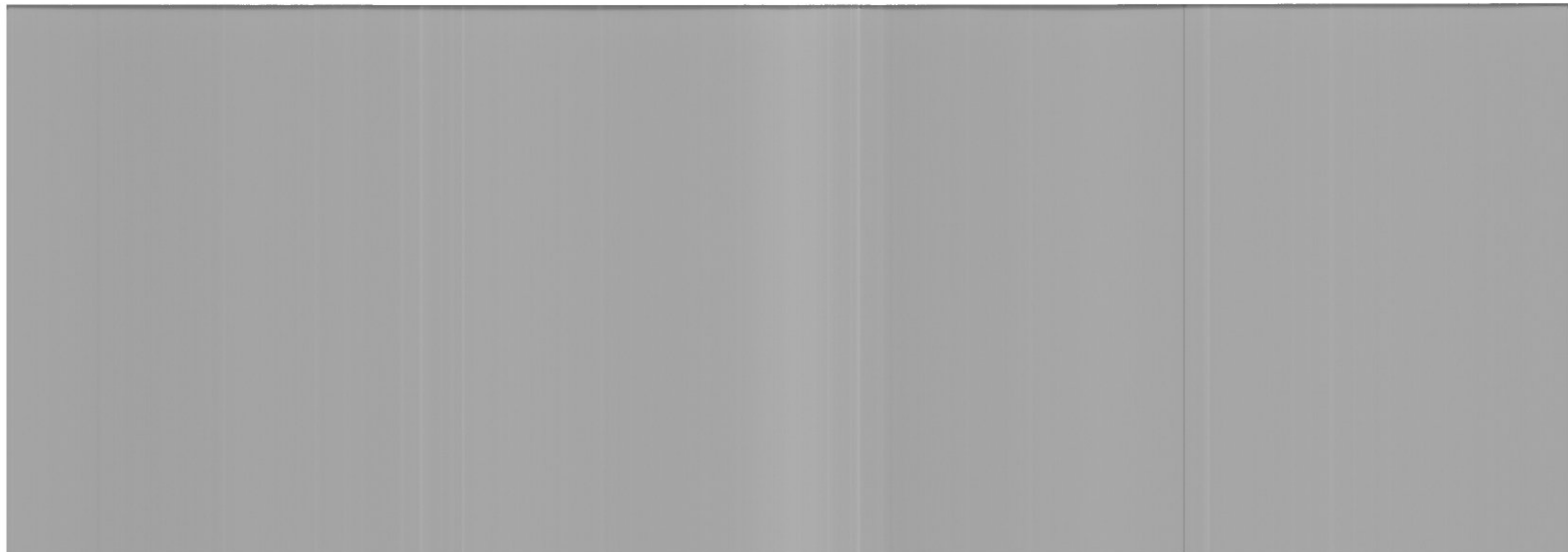
Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act

70% Renewable energy by 2030 (now under 30%)

40% Greenhouse Gas Emission reduction by 2030 (85% by 2050)

35% Benefits of clean energy and energy efficiency programs
delivered to Disadvantaged Communities





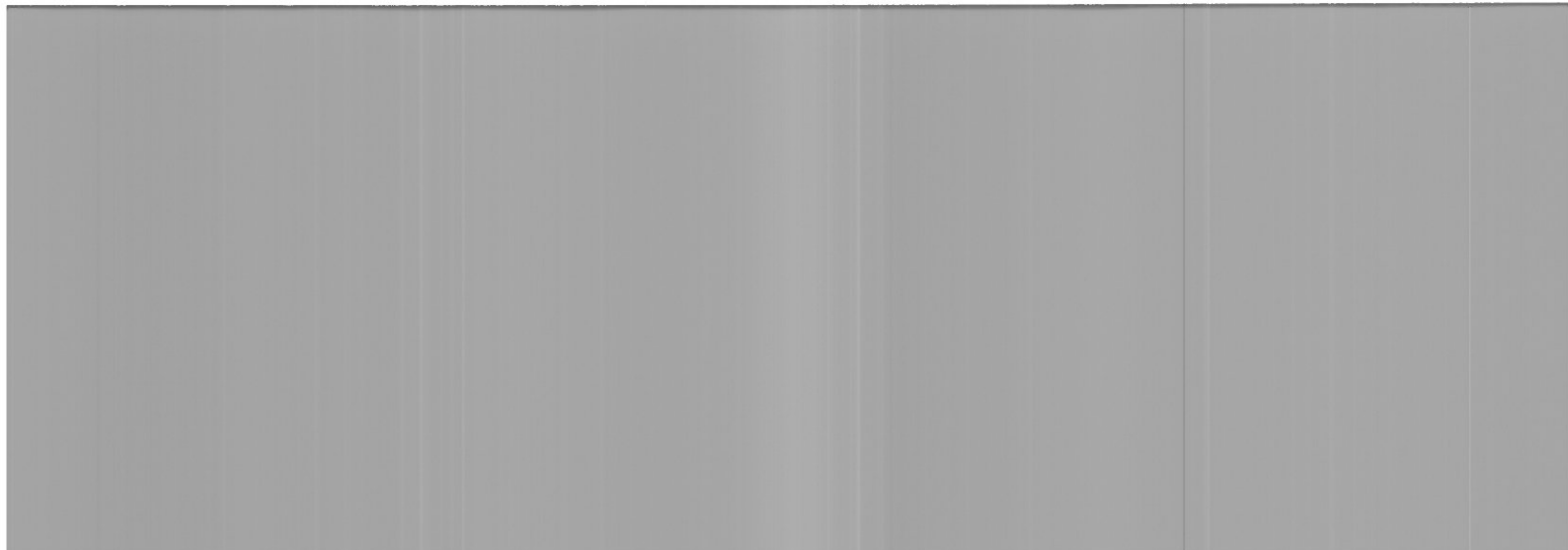
This presentation answers these questions:

