



Overview of Community Climate Programs

Looking to save energy and money? This guide provides ways that individuals and businesses can adapt to and lessen the effects of climate change, all while seeing savings!

HeatSmart Hector Campaign

Our partnership with **HeatSmart FLX South** offers residents and small businesses funding for:

- Weatherization (insulation, air-sealing and other energy reduction measures)
- Installations of heat pumps for both heating and cooling.
- Other possible incentives are available for ground-source heat pumps and hot water heat pumps.

What are some of the benefits?

- Free home energy audit
- Significantly lower energy bills
- Homes are safer without open flames
- Financial incentives up to \$15,000 for weatherization and energy saving heat pumps.

How do I get involved?

- Call *HeatSmart FLX South* at Schuyler County Cornell Cooperative Extension **607-535-7161 ext. 3223**.
- Email: heatmartflxs@cornell.edu



Ampion Community Solar Campaign

Signing up with Ampion Energy is an easy, clean energy option that saves you money!

- Ampion brings clean electricity through community solar.
- Ampion members are matched with a local solar farm and assigned a portion of the energy it produces.
- Interested residents can see up to a 10% discount in their bills in the form of renewable energy credits, reducing and offsetting electricity cost.

What are some of the benefits?

- Save up to 10% on your electricity cost.
- No enrollment or cancellation fees.
- Program administered by the Public Service Commission.
- No equipment to install.
- Great for renters and homeowners alike.

How do I get involved?

- Visit ampion.net/hector to get started.
- You can enroll in as little as 5 minutes, and start receiving savings on your utility bills.



Buy Local

Buying local produce is an easy way to support your local economy and eat fresher food!

- Buying from local producers funnels money back into the local economy, sustaining good farming practices and maintaining an agricultural presence.
- Buying local reduces pollution that would be created from transporting food and other products from long distances.

Where are local farmers markets?

- TJ's Farmers Market (6069 State Route 414, Hector NY)
- Valois Stone Arch Farmers Market (Route 414, 1/2 mile south of Valois)
- Trumansburg Farmers Market (Corner of Route 96 and Route 227)
- Watkins Glen Farmers Market (Lafayette Park, 5th and Porter Street)
- Schuyler County Farm and Craft Market (Fireman's Carnival Grounds, Rt. 224, Montour Falls)

How do I get involved?

- Support farmers markets, farm stores, and local roadside stands in our area.
- Support your local CSA's (Community Source Agriculture). Pick up fresh produce from local CSA's much of the year.



Recycling and Composting

Recycling reduces waste sent to landfills and incinerators.

- This practice conserves energy, reduces air and water pollution, reduces greenhouse gases, and conserves natural resources.
- People are more likely to recycle when it is easy and convenient.

How do I get involved?

- The Town of Hector operates a Recycling Center in Reynoldsville (5097 NYS Route 227) every Saturday morning from 9am to 1pm, and in summer months on Thursday nights from 5-7pm.
- This is a single-stream/zero sort recycling, making it easy and convenient for residents to recycle.

Composting recycles organic matter, such as food scraps and small yard waste, into valuable fertilizer.

- Garbage in landfills creates methane gas, which contributes to greenhouse gas emissions.
- Diverting your food scraps from the landfills through composting is a good way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce your garbage bills.

How do I get involved?

- The town operates a Food Waste Drop-Off Program at the Recycling Center. This program operates at the same time as recycling.
- Accepted items include food waste and yard waste (leaves, small twigs, etc.)
- This program is especially popular in winter months when it is more difficult for residents to compost outside.

Hector Dumpster Day and Swap Meet

The Town holds an annual Dumpster Day every year in May or June.

- Items of all kinds are accepted, including appliances, furniture, treated lumber, and clothes.
- Items that cannot be discarded through regular waste services can be dropped off on Dumpster Day.

How do I get involved?

- Dumpster Day occurs annually during May or June.
- Drop off stations are set up at the Town Hall, Valois Logan Hector Volunteer Fire Department, and Mecklenburg Fire Department.
- Residents can volunteer to help unload and sort items.

The Town holds a Free Swap Meet the day before and day of Dumpster Day.

- A collection center was set up in the Hector Fire Hall, and the public was invited to bring usable items (clothes, toys, furniture, etc.)
- The public was invited to take anything they needed for free, and over 60 residents either brought usable items or came and took items they wanted.
- Leftover items were taken to the Thrifty Shopper in Ithaca or donated to the Hector Church for their annual Attic Sale.

How do I get involved?

- Residents can attend the Swap Meet and drop off any usable items or take any items they want.
- Residents can volunteer to assist the Town in managing the event.

Electric Vehicles

When considering the purchase of your next car, truck, or SUV, consider purchasing an electric or hybrid vehicle!

- These vehicles produce less emissions, and decrease the amount of fossil fuel used.
- NYS regulations will require all new passenger vehicles sold in New York State to be zero-emission by 2035.

What are some of the benefits?

- Energy efficient vehicles save money.
- Financial incentives can assist in the purchase.
- Cleaner environment as a result.

How to Get Involved

The Town of Hector Sustainability Committee is an all-volunteer committee of residents of the Town.

- We are here to help you save money on energy bills, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and increase resilience to the effects of climate change through effective mitigation and adaptation strategies.
- If you are interested in our work and want to know more, contact Gary Judson at garyjudson@live.com.
- Be sure to check out this webpage for future updates and new ways to get involved