

# Climate Smart Communities Certification Report

 BRONZE CERTIFIED

This is the Climate Smart Communities Certification Report of Hamburg, Village (Erie). Hamburg, Village (Erie) is a bronze certified Climate Smart Community.

Hamburg, Village (Erie) was certified on October 02, 2023 with 126 points earned from 18 completed actions. Listed below is information regarding Hamburg, Village (Erie)'s Climate Smart Communities efforts and materials associated with its certified actions.

The certification for Hamburg, Village (Erie) will expire on September 30, 2028.

## Contact Information

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## Actions Implemented


Each approved action and supporting documentation for which Hamburg, Village (Erie) was approved for in 2023 appears below. Note: Standards for the actions below may have changed and the documentation listed may no longer satisfy requirements for that action. Additionally, points associated with actions prior to 2013 certifications may not be accurate.

## 1. Build a climate-smart community.

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### PE1 Action: CSC Task Force

20 Points

 Bronze Mandatory

**Program Summary:** The Village of Hamburg Board created and appointed the Climate Smart Communities Task Force at its meeting on July 18, 2022. A copy of the motion creating and appointing the task force has been uploaded, which includes the list of task force members and their affiliations. The task force includes representatives from the community and the local government. Meeting minutes from two Village Environmental Commission meetings - in September and November - have been uploaded. The Environmental Commission serves as the CSC task force and Climate Smart Communities was the first item on the agenda at each meeting.

PDF: [HAMBURG CSC TASK FORCE APPOINTMENT AND MEMBERS.PDF](#)


PDF: [SEPTEMBER 2022 EC MINUTES.PDF](#)

PDF: [NOVEMBER 2022 EC MINUTES.PDF](#)

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### PE1 Action: CSC Coordinator

10 Points

 Bronze Mandatory

**Program Summary:** Village Trustee Holly Park was appointed as the Village of Hamburg's Climate Smart Communities coordinator by the Village Board on July 18, 2022. The documentation confirming her appointment and responsibilities has been uploaded. Trustee Park has been active in leading the Village's CSC efforts, including leading task force meetings, gathering action documentation, and strategizing new actions to complete.

PDF: [HAMBURG CSC COORDINATOR APPOINTMENT.PDF](#)

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### PE1 Action: National/Regional Climate Program

3 Points

**Program Summary:** The Village of Hamburg was designated as a Clean Energy Community by NYSEERDA in 2022 after completion of five High Impact Actions, including Benchmarking, LED Street Lights (Cobra Head and Decorative Fixtures), Unified Solar Permit, and Energy Code Enforcement Training. The uploaded screenshots show the Village as a designated CEC on NYSEERDA's Clean Energy Communities participation map. The uploaded pdf from May 5, 2022 indicating adoption of the benchmarking resolution demonstrates the Village's active participation in the CEC program within the past year.

PDF: [VILLAGE OF HAMBURG - CEC DOCUMENTATION.PDF](#)

PDF: [VILLAGE OF HAMBURG CERTIFIED BENCHMARKING MOTION\\_20220505.PDF](#)



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### 3. Decrease energy use.

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#### PE3 Action: Government Building Energy Audits

16 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** Danforth completed a ASHRAE Level 1 energy audit for the Village of Hamburg in 2018. The Village is requesting 16 points for this action, as the audit covers over 80% of the square footage of all municipal buildings. A list of those buildings with their square footage - pulled from the report - has been uploaded separately. Baseline electric and natural gas consumption was calculated and used to inform the audit. Based on these consumption figures, the audit offers a number of recommendations to reduce energy usage, including interior lighting retrofits, lighting control retrofits, building envelope improvements and boiler replacements. Estimated costs and savings calculations are offered for each recommendation.

PDF: [2018 VILLAGE OF HAMBURG ENERGY AUDIT.PDF](#)

PDF: [HAMBURG BUILDING LIST AND SQ FT.PDF](#)

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#### PE3 Action: Benchmarking - Municipal Buildings

2 Points

**Program Summary:** Attached is a screenshot from the NYSERDA CEC map's data table showing approval for the Benchmarking-Municipal Buildings high impact actions.

PDF: [VILLAGE OF HAMBURG - CEC DOCUMENTATION.PDF](#)

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#### PE3 Action: LED Street Lights

12 Points

**Program Summary:** Attached is a screenshot from the NYSERDA CEC map's data table showing approval for the LED Decorative and Cobra Head Street Lights high-impact actions.

PDF: [VILLAGE OF HAMBURG - CEC DOCUMENTATION.PDF](#)

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#### PE3 Action: Energy Code Enforcement Training

5 Points

**Program Summary:** Attached is a screenshot from the NYSERDA CEC map's data table showing approval for the Energy Code Enforcement Training high-impact action.

PDF: [VILLAGE OF HAMBURG - CEC DOCUMENTATION.PDF](#)

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## 5. Use climate-smart materials management.