COMMUNITY ENERGY

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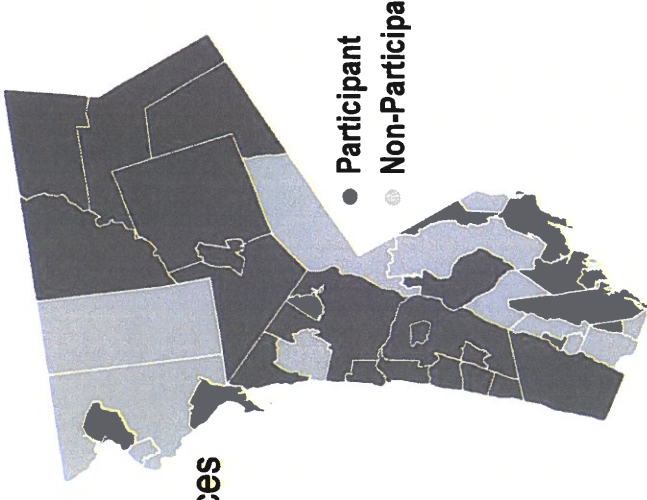


1. What is the **Westchester Power** community energy program?
2. What is the **Westchester Power Solar Credit** offering?
 - 2.1. What is the timeline for launching Solar Credit offering?
 - 2.2. Why are households in utility assistance program a priority for Solar Credits?
 - 2.3. How do we prioritize utility assistance program households?
 - 2.4. How does the Solar Credit offering work?
 - 2.5. How are the Solar Credits applied to a bill?
 - 2.6. What are other benefits for solar credits?
 - 2.7. What are our support services for Solar Credit offering?
 - 2.8. What are the next steps for Tarrytown to participate?
 - Adopt updated local CCA enabling law



1. What is Westchester Power?

- Community energy program administered by Sustainable Westchester for 29 Participating Municipalities (a.k.a. “Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)”)
 - Regulated by NYS Public Service Commission (PSC)
 - Municipally reviewed and approved as a safe avenue for clean energy choices
 - Program uses opt-out model for all its offerings
 - Two offerings from Westchester Power:
 - **Electricity Supply** launched in 2016 (fixed rate electricity supply) from renewable energy or standard grid mix. 145,000 households and small businesses participate in 29 municipalities.
- NOTE: Electricity Supply offering is not available for households enrolled in the utility’s assistance programs because fixed rate cannot guarantee saving.
- **Solar Credit** launching Q4 2022 (enhanced community solar)

