



# Awards Celebration

Celebrating the Mid-Hudson in the areas of economic development, water quality planning, and clean energy and climate smart actions.

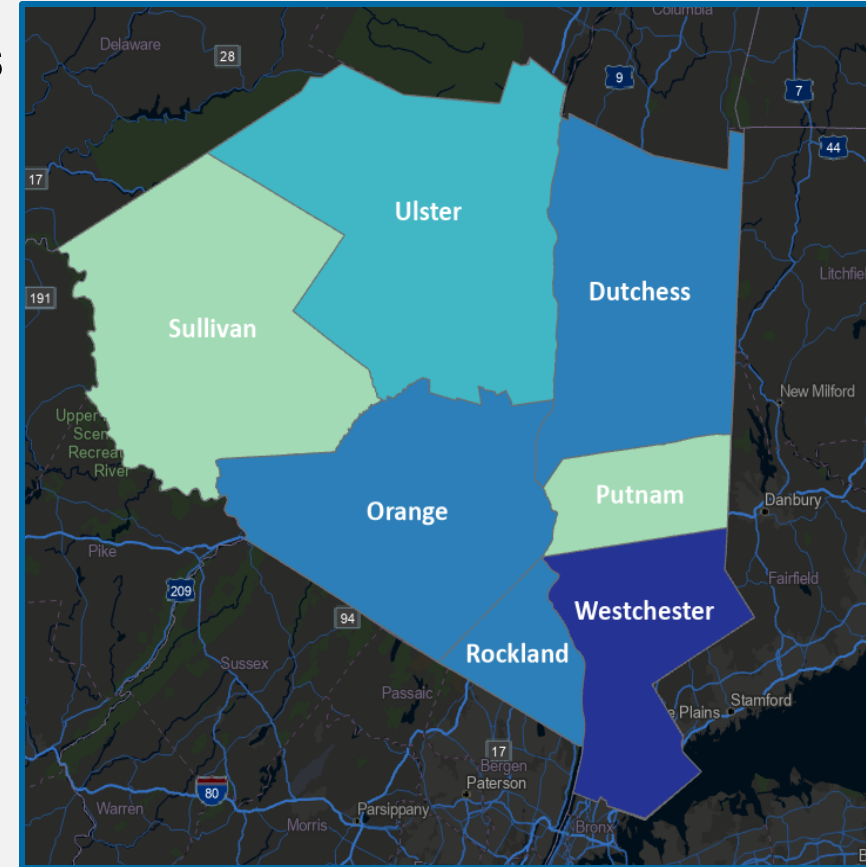


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# HVRC AWARDS

Municipalities are selected by the HVRC team for their various achievements for a wide array of projects. The awards are:

- **Building Bridges Award** - demonstrated a significant commitment to collaboration and partnership.
- **Impact Award** - honors a recipient whose project has had far-reaching impact.
- **Momentum Award** - achieved notable milestones in a remarkably brief timeframe.
- **Resilience Award** - fosters community resilience through proactive initiatives.



# AWARD RECIPIENTS: Building Bridges

## **Dutchess Climate Action Planning Institute (CAPI) Cohort**

- Dutchess County
- City of Beacon
- City of Poughkeepsie
- Town of Amenia
- Town of Pleasant Valley
- Town of Poughkeepsie
- Town of Rhinebeck
- Village of Rhinebeck
- Village of Wappingers Falls

## **Westchester Climate Action Planning Institute (CAPI) Cohort**

- Westchester County
- City of Peekskill
- City of White Plains
- Town of Ossining
- Village of Hastings-on-Hudson
- Village of Irvington
- Village of Ossining
- Village of Pelham
- Village of Tarrytown



# Dutchess CAPI: Building Bridges



Awarded to the CAPI communities for their collaboration in HVRC's Climate Action Planning Institute, a DEC-funded cohort program, to complete government operations greenhouse gas inventories and climate action plans.

*Photo: Dutchess CAPI Cohort Meeting #7*

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# Dutchess CAPI: Building Bridges

**Climate action program kicks off in nine municipalities**

by Kate Goldsmith



*Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles that will inform readers about Dutchess County's Climate Action Planning Institute (CAPI), an innovative 16-month program to identify and address ways for local governments to become more sustainable, involving County Government and selected towns and villages that were chosen to participate.*

Nine municipalities in Dutchess County are participating in the Climate Action Planning Institute (CAPI) to identify a path toward more sustainable local government operations. They include Dutchess County government; the cities of Beacon and Poughkeepsie; the towns of Amenia, Pleasant Valley, Poughkeepsie and Rhinebeck; and the villages of Rhinebeck and Wappingers Falls.

