



**North Salem | Climate Smart Community**

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## Message from the Committee...

Greetings Neighbors,

We hope this finds you safe and well. We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves, share our mission and tell you about our current initiatives.

**We are the North Salem Climate Smart Community (CSC) Leadership Committee.** In 2009, under Warren Lucas' leadership, North Salem took New York State's voluntary Climate Smart Community (CSC) pledge to "reduce GHG emissions, prepare for climate change, protect health and safety and support a secure economic future." Since taking the pledge, North Salem has implemented measures that have reduced the Town's operating expenses, energy use and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions.

In 2021, North Salem Town Councilwoman and CSC Program Coordinator, Katherine Daniels, formed the CSC Leadership Committee, whose charge is to create and implement a Climate Action Plan. We are hopeful that our efforts will serve as templates for other Westchester (and New York state) communities.

There's lots more to come so be on the lookout for updates coming to your inbox soon.

- Program Coordinator Katherine Daniels  
& [CSC Members](#)



Climate Smart Community Committee  
Members Edris Scherer, Nina Eisenman,  
Janine Kourakos and Katherine Daniels  
with Paul Presendieu of Sustainable Westchester

## We can't do this without you! Please join us:

- **Join** [Community Solar](#), a clean energy program where you will see substantial savings.
- **Join** the CSC Leadership Committee by emailing Katherine Daniels at [kdaniels@northsalemny.org](mailto:kdaniels@northsalemny.org)
- **E-subscribe** to our news at [www.northsalemny.org](http://www.northsalemny.org)
- **Visit** our [webpage](#) to learn more about energy saving initiatives, waste reduction ideas, healthy gardens etc.

## So... how are we doing?

### We're Turning A Lightbulb Moment into A Lightbulb Movement



October was National Energy Awareness Month and the CSC Leadership Committee hosted the Town's first LED Lightbulb Swap in partnership with the North Salem Improvement Society and Ruth Keeler Memorial Library.

NYSEG donated LED light bulbs and North Salem residents were invited to trade in incandescent bulbs for 6 ener-



Tom Garrity and Dylan Miyoshi of NYSEG with North Salem Supervisor Warren Lucas and Paul Presendieu of Sustainable Westchester

gy efficient LED bulbs, free of charge. Close to 200 households joined us, and the CSC Team distributed about 900 LED bulbs, potentially lowering residents' collective GHG emissions by 3.5 million pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> per year.

Fun Fact: Swapping 6 incandescent bulbs for 6 LED bulbs represents a savings of \$918 over the bulb's lifetime!

#### A message from Warren Lucas, North Salem Town Supervisor

*"I am pleased to support the efforts of the North Salem Climate Smart Community (CSC) Leadership Committee as it pursues projects and programs that not only help the environment but also make good fiscal sense for our town and all of its residents."*

### We're Reinventing Horse Power



The North Salem horse community is doing their part!

Here's how: In October 2021, Old Salem Farm graciously hosted a ["Solar for Horse Farms" presentation](#) by Sunpower by New York State Solar Farm. Attendees learned about the technology and incentives from NYS and the Federal Government that will pay 35-65% of the cost of a system. Interest has been terrific with many farms exploring ways to participate.

**Stay tuned for information on our event for homeowners!**

If you'd like more information on how to solar power your horse farm, please email Charlotte Harris at [millhollow663@yahoo.com](mailto:millhollow663@yahoo.com).

### North Salem Publishes 2021 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory Report

Nina Eisenman, a member of the CSC Leadership Committee, conducted a 2021 municipal Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory Report for the Town.

Her report provides the data-driven insights needed to set the Climate Action Plan's 2030 GHG emission reduction goal and net zero target date. The full report is available on the town [website](#). The Inventory is a tool that can be updated annually to help the Town lower its energy use and operating expenses, reduce its GHG emissions, gain CSC certification and become a leading Clean Energy Community.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer attended Nina's presentation and is planning to share its conclusions with other Westchester communities.

#### Learn More About....

##### Climate Change

Check out this piece we love from the [New York Times from November of 2021!](#)