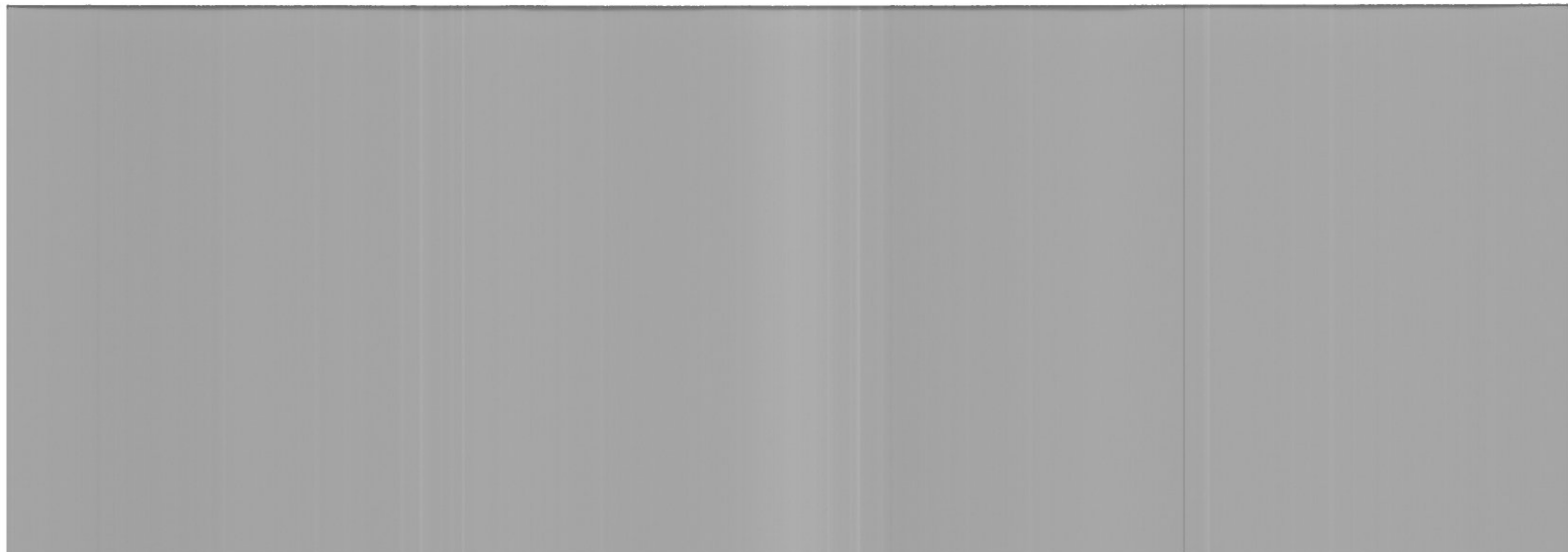




Westchester Power's Solar Credit offering

- Our enhanced **community solar** (shared renewables) offering provides **solar credits** (monetary savings) in electricity bills to eligible participants on an **opt-out basis**.
- **Low- to moderate-income households** are our **top priority** to receive solar credit savings and increase climate justice.
- Because solar credits do guarantee savings, **all households enrolled in utility's energy assistance programs** are eligible to receive solar credits.
- The Solar Credit offering will be made available to **all Westchester County municipalities**.





2.1. Timeline for launching Solar Credit offering



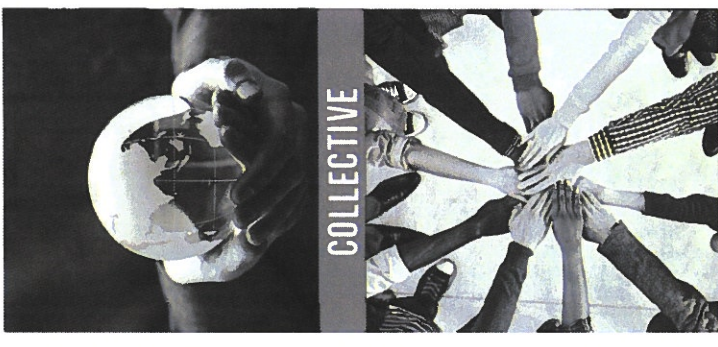
- **August 2021:** Sustainable Westchester submits Solar Credit plan to NYS PSC.
- **September 2022:** NYS PSC approves our Solar Credit plan.
- **July 2022 - December 2022:** Municipalities adopt the local Enabling Law.
- **September 2022 - ongoing:** We begin the required 60 day education and outreach in municipalities that adopt the Enabling Law and choose to participate.
- **December 2022 - ongoing:** We obtain NYS approval for each municipality that undergo 60 days of outreach.
- **March - May 2023:** Households enrolled in the utility assistance program in first participating municipalities start to see the savings.
- **2023 - 2024:** We continue enrolling households enrolled in utility assistance program as we contract more solar projects.
- **2024 - beyond:** After we serve all the assistance program households, we expand to households, businesses, organizations in Disadvantaged Communities...and eventually to all other residents.



Why are households in utility assistance program a priority for the Solar Credit offering?

- Households enrolled in the utility assistance programs face the highest burden of energy costs with greatest need for any savings from solar credits.
- Utility assistance program participants may be recipients of:
 - Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)
 - Safety Net Assistance (SNA)
 - Medicaid and other similar programs...

Note: Enrollees in utility' energy assistance programs are referred to as **Assistance Program Participants (APP)** by the PSC.

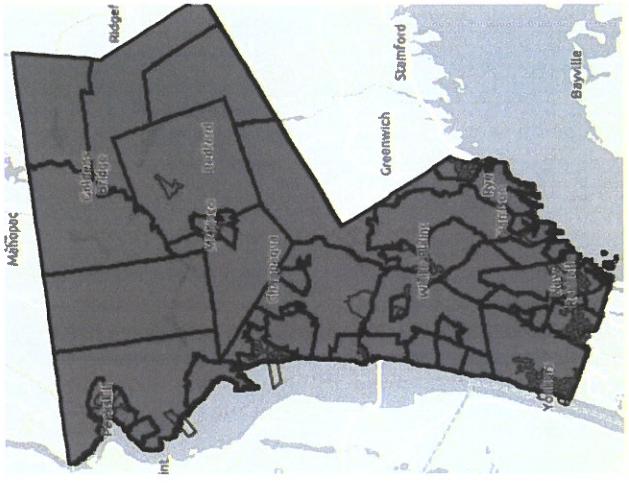




How do we prioritize utility assistance program households?

