

Hastings-on-Hudson Climate Smart Community Task Force  
**Public Engagement & Education Achievements Report**

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## Educate

### Climate Action Webpages and Social Media

#### Planned

The CSC TF, in collaboration with the Conservation Commission and other Village Boards and Commissions, will create and update a new area addressing climate change [on our Village website](#) that aims to educate residents about climate change adaptation and mitigation. The website area will include links to important Village documents and policies focused on sustainability such as our Green Building Code, and energy reduction programs; links to action-oriented resources; and links to partner websites. There will also be other resources including a library of webinars and a list of film, TV, and video resources. This site will be updated regularly. In addition social media will be used to promote sustainability-related initiatives.

#### Achieved

[Webpages on the Village website](#) were developed and social media content was boosted to inform and involve residents on how they can support a green and sustainable environment. This included announcements related to energy initiatives (e.g. the HeatSmart campaign), initiatives related to food waste reduction (e.g. the Village food scrap program), and conservation initiatives (e.g. the Hillside Woods Restoration Project). The Village also promoted specific events aimed at involving residents in local clean-up efforts as well as a Repair Café, which encourages reuse and waste reduction. The [Repair Cafe was held on November 16, 2019](#) and a series of [virtual Repair Cafe events](#) were held from May 28 to 30, 2020.

### Climate Action Events and Webinars for the Public

#### Planned

The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson is planning a standalone Earth Day event April 26th, 2020 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Dozens of local and neighboring vendors will be recruited to sell green products and services. In addition, food vendors, entertainment, and educational

#### Achieved

Since all large public gatherings were cancelled in mid-March due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we pivoted to a [virtual Earth Day celebration event](#) consisting of seven webinars focused on understanding and mitigating climate change, as well as providing education on our local natural

<p>tables and exhibits will be included to motivate the public to reduce their carbon footprint and shift to a local green economy. Marketing will include a website, invitation and educational emails to local vendors, and Village-wide emails. Also, we plan to close down one of the main downtown streets for the afternoon and to engage the environmentally-themed musical act, Bash the Trash. This group performs and educates using musical instruments made from reused and repurposed materials, and combines science, music, and environmental awareness through performances, programs, and social initiatives, focused on how art and science work together.</p> <p>(<a href="https://www.bashthetrash.com/about">https://www.bashthetrash.com/about</a>)</p>	<p>resources. These 30-minute online events included a teach-in with an expert on community solar, a deep dive into geothermal and heat pump alternative energy solutions, and a history on climate change from one of the nation's foremost climate historians, who is a resident of the Village. The webinars were well received and will be a useful tool for ongoing public education.</p>
<h2>Climate Change Awareness Workshops for Village Employees</h2>	
Planned	Achieved
<p>The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson aims to work with Village staff and the public to increase education around climate change. This includes reaching out to Village departments and department heads to provide background and context on climate change, as well as brainstorming ways to mitigate our Village's impact and to help the Village adapt to the extreme climate events that it will likely encounter in the decades to come.</p>	<p>In May 2020, the CSC Task Force engaged the Hastings Fire, Police, Emergency Services, DPW and Technology department heads, in a climate change vulnerability and risk assessment workshop. Participants discussed projected climate impacts and mitigation and adaptation measures the Village might take. In addition, the Public Engagement and Education Team (PEET) organized a presentation for Village department heads on the history of climate change and potential climate-related threats to the Village. The presentation also outlined concepts and examples of climate mitigation and adaptation.</p>