CAPI is a project of the Hudson Valley Regional Council (HVRC), an organization of county governments that provides a regional perspective, offers education and outreach, technical assistance, and advocacy to the communities it serves. The initiative

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*Pictured at the kick-off meeting for Dutchess County's Climate Action Planning Institute (CAPI) on Jan. 18 are (from left) Village of Rhinebeck Mayor Gary Bassett, Rhinebeck volunteer Michael Forlenza, Rhinebeck Village Trustee Vanessa Bertozzi, and Carla Castillo, Interim Executive Director of the Hudson Valley Regional Council, which oversees the program. Photo by Mary Lambert*



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING INSTITUTE**

Climate Action Planning Institute (CAPI) is a project of the Hudson Valley Regional Council (HVRC) and is funded by the DEC Climate Smart Communities Grant Program.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE IN CAPI?



**CAPI DUTCHESS:  
WHO IS PARTICIPATING?**

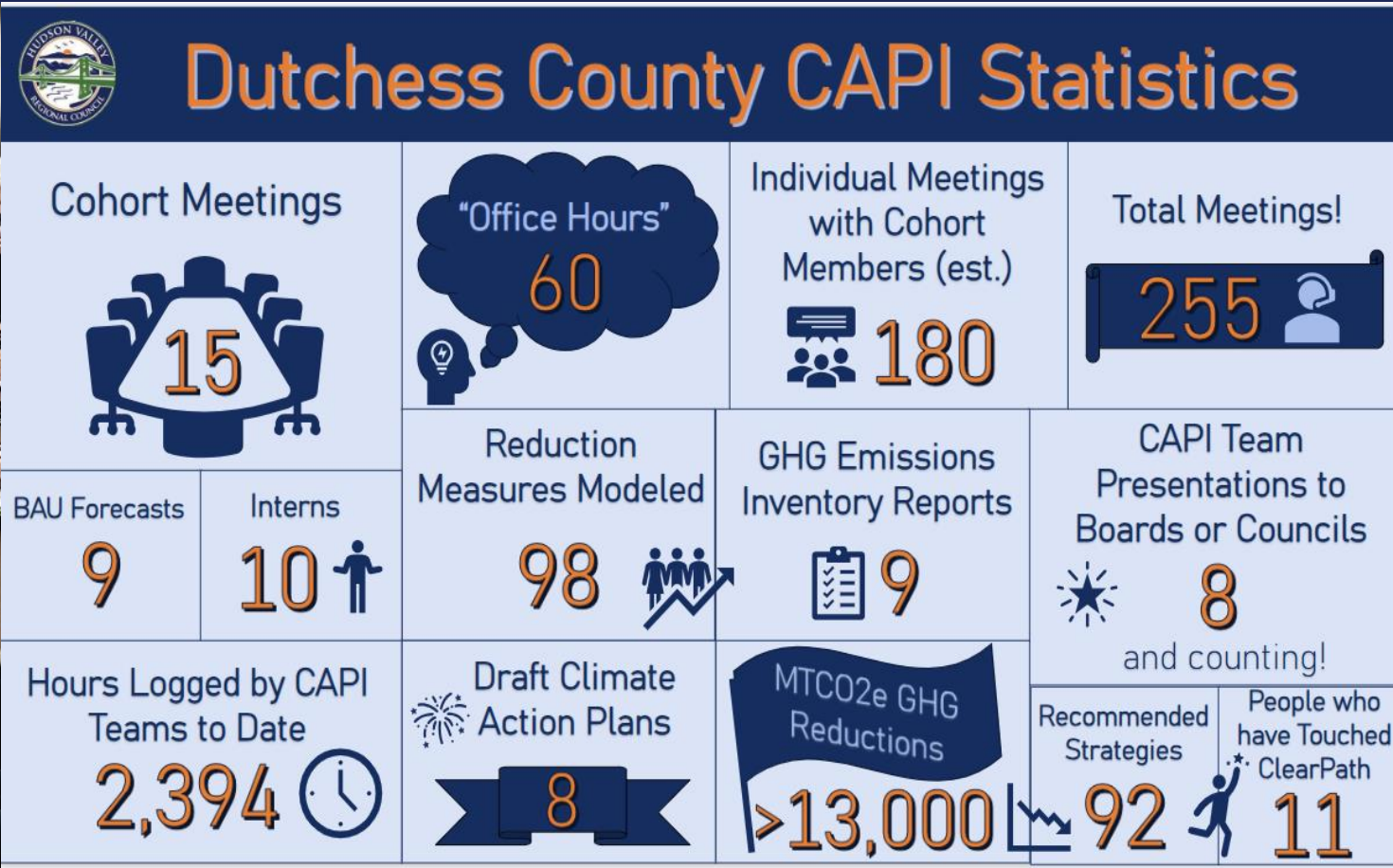
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Photos: CAPI Teams from the Town of Poughkeepsie and Town of Pleasant Valley



