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Town of Saugerties Awarded \$100,000 State Grant

The Town of Saugerties was recently awarded \$100,000 by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to purchase two, battery electric light-duty trucks to replace aging gas-powered vehicles.

Internal combustion engines are a leading source of emissions. The all-electric trucks help reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, are more efficient and cost less to operate. The new trucks are for use primarily on public roads and highways by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Buildings, and the Waste Water Treatment Department.

Town Supervisor Fred Costello, Jr. stated his gratitude to NYSERDA for providing the funding, and to the town's Conservation Advisory Commission Climate Smart Task Force for its work in documenting the town's Clean Energy Communities (CEC) high-impact actions that qualified the town for the grant. He said, "We look forward to further reducing the town's GHG by continuing to implement clean energy actions that not only reduce GHG emissions but are cost-effective."

The town is a designated CEC community since 2017 and has completed fifteen CEC energy-efficient high-impact actions. Previous NYSERDA CEC grants include: \$10,000 for LED lighting at Town Hall, \$5,000 for energy efficient appliances at the Greco Senior Center kitchen, and a \$5,000 grant as designated CEC community.

The CEC program provides grants to local governments that demonstrate leadership by completing NYSERDA required high-impact actions. By providing grants, coordinator support, and clear guidance for implementing a wide range of clean-energy actions, NYSERDA is helping local governments reduce GHG emissions and improve the environment.

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