Natural Resources Inventory	
Planned	Achieved
The Climate Smart Community Task Force plans to create a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) Committee to produce a comprehensive inventory of the natural resources existing in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson. An NRI inventories the natural resources of an area, both physical and biological, and provides an educational foundation for municipal land-use and conservation planning.	The NRI Committee produced a comprehensive inventory of the natural resources existing in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson. The NRI not only documents the natural assets of the Village but also serves as a tool for future plans, ordinances or overlay zones. The <b>Hastings-on-Hudson 2020 Natural Resources Inventory</b> was finalized in May 2020.
<b>Engage</b>	
HeatSmart	
Planned	Achieved
The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson has partnered with the Village of Dobbs Ferry on a joint HeatSmart energy reduction campaign. The effort will be run by volunteers from the two communities under the auspices of HeatSmart Westchester during the remainder of 2019 and into 2020. The campaign is reaching out to residents, businesses, institutions, and participants within the community to help local homeowners learn about improved clean energy choices for their homes and motivate them to reduce their energy use. The campaign is sponsored in partnership with Sustainable Westchester, Energize NY, Abundant Efficiency, and NYSERDA. The	The Hastings/Dobbs Ferry HeatSmart campaign ran for seven months from September 2019 through March 2020. The campaign developed a website, guidance documents and marketing materials. Dozens of Hastings-on-Hudson residents, as well as government officials, volunteered in the effort. Hastings-on-Hudson Mayor Armacost spoke at the Campaign Launch Event and promoted the campaign in her Mayor's Messages. Many members of the Hastings-on-Hudson Conservation Commission, Energy Working Group, and CSC TF served as part of the Advisory Committee, volunteered over the course of the campaign, and/or were participants on campaign project planning

organizing team is a sub-group composed of members of the Conservation Commission and the CSC TF.	calls. An April 24, 2020 a <a href="#">HeatSmart campaign webinar</a> was held in honor of Earth Day. The joint Campaign resulted in over 254 leads and 30 contracts signed with HeatSmart partners, including Community Solar. The web site was removed, but see <a href="#">campaign overview information</a> , <a href="#">launch event video</a> , and <a href="#">event photos</a> .
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## Community Solar

Planned	Achieved
During 2019/2020, the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson plans to introduce residents to Community Solar via a campaign organized by Sustainable Westchester. The program will support expansion of solar energy capacity by enabling a local resident or business to subscribe to a portion of the electricity produced by a nearby solar installation. This installation generates and delivers electricity into the local electric grid, producing bill credits which are distributed to subscribers. Each month subscribers receive the credits on their electric bills, reducing their electricity charges, and are billed at a discount to the value of the credits. Community solar enables residents whose own homes are not suitable for solar to benefit financially while supporting the reduction of GHGs.	The Village hosted several workshops and events that promoted the idea of community solar and a number of residents expressed interest and signed up. One of the Earth Day webinars that took place on April 20, 2020 was focused exclusively on community solar see <a href="#">HERE</a> .

## Pollinator Pathways

Planned	Achieved
Under auspices of the Conservation Commission, the Village plans to launch a pollinator pathway campaign to educate the	In collaboration with neighboring villages, Hastings co-hosted and co-promoted several workshops and events to advocate the

public about the importance of butterflies and bees and to encourage the resurgence of these insects in the Village. The initiative will also promote the cultivation of vegetable gardens and fruit trees.	pollinator pathways concept. These lectures explained to residents which plants are best suited to this project as well as the critical importance of butterflies and bees for our natural ecosystem. A scheduled lecture by a suburban farmer to promote home-grown food gardens was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Hastings Conservation Commission assisted in the development of a demonstration native pollinator garden on the heavily-traveled Old Croton Aqueduct in Dobbs Ferry, with OCA staff and neighboring Irvington's Pollinator Pathways project.
<b>Bioblitz</b>	
<b>Planned</b>	<b>Achieved</b>
The Village plans to hold a Hastings-on-Hudson <a href="#">Bioblitz</a> in National Geographic's free iNaturalist app. The Bioblitz will be a meaningful and enjoyable way to celebrate Earth Month in Hastings-on-Hudson. Residents will be invited to take pictures on their smartphones of living things they find in their yards or our woods and public spaces, and the iNaturalist app will automatically log each discovery, with its location, in the Bioblitz. The iNaturalist community of a million other users will help to identify what is captured.	The Hastings-on-Hudson Bioblitz took place from April 1 to April 30, 2020. At the end of the month, the Village had a snapshot of what people observed in their gardens and in our woods. In total, 512 observations were made, comprising 222 different species; in the process, residents learned about our local ecology. One of the Earth Day webinars that took place on April 29, 2020 explained the Bioblitz, see <a href="#">HERE</a> .
<b>Village Staff Engagement</b>	
<b>Planned</b>	<b>Achieved</b>
The CSC TF plans to engage members of the Village emergency response cohort to better	The CSC TF met with members of the Village Emergency Management team to solicit their