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# Dutchess CAPI: Building Bridges



Photos: CAPI Members Devin Rigolino, Dutchess County, and Kristen Taylor, Town of Poughkeepsie



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# Westchester CAPI: Building Bridges



*Photos: Westchester CAPI Teams at work*



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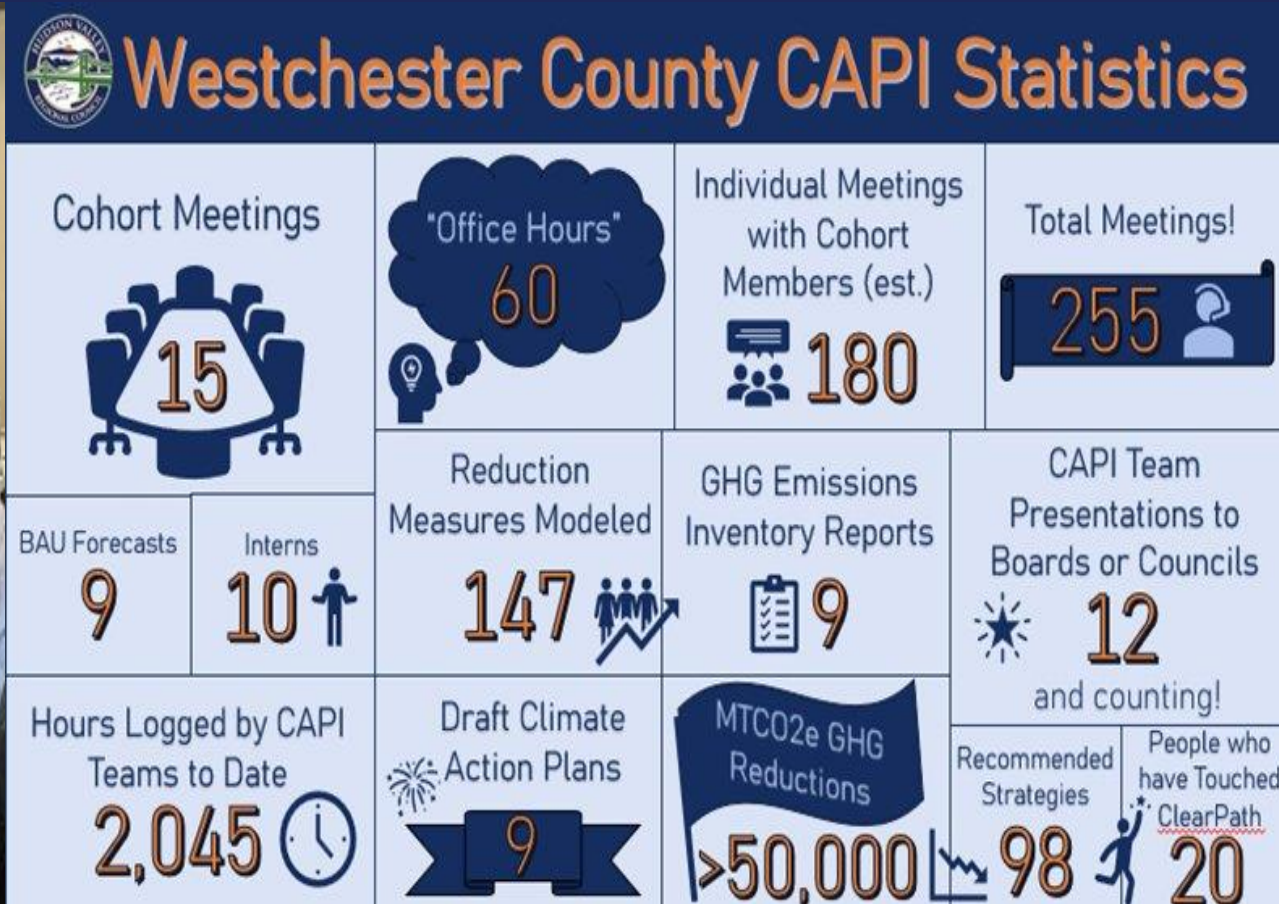