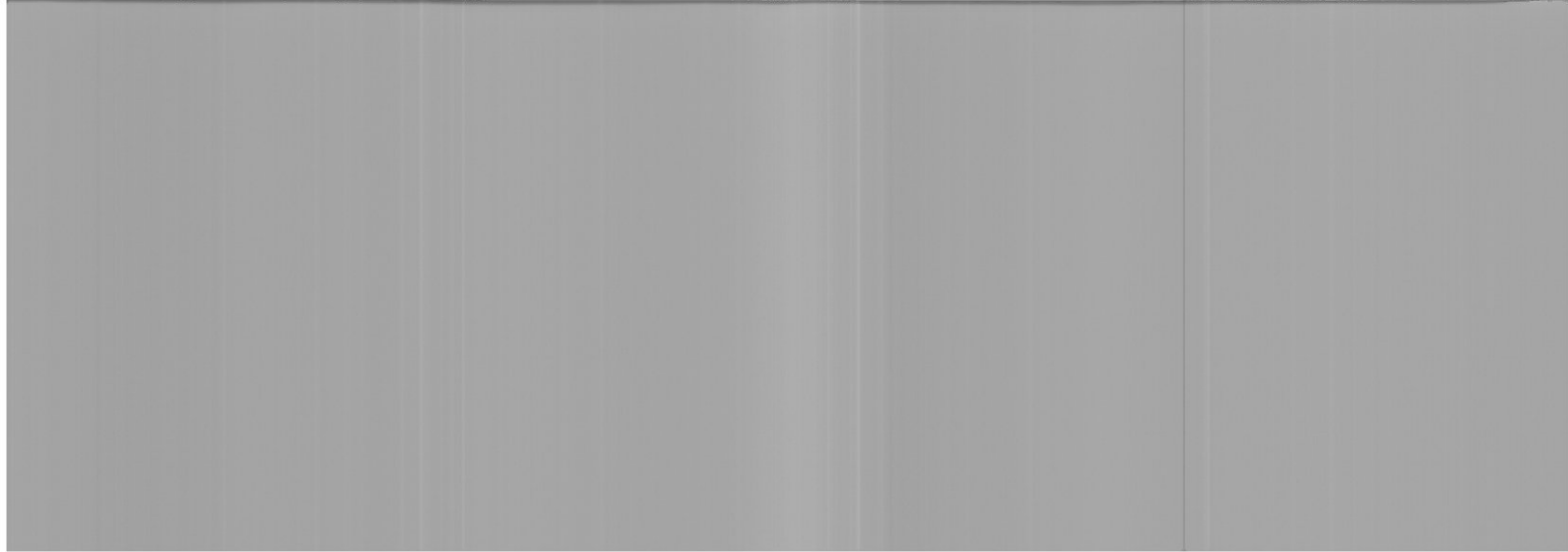
- 30,000+ households in utility assistance programs in Westchester County and approximately 204 in Tarrytown, according to US Census American Community Survey data.
- Households in census tracts designated as Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) are being prioritized.
 - DAC criteria is developed by the Climate Justice Working Group and takes into account Environmental Burdens and Population Vulnerabilities.
- After that, we will prioritize households in non-DAC designated census tracts with the lowest Area Median Household Income.
- Households in utility's assistance programs in municipalities that adopt the enabling law sooner will be prioritized over those municipalities that adopt it later on.
- We will enroll households in utility's assistance programs across all municipalities participating in the Solar Credit offering before moving to the next customer group, households in DACs **not** in the utility's assistance programs.

Source: <https://climate.ny.gov/>



● Designated Disadvantaged Communities

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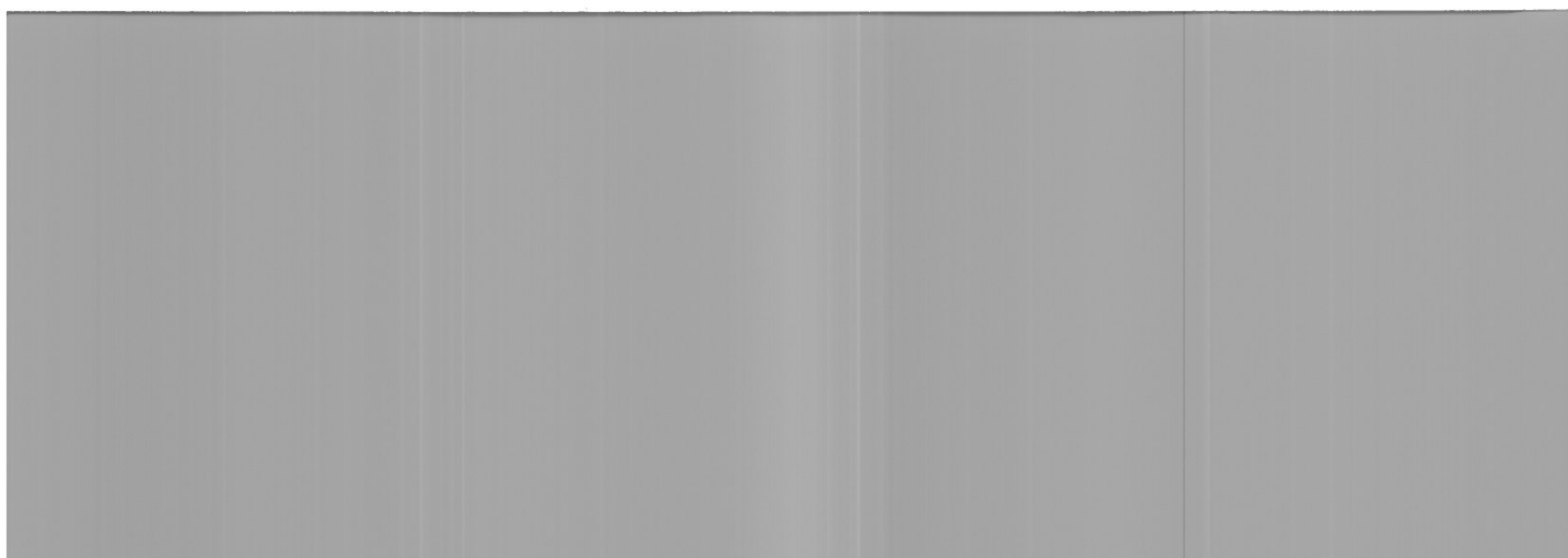
2.3. (cont'd) Details: Sample Order of Census Tracts

