

What Can I do?

Join the Climate Smart Community Leadership Team

Did you know that our Town leaders have pledged to combat climate change? As impacts of climate change, including increased temperatures, severe weather, fire and drought, threaten our well-being and way of life on a global and local level, North Salem has joined New York State's [Clean Energy and Climate-Smart Communities Program](#). We are proud of this state and local partnership with its like-minded community goals to:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Save taxpayer dollars
- Advance community health and safety
- Increase economic vitality through energy independence and job growth

Under the leadership of Town Board member Katherine Daniels, who was recently named the program coordinator for North Salem, the Town and its residents will develop a [Climate Action Plan](#). The plan provides a roadmap for the Town both to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through clearly identified steps and to protect residents with ways to adapt to climate change and become more resilient.

Since 1991, more than 600 local governments, including nearby [Bedford](#), have developed Climate Action Plans that include greenhouse gas inventories and reduction targets. To pursue our Climate Action Plan, we will work together to engage our entire community—residents, schools, businesses, houses of worship and partners. It's an exciting opportunity to reduce emissions in municipal buildings/property as well as programs, policies, incentives and actions that facilitate community-wide reductions.

To launch North Salem's [Climate Action Plan](#), **we are now recruiting volunteers who are interested in serving on our [Climate Smart Community Leadership Team](#)**. Representatives, including residents and representatives from Town departments and organizations concerned about climate, economic and environmental issues, will help outline our local priorities for the plan, and develop an outreach strategy, complete baseline inventories, identify goals and initiatives, and ultimately implement the plan. The group will meet monthly during the next year. **There are no job pre-requisites, just a commitment to serve this important initiative towards our pledge to address climate change locally.** To learn more or to come on board, please contact Katherine Daniels at 914-886-8198 or email kdaniels@northsalemny.org.