<p>understand their critical role in climate emergencies. They intend to solicit staff expertise on planned initiatives such as developing a heat emergency plan, creating a climate vulnerability assessment and updating the green building code. They will also engage staff members on recycling efforts within the Village including initiating a new food scrap recycling within Village offices. The team will work with Village staff to document energy reduction efforts and other CSC actions.</p>	<p>input for the Heat Emergency Plan and for the Climate Vulnerability Assessment. The team solicited input from the Building Inspector on the New York Stretch Energy Code and for updates to the Green Building Code. The team collaborated with Village staff to introduce a food scrap recycling program in Village offices. The CSC TF engaged Village staff in its efforts to document energy reduction efforts such as switching to LED lights (including traffic lights), HVAC upgrades, purchasing hybrid electric vehicles, improving bike parking, and energy benchmarking for government buildings etc.</p>
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## Climate Stories Project

Planned	Achieved
<p>The PEET plans to develop public events with the Climate Stories Project that engage local artists and psychologists. Workshops will be designed to help residents connect with climate grief and other feelings about climate change and our environment. They will include outdoor trance poetic writing walks, guided nature walks, “forest yoga,” and other ways of getting in touch with nature.</p>	<p>Two subcommittee meetings were held with a team of residents: a climate activist and member of the Climate Stories Project; a therapist and member of the Climate Psychology Alliance; an educator, prison chaplain and Greenfaith Fellow; a poet, essayist, and teacher of trance poetics; a somatic practitioner; and a member of the CSCTF, to plan a community workshop. The workshop that was planned was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and will be rescheduled. Similarly, the guided nature walks and “forest yoga,” foreseen as part of Hastings’ Earth Month celebration, were postponed. We held a webinar event in March 2020 which highlighted the work of a member of the Climate Stories Project and discussed the future of climate change activism.</p>



Lawn Care Campaign	
Planned	Achieved
The Village already has a summer leaf-blower ban and issues annual reminders. Under the auspices of the Conservation Commission, efforts will be made to harmonize approaches among neighboring villages so as to ensure a more coordinated and unified approach to enforcement and to engage the public and landscapers in developing more climate friendly approaches to lawn care.	The Conservation Commission built out a <a href="#">lawncare information</a> section on the Village website, and is beginning to form a Rivertowns-wide healthy landscape initiative with the environmental commissions of neighboring villages. The impact of gas-powered lawn machinery on climate change will be part of an upcoming campaign to reduce their use in Westchester County.
Engineer	
Climate Action Plan	
Planned	Achieved
During the upcoming 18 months, the Village plans to begin developing a climate action plan to delineate the next steps in reducing GHG emissions and building resiliency. The plan will be a strategy document that sets goals, defines GHG reduction targets, and identifies priority actions. It will require substantial community engagement. The PEET will play a significant role in informing the public about the goals and progress of the Climate Action Plan.	The <a href="#">Village was selected to work with the Climate Action Planning Institute (CAPI)</a> to develop a climate action plan in collaboration with nine other municipalities. A pre kick-off webinar took place on March 27, 2020 to provide a high level overview of the Climate Action Planning Institute, its guiding vision and project purpose, an overview of the work plan, ICLEI's ClearPath Tool, participant roles and the project start date.