Photo: CAPI Teams from the City of Peekskill, Town of Ossining and Village of Tarrytown

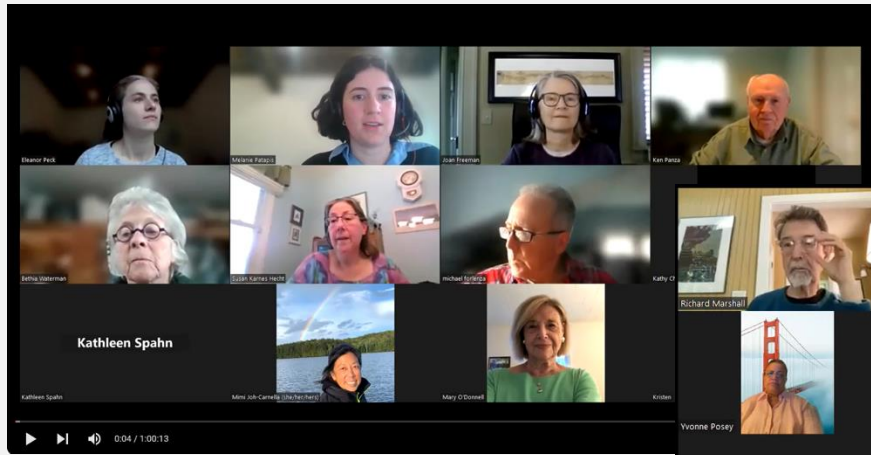
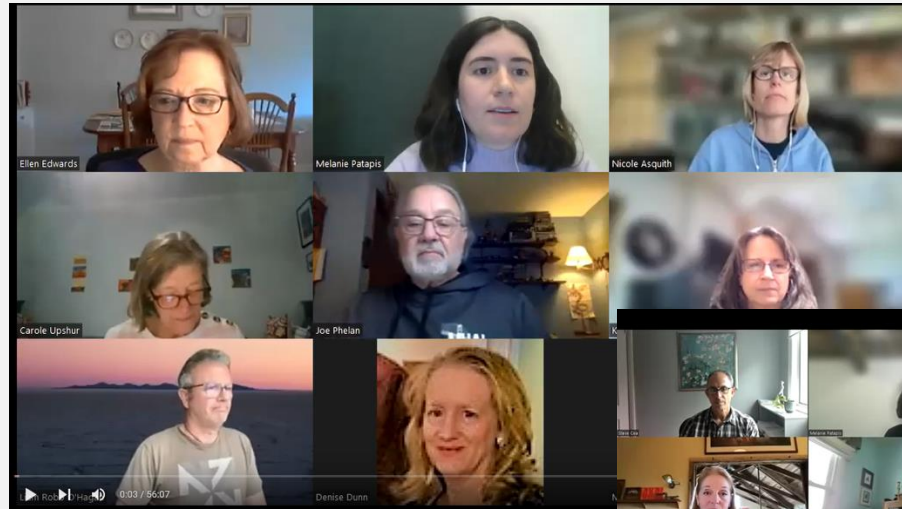
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# AWARD RECIPIENTS: Momentum Award

For those that have achieved notable milestones in a remarkably brief timeframe. Awarded to six municipalities for completing climate action plans with HVRC through the DEC Climate Smart Communities Coordinator Program.



