



March 15, 2024

Attn:

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

**Re: Village of Wappingers Falls Commitment to Joining the Mid-Hudson Municipal Building Electrification Coalition Application to the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program**

Dear Ms. Castillo:

The Village of Wappingers Falls 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 registered New York State Climate Smart Community and NYSERDA Designated Clean Energy Community, the Village of Wappingers Falls 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 Police Department building, a 3,366 square foot structure that serves our community by supporting our Police Department.

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 Village of Wappingers Falls 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Huber', written in a cursive style.

Kevin Huber

Mayor

Village of Wappingers Falls