Order	Census Tract GEOID	Municipality	Climate Justice Working Group Draft Criteria Data for Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)				Median Household Income (past 12 months)	Est. households in utility's assistance programs
			DAC Designated	Statewide Combined Percentile Rank	Burden Score Percentile	Vulnerability Score Percentile		
1	36119014100	City of Peekskill	Yes	0.9881	0.9841	0.8449	\$49,614	473
2	36119000401	City of Yonkers	Yes	0.9839	0.9502	0.8370	\$54,683	351
3	36119014200	City of Peekskill	Yes	0.9816	0.9462	0.8550	\$54,668	262
4	36119000402	City of Yonkers	Yes	0.9772	0.8604	0.8761	\$50,485	403
5	36119001600	City of Yonkers	Yes	0.9764	0.9673	0.8728	\$60,875	133
6	36119001000	City of Yonkers	Yes	0.9755	0.8379	0.9847	\$20,850	377
7	36119000202	City of Yonkers	Yes	0.9695	0.7980	0.7807	\$64,307	222
8	36119000300	City of Yonkers	Yes	0.9692	0.6900	0.9713	\$30,677	674
9	36119003500	City of Mount Vernon	Yes	0.9678	0.9074	0.9613	\$34,489	226
10	36119013301	Village of Ossining	Yes	0.9651	0.8321	0.7853	\$64,242	213

NOTE: Households in utility’s assistance programs in municipalities that adopt the enabling law sooner will be prioritized over those municipalities that are adopt it later on.

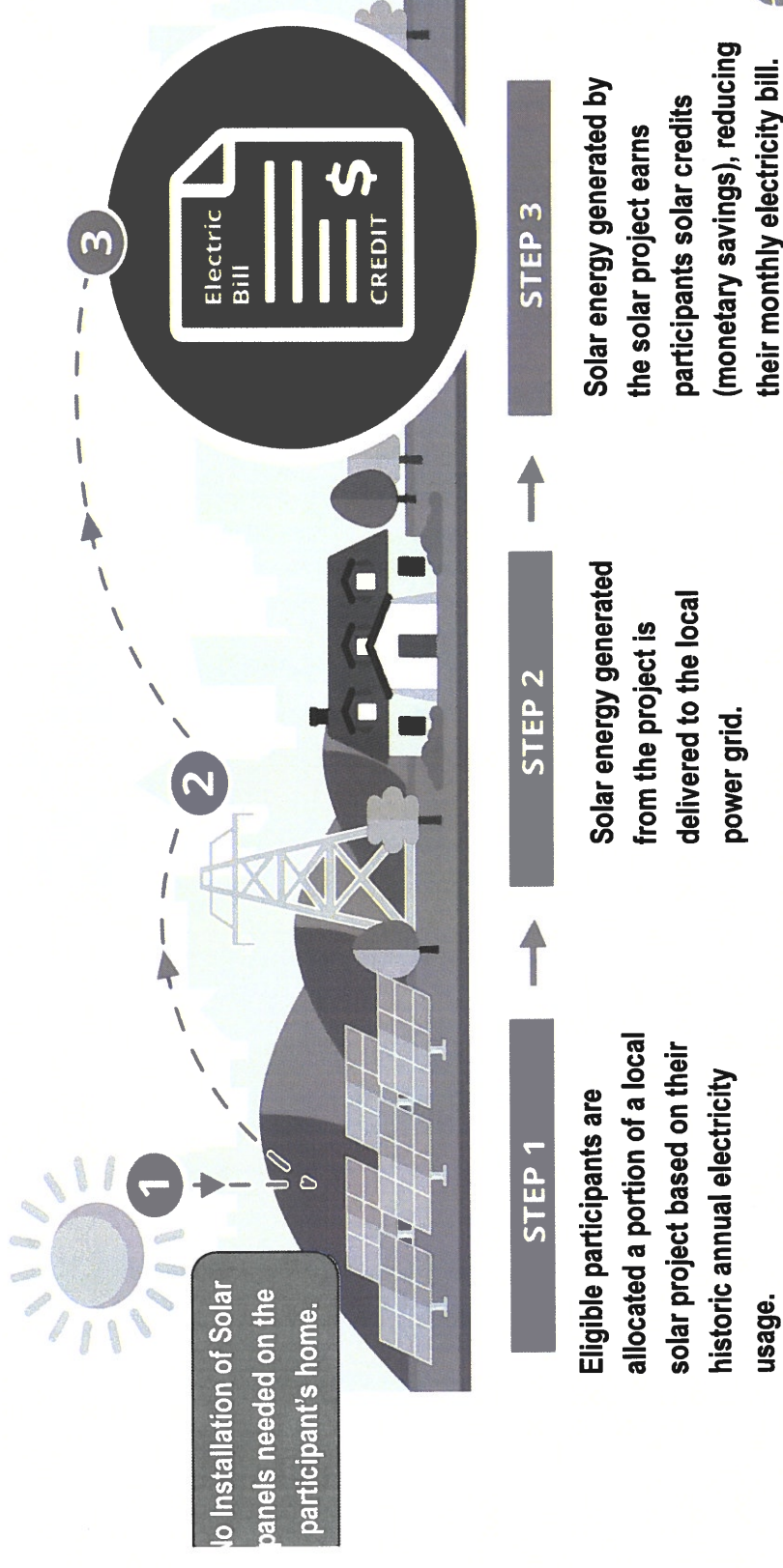
Source: Census.gov (American Community Survey)