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# Town of Kent: Momentum Award



## Town of Kent NY Climate Action Plan 2024-2029

### Executive Summary

#### Introduction

This climate action plan details actions that the Town of Kent, NY intends to undertake over the next three to five years to reduce municipal greenhouse gas emissions and increase its preparedness for the consequences of climate change. The plan is framed around the Pledge Elements (PEs) of the NYS DEC Climate Smart program <https://climatesmart.ny.gov/>. The Kent Town Board joined the Climate Smart Communities program in 2021 and has been working towards certification, taking actions in multiple pledge areas including decreasing energy usage, shifting to renewable energy, using land and materials in a “climate smart” manner, and enhancing the community’s resilience to climate change.

#### Assessment of Greenhouse Gas Emissions due to Municipal Operations

As part of their initial steps towards certification, the Kent Climate Smart Task Force completed [municipal](#) and [community](#) greenhouse gas inventories. The municipal inventory revealed that about three quarters of the town’s “carbon footprint” arises from vehicle emissions, and about one quarter from buildings and facilities. The chart below from the municipal greenhouse gas inventory illustrates that for the vehicle fleet, all emissions, equivalent to 635 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> (MTCO<sub>2</sub>e) annually, arise from combustion of fossil fuels, so -called “scope 1 emissions.” For buildings and facilities, close to two thirds of greenhouse gas emissions arise from combustion of fossil fuels. The remaining 74 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e are “scope 2” emissions due to use of electrical power for lighting and machinery.

Table 1: Summary of total municipal emissions by sector and scope, 2021

Sector	Scope 1 (MTCO <sub>2</sub> e)	Scope 2 (MTCO <sub>2</sub> e)	Scope 3 (MTCO <sub>2</sub> e)	Total (MTCO <sub>2</sub> e)
Buildings and facilities	131	74	-	205
Streetlights	-	9	-	9
Vehicle fleet	635	-	-	635
Water and Sewage Facilities	-	16	-	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>865</b>



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# Town of Shandaken: Momentum Award



## Government Operations Climate Action Plan



Prepared by  
Shandaken Conservation Advisory Council &  
Climate Smart Task Force

October 2023

Adopted on  
January 2, 2024



Supported by Hudson Valley Regional Council through the NYSDEC Climate Smart Communities Coordinator Program



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# Town of Woodstock: Momentum Award



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Application for 16 Points

June 8, 2024

PE2 Action: Community Climate Action Plan

16 Points

BRONZE PRIORITY

SILVER PRIORITY

## Town of Woodstock

### 2024 Community Climate Action Plan

Early in 2024, Woodstock joined other municipalities in a cohort sponsored by the Hudson Valley Regional Council (HVRC) to develop a community greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory and Climate Action Plan (CAP) using an updated *Mid-Hudson Regional GHG Inventory*.<sup>1</sup> The Community Climate Action Plan, a requirement of the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) program, is a strategy document that defines goals, identifies initiatives, and sets targets for reducing community GHG emissions.

The required Woodstock community greenhouse gas inventory, created for the base year of 2021 and filed under Climate Smart, PE2 Action: Community GHG Inventory, complies with the methodology of the *New York Community and Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory Guidance*.

Although local governments are encouraged to incorporate climate adaptation strategies into their Climate Action Plans, however, under the CSC Certification program, points for climate adaptation planning are awarded under Pledge Element 7: Enhance community resilience to climate change. The Climate Action Plan presented in this document focuses on reducing Woodstock's community greenhouse gas emissions.

Greenhouse gas emissions for community-wide activities are measured in metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents (MTCO<sub>2e</sub>), and were calculated using emissions factors from the US Energy Information Administration (EIA), US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and ICF International / NYSERDA GHG Inventory Tool.

<sup>1</sup> Melanie Patapis, Climate Smart Coordinator, "Mid-Hudson Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory: An Update to the 2010 Regional Inventory," Mid-Hudson Regional Council, January 25, 2024, Available at <https://hudsonvalleyregionalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2021-Mid-Hudson-Regional-Inventory-MethodologyV2.pdf>



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# Village of Bronxville: Momentum Award



**Climate Action Plan for Municipal Operations**

**Village of Bronxville, NY 2023-2030**

Village of Bronxville Climate Smart Task Force, November 2023



Supported by Hudson Valley Regional Council through the NYSDEC Climate Smart Communities Coordinator Program



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# Village of Piermont: Momentum Award



Village of Piermont, NY

Climate Action Plan 2023

Government Operations



Prepared by  
PWRC



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# Village of Warwick: Momentum Award