## Electric Vehicles

Planned	Achieved
<p>The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson plans to celebrate National Drive Electric Week by promoting its new EV charging stations and by inviting EV manufacturers and owners to share their knowledge with the public and promote EV ownership. The PEET will inform the public about these events.</p>	<p>The Village's <a href="#">National Drive Electric Week event</a> took place on September 14, 2019. The event was promoted on the Village website, through promotional material, flyers that were distributed at the event and in media coverage of the event. The Village took an active role in promoting the event, particularly in promoting the recently installed public EV charging stations that were the central element of the event.</p> <p>In 2020, as the first step in electrifying the Village fleet, the Village purchased two hybrid vehicles.</p>

## Hillside Woods Restoration Project

Planned	Achieved
<p>After superstorm Sandy, which barreled through Hastings-on-Hudson on the heels of "Snowtober," the freak October snow dump of 2011, the Village turned its attention to our local hundred-acre woods and the threat that climate change and human neglect poses to its ecosystem. A sub-committee made up of members of several of the Villages Boards and Commissions, including the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Conservation Commission and the CSC TF, is working to heighten awareness of the importance of this ecosystem. The sub-committee plans to define steps and take action to restore the health of the woods and aid in its long-term protection.</p>	<p>Public meetings, nature walks, and work sessions on the Hillside Woods Restoration Project were held in 2019 and 2020. In early 2020, members of the Conservation Commission and the Parks &amp; Recreation Commission met with the Superintendent of Schools, district building principals, business manager, and buildings and grounds foreman to begin discussing collaboration on the Hillside Woods restoration project. In addition, a citizen's support group was formed to guide the renovation efforts, and help with Village education and engagement. The group has secured a donation to purchase a signature wooden kiosk for the woods' main entrance. The kiosk will be</p>

	<p>another information and education portal (along with our traditional outreach vehicles) for updating residents about the woods ecosystem, threats to the woods (including climate change), the woods' restoration project, and how visitors can help the woods and become better stewards of our local environment. A dedicated resident cartographer has updated the woods trail map (from 2003) for posting in the kiosk and online. The kiosk is slated to be installed by the end of June 2020.</p> <p>This multi-year restoration project is ongoing and will be a component of other planned projects, such as the Climate Action Plan for the Village.</p>
<b>Arbor Day</b>	
<b>Planned</b>	<b>Achieved</b>
<p>Each year the Village celebrates Arbor Day, the annual observance of the importance of trees in our lives. First observed in Nebraska in 1872, it is a day when people around the world plant trees and celebrate environmental stewardship. Our Village was recognized as a Tree City USA Community by the National Arbor Day Foundation 35 years ago. The Village plans to continue this tradition during the upcoming year and plant trees on Arbor Day.</p>	<p>The Village proclaimed April 24, 2020 as <a href="#">Arbor Day</a> and the Recreation Department team planted six beautiful fir trees in Draper Park. The trees had been part of our holiday celebration in December and were nourished and cared for all winter by our Parks and Recreation team, so they would be healthy for planting in the spring.</p>

## Emergency

### Climate Vulnerability Assessment

#### Planned

During 2019/2020, the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson plans to draft a climate vulnerability assessment as a key element of our Climate Action Plan. The assessment will be developed based on input from the public as well as Village staff and relevant boards and commissions of the Village. The process will include research, surveys, interviews with the Village Emergency Management team, and public workshops. The goal is to identify Village assets that are vulnerable to climate change, including existing structures and systems, and to identify vulnerable neighborhoods and populations and the potential climate-related threats to those assets and social segments. The process will address vulnerability risk levels, priorities, and goals for future climate action. The work will be carried out by a subgroup of the CSC TF.

