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NYSERDA'S CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Local governments in New York State can use the Clean Energy Communities program to implement clean energy actions, save energy costs, and improve the environment. In addition to providing tools, resources, and technical assistance, the program recognizes and rewards leadership for the completion of clean energy projects.

To learn more about NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities program, please visit: www.nysesda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/Clean-Energy-Communities

To read case studies of the Clean Energy Communities program in Buffalo Niagara, please visit: regional-institute.buffalo.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2018/10/MovingCleanEnergyForwardBuffaloNiagaraCEC_SRPING2020_FINAL.pdf

Or contact:

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Clean Energy Coordinators provide free technical assistance to local governments participating in the Clean Energy Communities program. Contact Jason to find out how we can work together to reach sustainability goals in your community.

MOVING FORWARD 2050

Moving Forward 2050 is the Buffalo Niagara region's long-range transportation plan. It aims to use transportation investments to strengthen communities and focus growth where we already have infrastructure, create economic development, and support workforce access. The plan also looks at ways to improve mobility using technology, and aims to protect our natural environment by using sustainable materials and innovative design features.

To read the plan, please visit: www.gbnrtc.org/movingforward2050

BIKE BUFFALO NIAGARA PLAN

Developed by the Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC) and its partners, the Bike Buffalo Niagara Plan will help create more bike-able communities in our region. It establishes goals and objectives, inventories existing conditions, uses community input to identify desirable routes and priority corridors to close gaps in the network, and includes design guidelines.

To learn more about the Bike Buffalo Niagara Plan, please visit: www.gbnrtc.org/bikebuffaloniagara

STREETS FOR PANDEMIC RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

During the COVID-19 pandemic, streets have been used for a variety of purposes, including to provide essential services, for gatherings and events, for protests, and for outdoor dining. The National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) developed this resource to provide guidance on how cities can redesign and adapt their streets for these uses based on emerging practices from cities around the world.

To access this resource, please visit: nacto.org/streets-for-pandemic-response-recovery/

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SMALL TOWN AND RURAL MULTIMODAL NETWORKS

The Small Town and Rural Multimodal Networks report is intended to help small towns and rural communities support safe, accessible, comfortable, and active travel for people of all ages and abilities. It provides a bridge between existing guidance on bicycle and pedestrian design and rural practice, encourages innovation in the development of safe and appealing networks for bicycling and walking in small towns and rural areas, and shows examples of peer communities and project implementation that are appropriate for rural communities.

To read this report, please visit: [fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/publications/small_towns/](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/publications/small_towns/)

SAFE STREETS IN AMERICAN CITIES

This report by CityHealth evaluates the strength of the Complete Streets policies of the 40 largest cities in the U.S. by comparing these policies to the Complete Streets ideal policy standard developed by the National Complete Streets Coalition.

To read this report, please visit: [cityhealth.org/complete-streets](https://www.cityhealth.org/complete-streets)

To learn more about what constitutes an ideal Complete Streets policy, please visit: [smartgrowthamerica.org/resources/elements-complete-streets-policy/](https://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/resources/elements-complete-streets-policy/)

PREPARING FOR NEW MOBILITY

This white paper by Alta Planning + Design is intended to help communities of all sizes better understand the potential impacts of emerging transportation technology, such as autonomous vehicles, and take action to prepare for their arrival.

To read this white paper, please visit: [altaplanning.com/projects/preparing-new-mobility-writing-effective-resolutions/](https://www.altaplanning.com/projects/preparing-new-mobility-writing-effective-resolutions/)

BLUEPRINT FOR AUTONOMOUS URBANISM

This guide from the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) lays out a vision for how autonomous vehicles can “work in service of safe, sustainable, equitable, vibrant cities.” It also identifies policy decisions that governments must make regarding transit, freight, pricing, and data, in order to achieve this vision of a people-focused autonomous future.

To read this guide, please visit: [nacto.org/publication/bau2/](https://www.nacto.org/publication/bau2/)

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OTHER RESOURCES

The following organizations provide a variety of research and policy guidance related to Complete Streets:

America Walks is a national nonprofit leading the way in advancing safe, equitable, accessible, and enjoyable places to walk and move by giving people and communities the resources to effectively advocate for change. To learn more about America walks, please visit: americawalks.org

Smart Growth America is a national nonprofit working to ensure that urban development policies foster safe, equitable, and sustainable community growth. To learn more about Smart Growth America, please visit: smartgrowthamerica.org

BECOME A CHAMPION!

Smart Growth America and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity are now accepting applications for the **Champions Institute**, a new initiative for elected officials focused on safe streets and healthy communities. The Champions Institute will serve to prepare mayors, city council people, tribal representatives, and other local elected officials to act as champions supporting plans, policies, and funding that promote activity-friendly routes to everyday destinations, as part of the Active People, Healthy Nation Initiative.

The deadline to submit applications for the Champions Institute is September 10th. To learn more about the Champions Institute and to apply, please visit: smartgrowthamerica.org/apply-today-champions-institute/

The **National Complete Streets Coalition**, a program of Smart Growth America, was founded in 2004 to promote the development and implementation of Complete Streets policies and professional practices in the United States. To learn more about the National Complete Streets Coalition, please visit: smartgrowthamerica.org/program/national-complete-streets-coalition/

Strong Towns is a nonprofit education and advocacy organization committed to created durable, fiscally sustainable, and desirable communities. To learn more about Strong Towns, please visit: strongtowns.org