## Village of Warwick



### CLIMATE ACTION PLAN GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

ADOPTED BY VILLAGE OF WARWICK BOARD OF TRUSTEES BY RESOLUTION ON OCTOBER 16, 2023



SUPPORTED BY HUDSON VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL THROUGH THE  
NYSDEC CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES COORDINATOR PROGRAM



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# AWARD RECIPIENTS: Impact Award

## Peekskill Firehouse Kitchen Incubator

- Adaptive reuse of donate, formerly City-owned Centennial Fire Station.
- Fire station renovation into five kitchens and space for entrepreneurial and workforce training.
- Joint project of the City of Peekskill, Peekskill Facilities Development Corporation (PFDC), and Westchester County Office of Economic Development.
- \$3M US DOC EDA funding + PFDC local share; \$1M NYSED funding + PFDC local share.



## 5-Year Projections:

- 378 new "foodpreneur" businesses formed
- 552 skilled culinary jobs created
- \$132M in total food production



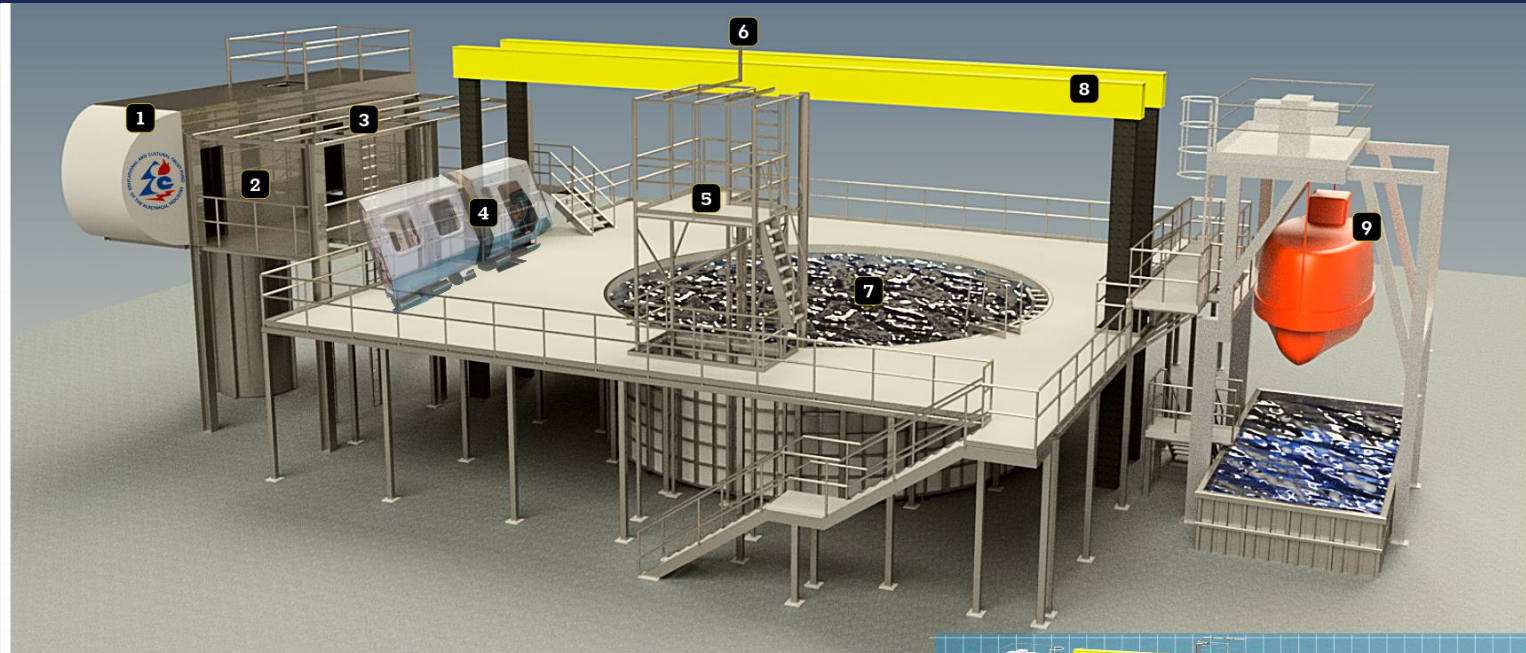
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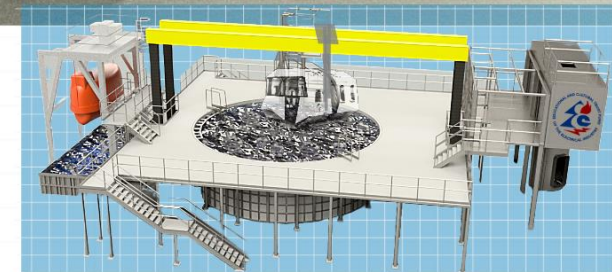
# AWARD RECIPIENTS: Impact Award

