



OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR

Town Hall
1554 Main Street
Pleasant Valley, New York 12569

March 8, 2024

Attn:

Carla Castillo, Executive Director
Hudson Valley Regional Council
105 Ann Street, #2
Newburgh, NY 12550

Re: The Town of Pleasant Valley's Commitment to Joining the Mid-Hudson Municipal Building Electrification Coalition Application to the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program

Dear Ms. Castillo:

The Town of Pleasant Valley commits to participating in the coalition proposal being submitted by the Hudson Valley Regional Council (HVRC) to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program. We intend to sign the Memorandum of Agreement no later than June 21, 2024. As a New York State Climate Smart Bronze Certified Community and a participant of NYSEDA Designated Clean Energy Communities, the Town of Pleasant Valley understands the importance of reducing our community's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. We are eager to work together with our neighboring municipalities and HVRC to significantly lower emissions produced by our new Town Hall, a 19K +/- square foot structure that will serve our community for years to come.

Our coalition is a group that has been participating in the Climate Action Planning Institute (CAPI) since 2023 – a program developed by HVRC to guide a cohort of local governments through the development of government operations GHG inventories and climate action plans. Grant funding from the New York Department of Environmental Conservation Climate Smart Communities made this work possible. As a group we have measured our emissions, committed to reducing them, and modeled how to implement the reductions. The CPRG Program will let us take the next important step from planning to implementing emissions reductions identified in the environmental planning documents produced as a part of CAPI.

The Town of Pleasant Valley supports the goals of the Hudson Valley Regional Council's proposal for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program and we look forward to being part of the program if selected. This coalition proposal aims to significantly cut government operations greenhouse gas emissions in the Mid-Hudson Region by enhancing municipal building efficiency and decreasing fuel oil and natural gas consumption. Additionally, this multi-municipal effort will help New York State meet the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act as well as the United States goal to reduce GHG emissions 50% by 2030.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Albrecht
Town Supervisor