#### Achieved

The Village licensed ICLEI's Temperate Tool to help build out a climate model for the municipality. The CSC TF conducted qualitative research via a climate vulnerability assessment survey. These [results](#) were analysed and used to inform two workshops on climate resiliency. One workshop was conducted with members of the Village Emergency Management Team and the second with engaged members of the public. The workshops assessed risks to Village assets posed by local climate threats and vulnerabilities. The Hastings Climate Vulnerability report outlines these results and recommendations.

### Heat Emergency Plan

#### Planned

During 2019/2020, the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson plans to develop a Heat Emergency Plan. The effort will tap the knowledge and expertise of key stakeholders including the Village Emergency Management team and will result in a report designed to outline key risks, vulnerable populations, and suggested mitigation

#### Achieved

From September 2019 to April 2020, the Village convened a group of key stakeholders to discuss current heat emergency management systems, their effectiveness, and applicability to high-heat events. Over the course of many months, a working draft of the Heat Emergency Plan was developed and shared with key constituencies including the

<p>protocols. The work will be carried out by a subgroup of the CSC TF.</p>	<p>Village Emergency Management Team. The resulting <a href="#">Heat Emergency Plan</a>, officially adopted by the Village on March 18, 2020, addresses protocols for a heat emergency in the Village, strategies to support vulnerable populations within the Village, and modalities for working with emergency services and utility companies. It also describes triggers, actions, and alerts, and the importance of identifying an adequate number of cooling centers. The Heat Emergency Plan includes input from a range of key stakeholders including Village Department Heads, the Village Emergency Management Team, and local elected officials. It was filed with the County Emergency Management Office. The use of existing telecommunications technology and social networking systems was considered in the development of the Heat Emergency Plan, as was communication to non-English speaking populations. This process resulted in several recommendations including the purchase of additional back-up generators. The Plan will be updated after extreme weather events and on a regular basis to ensure its effectiveness.</p>
<b>Equity</b>	
<b>Safe Routes to School</b>	
Planned	Achieved
<p>The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson traces the origins of its Safe Routes to School program to November 2014, when it adopted the <i>Complete Streets Initiative</i> and began putting in place its recommendations for safer streets. The Hastings Safe Routes to School</p>	<p>During this year, the Village implemented a number of crosswalk, sidewalk, and signage improvements at multiple locations in the Village, as well as traffic calming measures at various intersections. The Village has developed a reporting tool to document</p>

<p>(SRTS) Committee is comprised of a cross section of community leaders including Village officials, school administrators, PTSA members, and interested residents committed to building on prior accomplishments and to making further improvements. SRTS Committee members work closely with the school district and the Village to ensure that the key elements of a SRTS program are in place. Their goal is to make the Village safer and more accessible to students from all neighborhoods, including those in underserved communities. HOH Safe Routes to School Committee meets regularly and has a <a href="#">Web presence</a> for educational purposes in partnership with the Village. The current plan is to initiate pedestrian and bike-friendly changes and traffic-calming measures that would benefit students walking and biking to school, as well as pedestrians in general.</p>	<p>improvements that link directly back to the Complete Streets Policy: <a href="#">Appendix A - Complete Streets</a>. The Complete Streets Planning List in Appendix A is used on an ongoing basis as a guide for various committees in setting agendas and planning for change. These committees include the Safe Routes to School Committee and the Hastings PTSA Safety Committee. The list helps us to assess our performance with respect to the Complete Streets Policy on a regular basis. This document can be found on the Hastings-on-Hudson Village Web site in the <a href="#">Safe Routes to School section</a>.</p>
<h2>Senior Outreach Program</h2>	
<h3>Planned</h3>	<h3>Achieved</h3>
<p>The Village has a Senior Outreach program that offers resources, support, and advocacy to Hasting's villagers 62 and over. The CSC TF will work with the Senior Outreach Coordinator to ensure that climate change efforts take into consideration the needs of seniors in the Village. The PEET will seek input and feedback from seniors in its planning efforts, aim to develop resources and materials designed to inform seniors about how climate change might affect them, and which addresses how they might better prepare for severe weather events, such as heat emergencies.</p>	<p>The CSC TF analyzed the impact of severe heat events on seniors and incorporated the findings in the Village's <a href="#">Heat Emergency Plan</a>.</p>

