



# CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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September 14, 2020

The Honorable Joseph Carbone, President  
Monroe County Legislature  
410 County Office Building  
39 West Main Street  
Rochester, New York 14614-1476

Dear President Carbone,

The Monroe County Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee (Committee) was created in May, 2020. Comprised of seven voting and four non-voting members, the Committee has as its charge “to identify and review practices and policies which may reduce residential and commercial environmental impact.”

The Committee held its organizational meeting in August. At the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend submitting the Climate Smart Communities Referral 20-0152, to Your Honorable Body for adoption.

Climate Smart Communities (CSC) is a New York State program that helps local governments take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate. Monroe County has long been a leader in sustainable policy and protecting natural resources; participation in CSC will help to enhance these efforts. Locally, current CSC municipalities include the City of Rochester, Brighton and Irondequoit.

Participation in the CSC program will provide better scoring in several grant programs and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation CSC grant opportunities. Involvement will also provide a framework and resources for the County’s Climate Action Plan.

New York State requires that this final resolution be signed by the Clerk of the Legislature.

The Committee looks forward to its continued work for the Legislature for the betterment of Monroe County and its environment.

Sincerely,

/s/

**Co-Chairperson**  
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cc: Hon. Adam J. Bello, County Executive  
Michael J. Garland, DES Director