



VILLAGE OF RHINEBECK

March 15, 2024

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

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

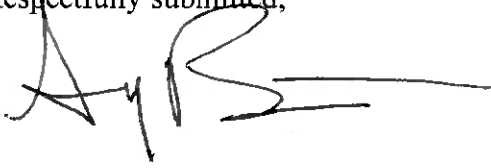
Dear Ms. Castillo:

The Village of Rhinebeck 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 NYSEDA Designated Clean Energy Community, the Village of Rhinebeck 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 dual purpose Village Hall/Firehouse, a 12,000 square foot structure. The building serves our community by headquartering our volunteer fire department in one half. In the other half, the building serves as our public-facing municipal headquarters where we host public meetings and events as well as our justice court. It also houses our municipal offices including the Building/Planning/Zoning Department and Superintendent of Public Works, Justice chambers, Code Enforcement Officer, Treasurer, Water/Wastewater Clerk, Village Clerk and Mayor.

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 Rhinebeck 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 'Gary Bassett', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mayor Gary Bassett