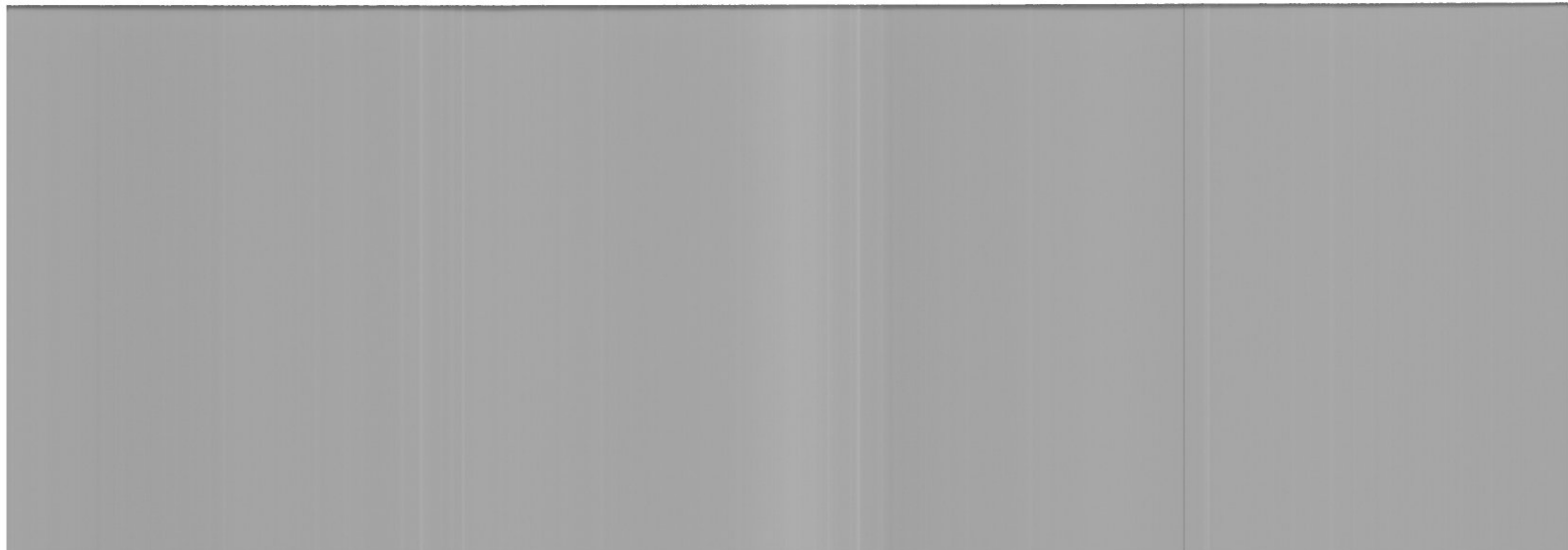




How does the Solar Credit offering work?

The Solar Credit offering uses NYS's community solar model:

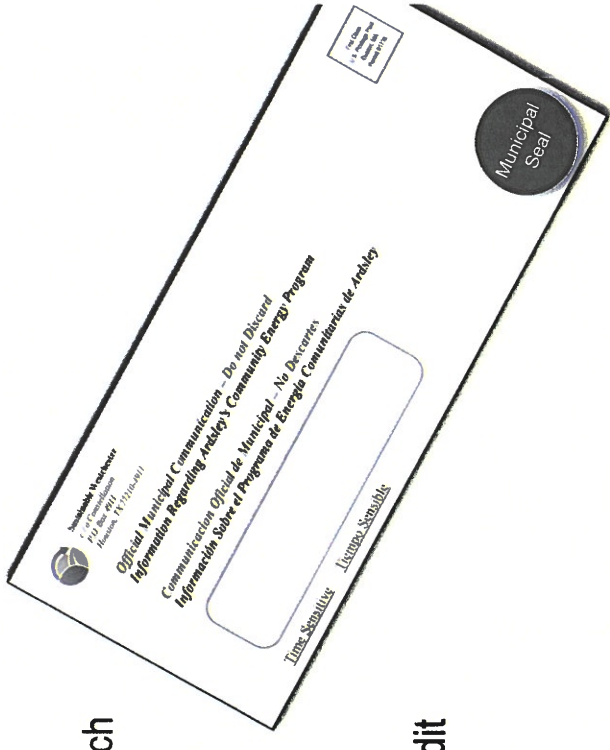




(cont'd) How does the Solar Credit offering work?