## Youth Outreach

### Planned

The CSC TF plans to engage and enlist youth in our activities, as well as incorporate their perspectives and feedback into educational and outreach resources and materials. In addition, the Village has a Youth Advocate Program that, in coordination with the Village Youth Council, organizes a wide range of services including educational and prevention programs in the schools and the community, after-school recreational activities, homework help, counseling, computer access at the Community Center, Safe Rides, Help-a-Child, and the Hastings Food Pantry. The CSC TF will work with YAP to engage and educate vulnerable youth about climate change impacts and mitigation strategies.

### Achieved

The Conservation Commission continued to encourage youth input and representation on the Commission. The Village Vine Squad, a group seeking to preserve the health of Village trees by removing invasive vines, continued its program with the Hastings High School allowing students to receive school credit for their work with the Vine Squad. The planned Village Earth Day event, celebrating the 20th anniversary of Earth Day, enlisted youth organizations, such as the Hastings High School Environmental Club, and the Girl Scouts, to run educational and recycled art projects. In addition, a recent Hastings High School graduate was chosen to speak about the Climate Stories Project, as one of our featured Earth Day webinar event speakers.

## Enact

## Shade Structures Policy

### Planned

The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson plans to adopt a Shade Structures Policy to ensure the concept is incorporated into future developments of Village-owned land.

### Achieved

The need for a shade structures policy was raised at two Board of Trustee meetings, public comment was sought, and a draft policy was circulated to the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Conservation Commission, and the Climate Smart Communities Task Force for comment. The Village of Board of Trustees adopted the [Shade Structures Policy](#) in March, 2020. The Village plans to ensure the policy is



	implemented on all new construction and development of Village-owned properties, as well as upgrades to existing Village properties.
<b>Green Procurement Policy</b>	
<b>Planned</b>	<b>Achieved</b>
The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson plans to review its procurement policy to ensure that it contains provisions that promote sustainable practices and purchasing choices to guide Village employees.	The Village adopted a <a href="#">green procurement policy</a> in November 2019, which includes standards for energy efficiency, recycled materials, and locally produced goods. The Village reviewed its procurement policy in early 2020 to determine how it could be strengthened. The policy was amended in March of 2020 to include language addressing a preference for products and services with Forest Stewardship Council certification.
<b>Anti-idling Law</b>	
<b>Planned</b>	<b>Achieved</b>
The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson plans to adopt an anti-idling law to remind residents of the impact that idling cars have on the environment.	The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson adopted an <a href="#">Anti-Idling Ordinance</a> in December of 2019. The Chief of Police has educated his staff on the new law and encourages them to approach scofflaw drivers. The Village Manager installed laminated reminder cards on Village fleet dashboards to remind police about the new law, and a sign was placed in front of the train station to educate the public on the new law.

## NY Stretch Energy Code

### Planned

The Village plans to adopt the New York Stretch Energy Code due to the many benefits it offers residents and businesses. The Stretch Energy Code is a readily adoptable local energy code which is roughly 11% more efficient than 2020 ECCCNY. It prepares municipalities for future code cycles and is expressly authorized by Article 11 of NYS Energy Law. The Stretch Energy Code is based on proven technologies, systems, and construction techniques and integrates best practices from programs such as ENERGY STAR for homes. It saves energy and money as it results in the use of less energy and in reduced operating costs. Thus both new and renovated buildings benefit from long-term energy and cost savings. It increases property values and community attractiveness as more home/business owners and tenants look for green and energy efficient buildings and encourages Plan Review and Site Inspection by Third Parties (HERS Raters) and lessens the load on Code Officials. The code will support the Village in achieving energy/GHG reduction goals and will be a pivotal tool in supporting the municipality's energy/climate goals.