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### PE5 Action: Residential Organic Waste Program

4 Points

**Program Summary:** The Village of Hamburg operates a community-wide curbside pick-up yard waste program. Information about the program is available on the Village website: <https://www.villagehamburg.com/leafbrush-tree-parts-and-yard-waste-collection>. The website lists the types of materials collected (leaves, sticks and other yard waste), when and how collection occurs, and other information on the program, including instructions for residents. Village DPW staff have confirmed that collected leaves and other yard waste are sent to a nearby pumpkin farm to be used as compost, and collected sticks/brush are sent to Lardon Enterprises - <https://lardonconstructioncorp.com/> - where wood waste is ground into mulch and then sold.

## 6. Implement climate-smart land use.

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### PE6 Action: Smart Growth Policies

9 Points

**Program Summary:** The Village of Hamburg updated its zoning code in February 2022. A link to the code can be found here: <https://ecode360.com/10649824>. The updated code includes many elements that promote smart growth, as outlined in the uploaded document, which includes references and links to relevant sections of the zoning code. The Village is requesting 9 points for this action.

PDF: [VILLAGE OF HAMBURG - SMART GROWTH POLICIES.PDF](#)

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### PE6 Action: Unified Solar Permit

5 Points

**Program Summary:** Attached is a screenshot from the NYSERDA CEC map's data table showing approval for the Unified Solar Permit high-impact action. Also attached is the certified motion from October 18, 2021 adopting the unified solar permit. Also attached is a copy of the permit showing that the Village of Hamburg adopted the updated version of the Unified Solar Permit that was released in October 2016.

PDF: [VILLAGE OF HAMBURG - CEC DOCUMENTATION.PDF](#)

PDF: [VILLAGE OF HAMBURG UNIFIED SOLAR PERMIT ADOPTION\\_20211018.PDF](#)

WORD: [VILLAGE OF HAMBURG UNIFIED SOLAR PERMIT\\_20220504.DOCX](#)

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## PE6 Action: Green Parking Lot Policies


4 Points

**Program Summary:** The Village of Hamburg has adopted a number of green parking lot policies directly into the zoning code update that was completed in February 2022. A link to the Village's zoning code can be found here: <https://ecode360.com/10649824> The relevant policies are listed below: Adopt parking maximums (1 point) - Section 250-33.6.D (Link: <https://ecode360.com/39716447#39716447>) states that parking spaces shall not exceed 110% of the minimums required Increase tree plantings (1 point) - Section 250-34.3.C (Link: <https://ecode360.com/39716518#39716536>) sets out requirements for landscaping of interior parking lots, including at least one shade tree for every 20 parking spaces Promote shared parking (1 point) - Section 250.33.7.A (Link: <https://ecode360.com/39716481#39716481>) states that shared parking is allowed subject to certain conditions Incorporate stormwater management on site (1 point) - Section 250-34.4.E (Link: <https://ecode360.com/39716518#39716536>) states that green infrastructure techniques in parking lot landscaping are permitted and encouraged

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## PE6 Action: Complete Streets Policy

4 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** The Village Board adopted a complete streets policy by resolution at the December 19, 2022 board meeting. The certified motion demonstrating adoption of the complete streets policy has been uploaded. The policy includes all of the elements that the action description says should be included, including a definition of complete streets, potential design features (see Design Standards), intention (see introductory paragraphs), exceptions, performance measures and reporting, and steps for implementation.

PDF: [CERTIFIED MOTION - COMPLETE STREETS 2022.PDF](#)

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## PE6 Action: Infrastructure for Biking and Walking

7 Points

**Program Summary:** Expand sidewalks (3 points) - New sidewalks were installed throughout the southwest portion of the Village in Fall 2022 along many roads that previously did not have sidewalks. Before and after photos of new sidewalks have been uploaded. Improve pedestrian signage (2 points) - The Village has made many pedestrian improvements in recent years, including street crossings with improved pedestrian signage. Before and after photos of improved pedestrian signage have been uploaded. Improve bicycle parking (2 points) - The Village has installed bicycle parking at numerous locations in recent years, including at the Hamburg Community Playground. Before and after photos indicating the installation of bicycle parking has been uploaded, as well as additional photos of bicycle parking in the Village.

PDF: [HAMBURG SIDEWALKS.PDF](#)


PDF: [HAMBURG BIKE PARKING.PDF](#)

PDF: [HAMBURG PEDESTRIAN SIGNAGE.PDF](#)

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## PE6 Action: Natural Resources Inventory

8 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** Hamburg completed a natural resources inventory in May 2023. A description of the process followed to create the inventory is in the report. The inventory process and report content are substantively consistent with the DEC publication, Creating a Natural Resources Inventory: A Guide for Communities in the Hudson River Estuary Watershed.