## Educational and Cultural Trust Fund of the Electric Industry & Town of Newburgh

- Global Wind Organization onshore and offshore wind safety training facility.
- Scope: utility upgrades, rooftop solar system, classrooms; platforms for working-at-height training, sea survival, helicopter underwater escape training; sea rescue tank; fire awareness training room.
- \$3.8M US DOC EDA funding
- **5-Year Projections:**
  - 480 new jobs
  - 2,870 jobs retained
  - \$400M in private investments



DESCRIPTION	
1.	Wind Turbine Nacelle and Hub with internal ladder, basement, and landings Small fire element of equipment moved to outside the building
2.	Wind Turbine Tower with internal ladder, basement, and landing
3.	GWO Working from Heights
4.	HUET Simulator
5.	Crew Transfer Docking Ladder For the crew to transfer from a boat to the Turbine, by climbing the ladder up onto the platform area
6.	Heli Winch
7.	Pool - GWO Sea Survival HUET
8.	Hold HUET Simulator
9.	TEMPSC Totally Enclosed Motor Propelled Survival Craft



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[HUET – Helicopter Underwater Escape Training](#)  
[Basic Safety Training Standard – Sea Survival](#)

# AWARD RECIPIENTS: Resilience Award

## Stormwater Consortium of Rockland County

Town of Clarkstown	Village of Montebello
Town of Haverstraw	Village of New Hempstead
Town of Orangetown	Village of Nyack
Town of Ramapo	Village of Piermont
Town of Stony Point	Village of Pomona
Village of Airmont	Village of Sloatsburg
Village of Chestnut Ridge	Village of Suffern
Village of Grandview-on-Hudson	Village of Upper Nyack
Village of Haverstraw	Village of Wesley Hills
Village of Hillburn	Village of West Haverstraw