Notification and Enrollment Process:

1. Sustainable Westchester performs targeted outreach in each participating municipality through meetings, webinars, etc.
2. Notification letters are sent to each eligible households as local solar project capacity becomes available.
3. Eligible community members have 30 days to opt out before being automatically enrolled as subscribers to the Solar Credit offering.
4. Households that choose not to opt out of the offering are matched to a local solar project for enrollment using NYS community solar model.

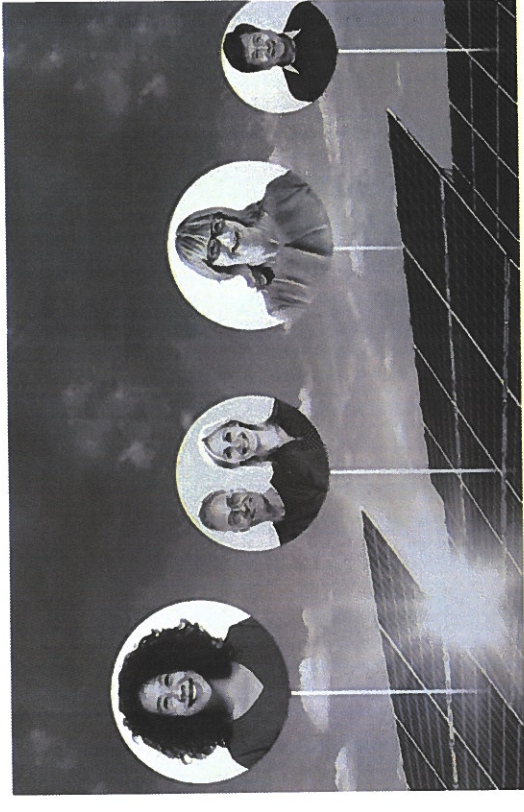




(cont'd) How does the Solar Credit offering work?

The Solar Credit offering uses an opt-out model:

- Although NYS's community solar model has been around **for over 5 years**, the participation of low-to-moderate income households on an sign-up basis has been very low to date, despite **significant** efforts to reach them.
- To reach and direct benefits to low-to-moderate income households on a large scale, Sustainable Westchester is using **the Westchester Power program and its opt-out model**.






How are Solar Credit savings applied to a bill?

For example in this ConEd bill the participant's electricity charge is \$150 this month:

1. The participant earned a \$100 solar credit
2. A \$90 solar credit subscription fee is applied
3. After the subscription fee reduces the solar credit, the participant retains \$10 (10% of the solar credit savings). This will be titled "Adjustments" on the participant's bill.
4. The participant pays \$140 in total, a \$10 savings on the overall electric bill this month!

		
Your new charges		
Esco electricity supply charges	\$72.25	Total electricity charge originally due is \$150.00
Con Edison delivery charges	\$77.75	
Adjustments	-\$10.00	
Total new charges		\$140.00

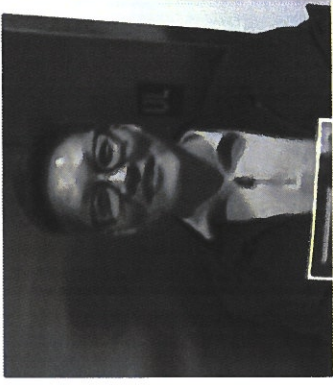
This is your 10% solar credit savings.

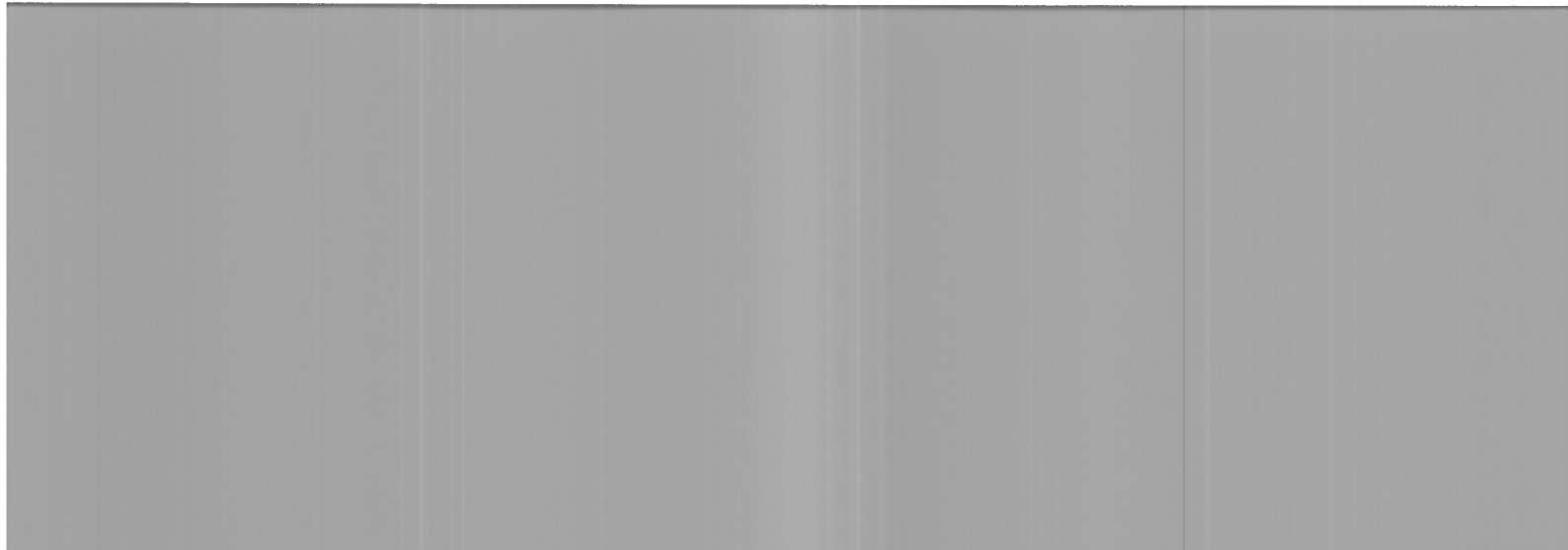


What are the benefits for solar credits?