### Achieved

On June 18, 2020, the Board of Trustees passed a resolution to adopt the [New York Stretch Energy Code](#). Cognizant that the Village Green Building Code required revisions, the Village Conservation Commission, its Green Building Code Sub-Committee, the Village Building Inspector, and the Board of Trustees invited the NYSERDA team to present background on the New York Stretch Energy Code, which is posted on the CSC TF website. The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson is one of the first municipalities in New York State to adopt the Code and is the first in Westchester County. The Village intends to integrate the NY Stretch Code into a planned update of the Green Building Code that was adopted on October 1, 2013.

## Open C-Pace Financing Law

### Planned

The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson plans to adopt the Open C-Pace law to provide financing to qualified property owners

### Achieved

After reviewing the benefits of the program, the Board of Trustees invited a representative of EIC to present background on the Open

<p>(commercial property owners and not-for-profits) for the installation of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency measures. The local law establishes a program that will allow the Energy Improvement Corporation (EIC), a local development corporation, acting on behalf of the Village to make funds available to qualified property owners that will be repaid through charges on the real properties benefited by such funds. This local law provides a method of implementing this arrangement, thereby allowing qualified property owners to receive low-cost, long-term dedicated financing for the installation of clean energy systems.</p>	<p>C-Pace program to the Village Trustees (this information is posted on the Climate Smart Communities Task Force website). Subsequently, on June 18, 2020, the Board of Trustees passed a local law known as “<a href="#">A Local Law to Establish a Sustainable Energy Loan Program (Open C-Pace) in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson</a>”. The new law will make available and promote financing for sustainable home improvements within the Village.</p>
<h2>Green Building Code</h2>	
<h3>Planned</h3>	<h3>Achieved</h3>
<p>The Village of Hastings’ Green Building Code was adopted in 2013, the first such code in Westchester County. The Green Building Code ensures that new construction - and significant additions or renovations to existing buildings - will be done in accordance with rigorous standards of energy efficiency and environmental sustainability. The Village plans to update its Green Building Code and incorporate into it other relevant policies passed by the Village since the code was originally adopted.</p> <p>There is a sub-committee of the Conservation Commission that is pursuing this activity.</p>	<p>The Green Building Code Sub-Committee of the Village Conservation Commission has met multiple times (along with the Village Building Inspector) to identify changes that need to be made to the code. This work is ongoing.</p>

Innovative Actions	
Planned	Achieved
The Village plans to identify innovative ways to engineer solutions to lower its carbon footprint and reduce GHG emissions so as to mitigate climate change and/or to build resiliency to better adapt to climate change.	The Task Force researched several innovative ideas including partnering with Waze carpool to reduce vehicle use, developing a local currency to strengthen the resiliency of the downtown, and mandating the use of green concrete for Village construction projects. Due to the covid-19 pandemic the team decided to focus on drafting a <a href="#">green concrete resolution</a> , educating the public on green concrete, and encouraging the use of green concrete for projects within the Village.
Evaluate	
Annual Review	
Planned	Achieved
The Village plans to use the CSC framework to document action steps and achievements. The initial goal is to submit documentation for Bronze CSC certification in January 2020 and to submit for Silver CSC certification after that. The Mayor and Board of Trustees plan to undertake an annual review of actions achieved to date. This annual review will include a review of strategies, goals, and accomplishments. Plans will be reviewed against achievements and existing plans will be updated if needed. The review will also be a celebration of effort and achievements.	<p>The Village submitted documentation for Bronze CSC certification in January 2020 and was <a href="#">awarded Bronze certification in March 2020</a>.</p> <p>The Village plans to submit for Silver CSC certification in July 2020 and will develop a new action plan after it receives feedback subsequent to this submission.</p>