PDF: [NRI\\_VILLAGE\\_OF\\_HAMBURG\\_MAY\\_2023.PDF](#)

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## PE6 Action: Local Forestry Program

7 Points

**Program Summary:** The Village of Hamburg completed a Tree Management Plan and tree inventory (3 points) in 2014. Both have been uploaded and are available publicly at the following link: [https://www.villagehamburg.com/index.asp?SEC=F3552A41-2AE5-452E-B87A-6C6A16534884&DE=891F9FE9-64F3-498F-8157-D1BA83085C5E&Type=B\\_BASIC](https://www.villagehamburg.com/index.asp?SEC=F3552A41-2AE5-452E-B87A-6C6A16534884&DE=891F9FE9-64F3-498F-8157-D1BA83085C5E&Type=B_BASIC) The Village has enacted a tree preservation ordinance (2 points), which appears as Chapter 225 of the Village Code. This code section provides for the management of the Village's urban forest. The code section has been uploaded and is available at the following link: <https://ecode360.com/10649600> The Village annually implements a large-scale tree planting program (2 points). The Village proactively plants trees in public spaces, and village residents may request that the Village plant a tree in front of their home. Information on the program is available at the following link: [https://www.villagehamburg.com/index.asp?SEC=C1DEA406-14C5-4085-8A18-A94225771909&Type=B\\_BASIC](https://www.villagehamburg.com/index.asp?SEC=C1DEA406-14C5-4085-8A18-A94225771909&Type=B_BASIC) Hamburg has participated in one of the state's forestry programs (2 points). The Village received a grant from NYSDEC's urban and community forestry grant program in 2015 to prepare the referenced tree management plan and tree inventory. While no information about that grant award is currently available online, the attached Village Newsletter from 2016 documents the grant's contribution to the tree management plan.

PDF: [TREE\\_MANAGEMENT\\_PLAN\\_VILLAGE\\_OF\\_HAMBURG.PDF](#)

EXCEL: [VILLAGE\\_OF\\_HAMBURG\\_TREE\\_INVENTORY.XLSX](#)

PDF: [TREE\\_ORDINANCE.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [VILLAGE\\_NEWSLETTER\\_NOVEMBER\\_2016.JPG](#)

## 7. Enhance community resilience to climate change.

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### PE7 Action: Climate-resilient Hazard Mitigation Plan

4 Points

**Program Summary:** Erie County recently led the development of a County-wide Hazard Mitigation Plan update, and the Village of Hamburg actively participated in the process. Volume I of the plan was completed in March 2022. The resolution from the Erie County Legislature accepting the plan and notification of plan approval from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has been uploaded (see Erie County HMP Resolution and FEMA Approval). The Plan can be found at the following link: <https://www3.erie.gov/dhSES/hazmit>. The Village of Hamburg is addressed in Section 9.26 of the Plan, indicating the Village's participation in the planning process. Appendix B of the Plan also indicates the Village's participation. The resolution from the Village Board accepting the plan has been uploaded (see highlighted text on page 3). The impacts of climate change are referenced throughout the Plan, including in the ranking of hazards (Section 5.3), discussion of extreme temperatures (Page 5.4.5-11), and the discussion of future flood risk and projected future rainfall (Page 5.4.6-21). The plan also references the Climate Smart Communities program in detail in Section 6 Mitigation Strategies. Sections 5.3, 5.4.5 and 5.4.6 of the Plan have been uploaded for reference.

PDF: [ERIE COUNTY HMP RESOLUTION AND FEMA APPROVAL.PDF](#)

PDF: [HAMBURG ADOPTION OF HMP - 2022-01-18.PDF](#)

PDF: [ERIE COUNTY HMP - EXTREME TEMPERATURE.PDF](#)

PDF: [ERIE COUNTY HMP - FLOOD.PDF](#)

PDF: [ERIE COUNTY HMP - HAZARD RANKING.PDF](#)

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### PE7 Action: Cooling Centers

3 Points

**Program Summary:** The Hamburg Public Library located at 102 Buffalo Street in the Village of Hamburg serves as a cooling center during extreme heat events (3 points requested for Establish at least one cooling center). The library serves as a cooling center during regular hours, which vary throughout the year (see <https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-hours/hamburg-public-library>) View July 6, 2020 press release from Erie County Department of Health designating public libraries as cooling centers here: <https://www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=press/erie-county-department-health-urges-precautions-during-extreme-heat>

## 8. Support a green innovation economy.

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### PE8 Action: Farmers' Markets

3 Points

**Program Summary:** The Village Community Market is hosted on Village of Hamburg property in downtown Hamburg throughout the spring, summer and fall. The market features local farmers and other vendors. The Facebook page for the market can be found at the following link - <https://www.facebook.com/VillageCommunityMarket/> - and contains many posts and photos indicating the market's activity throughout its season. A screenshot showing the parcel utilized for the market, with the Village of Hamburg indicated as owner, has been uploaded. A screenshot from the market's Facebook page indicated the dates of the market as well as the address has also been uploaded.

PDF: [HAMBURG FARMERS MARKET PARCEL.PDF](#)

PDF: [FARMERS MARKET ADDRESS AND DATES.PDF](#)