Benefits for Households:

- Save on each electricity bill!
 - Average assistance program household saves \$110/year (\$9/month).
 - 30,000+ households in utility's assistance programs have potential \$62 million in savings over 20 years.
- How customers pay their bills will remain the same. Solar credit savings will be printed on each bill.
- Remain enrolled in utility assistance programs! When eligible participants receive solar credits, this has no impact on their current assistance program benefits





(cont'd) What are other benefits for solar credits?

Benefits for Households:

- Keep preferred electricity supplier
 - If you have ConEd now, you can keep ConEd with no impact on or effect from your solar credits.
- Use your power to choose.
 - Eligible participants may choose to participate by doing nothing or to opt out by calling, emailing, or mailing us at any time at no cost.
- Cancel anytime without penalty.
- Support a local solar farm
 - Solar credits must come from solar farms in ConEd territory.
 - Each project decreases fossil fuel use, improves air quality, and provides local jobs for installation and operation.

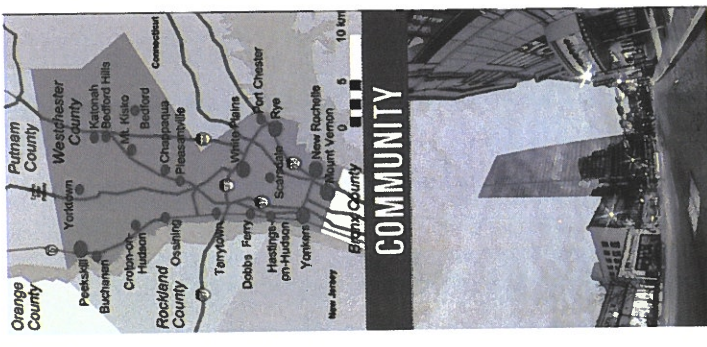




(cont'd) What are other benefits for solar credits?

Benefits for Communities:

- Promotes climate justice
- Strengthens local economies with retained savings
- Stimulates and accelerates local renewable energy development at scale, along with environmental benefits & green jobs
- Advances several Reforming the Energy Vision and Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act goals





Our Support Services for Solar Credit offering

- **Community outreach** – virtual and in-person (as available)
community information sessions
- **Collateral material** (to include newsletter content, social media, flyers, etc.)
- **Notification letter** sent directly to eligible residents and small businesses to include program offerings, opt-out option and resources links
- **Customer service** – Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm (phone calls and emails)
- **Support for spanish-speaking residents** by offering materials and customer service in Spanish





Next steps for Tarrytown



1. Municipalities that wish to make the Solar Credit offering available to their eligible residents must:
 - Adopt Updated Enabling Law: The PSC requires that participating municipalities adopt specific language adopting the Solar Credit offering.
 - Sign the Administration Agreement: To enable the Solar Credit offering for your constituents, your municipality must execute the Administration Agreement.
2. After the enabling law is adopted, Sustainable Westchester starts targeted community outreach
 - For NYS approval of municipal participation we must submit:
 - a copy of municipality's up-to-date local enabling law,
 - evidence of at least 2 months of outreach and education after adoption of the enabling law, and
 - a sample notification letter.



(cont'd) Enabling Law Updates

- The annotation images that follow use a typical form of the local law adopted by the City of New Rochelle in 2015 as the base for the redline of changes
- The major impetus behind these updates is recent decisions by the PSC that have clarified CCA's procedures and inclusion of new product offerings such as opt-out Community Distributed Generation under CCA
- Sustainable Westchester has worked on definitions of both existing terms and new terms and concepts to help our municipalities participate in opt-out CDG
- This work has been reviewed by the Department of Public Services and Pace Energy & Climate Center

City of New Rochelle, NY / The Code / Part II, General Legislation
Chapter 131 Community Choice Aggregation Energy Program
[HISTORY: Adopted by the Council of the City of New Rochelle 9-16-2015 by Ord. No. 176-2015. Amendments noted where applicable.]
LOCAL LAW NO. _____
A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND ITS COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION (ENERGY) PROGRAM IN THE City of New Rochelle
Be it enacted by the City Council of City of New Rochelle as follows:
Section 1. Chapter 131 of the Code of the City of New Rochelle titled "COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION (ENERGY) PROGRAM," is hereby amended to read as follows:



What else can municipalities do to help our Solar Credit offering?

- Involve Sustainable Westchester in all solar and energy storage projects for which your municipality is a stakeholder
 - Some of these projects may be able to brought into the Solar Credit offering







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