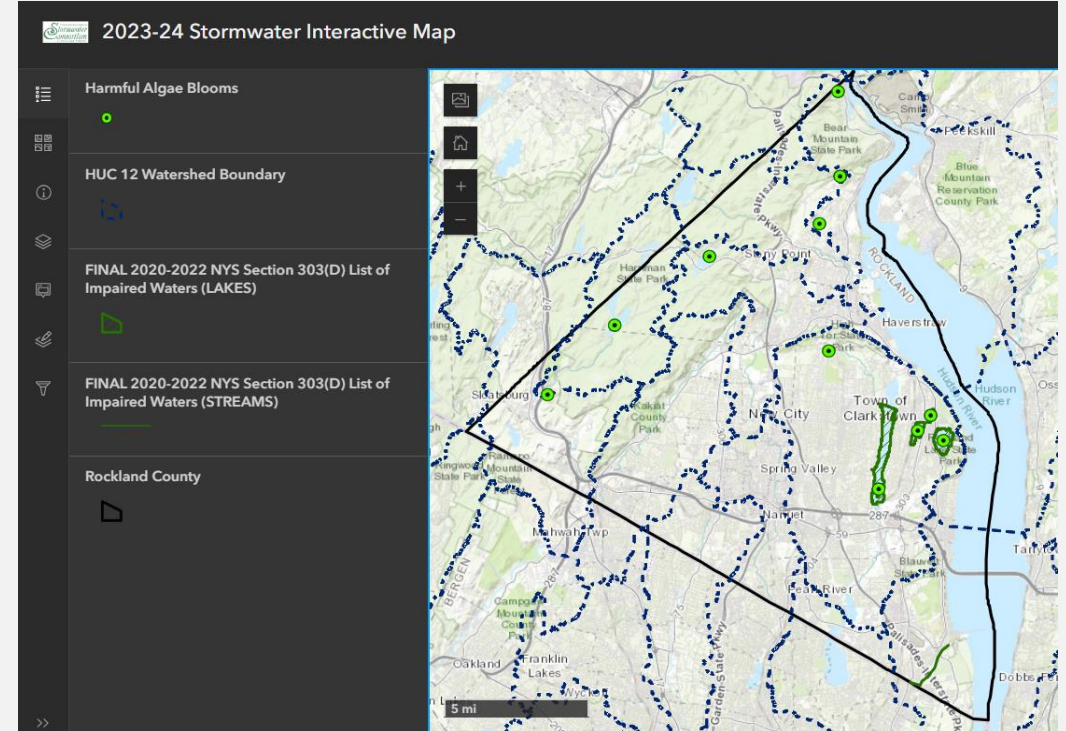
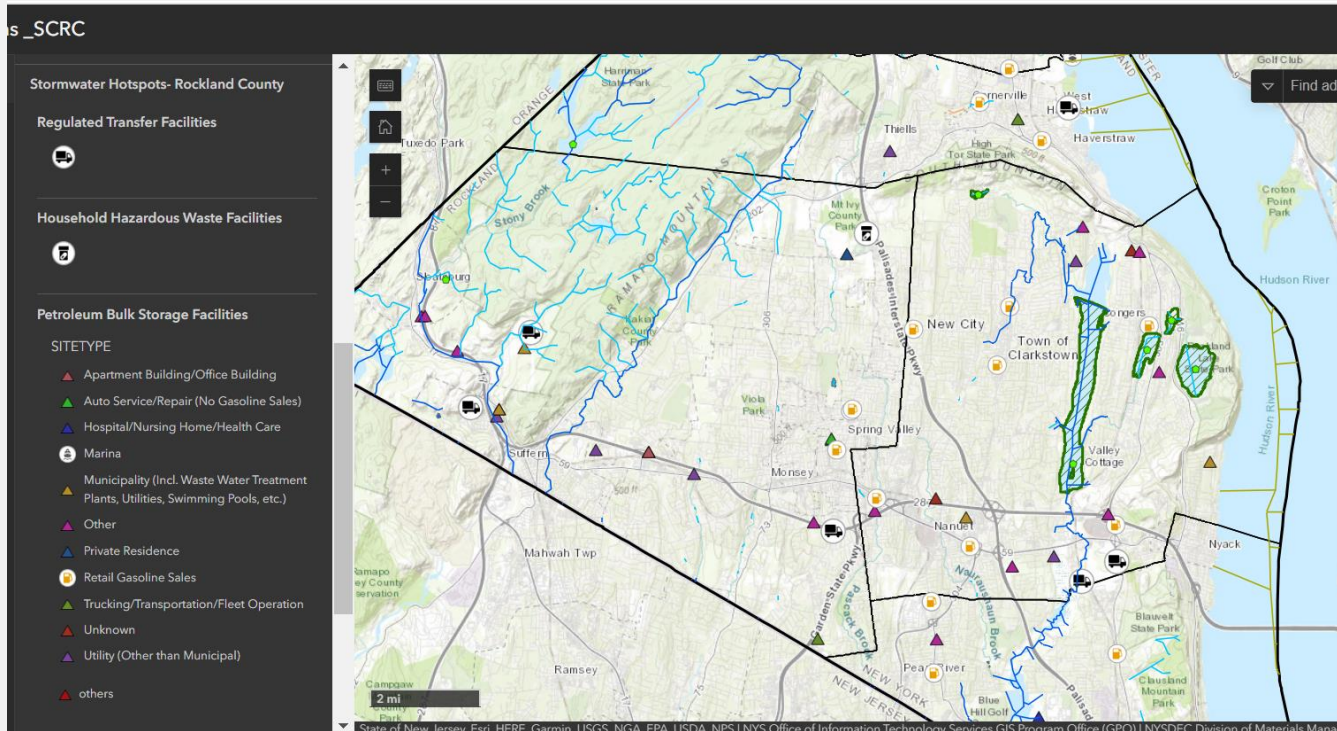
*Stormwater Consortium*  
of ROCKLAND COUNTY  
PROTECTING OUR WATER RESOURCES



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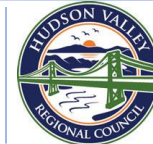
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# Congratulations and Thank you!



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