

Cleaner Greener Communities Program

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Background

- Announced by Governor Cuomo in his 2011 State of the State Address
- CGC supports the creation and implementation of regional sustainability plans
- Two phase program:
 - Phase I: Regional Sustainability Planning Grants (\$10 million)
 - Phase II: Regional Sustainability Plan Implementation Grants (\$90 million)
- Phase I is currently underway and Phase II is expected to launch in early 2013

CGC Goals

1. Incentivize sustainable communities
2. Economic revitalization through green jobs
3. Increase energy efficiencies and renewable energy
4. Strengthen environmental justice
5. Support development of environmentally-friendly public and private transportation
6. Protect & preserve NYS's natural resources

Funding



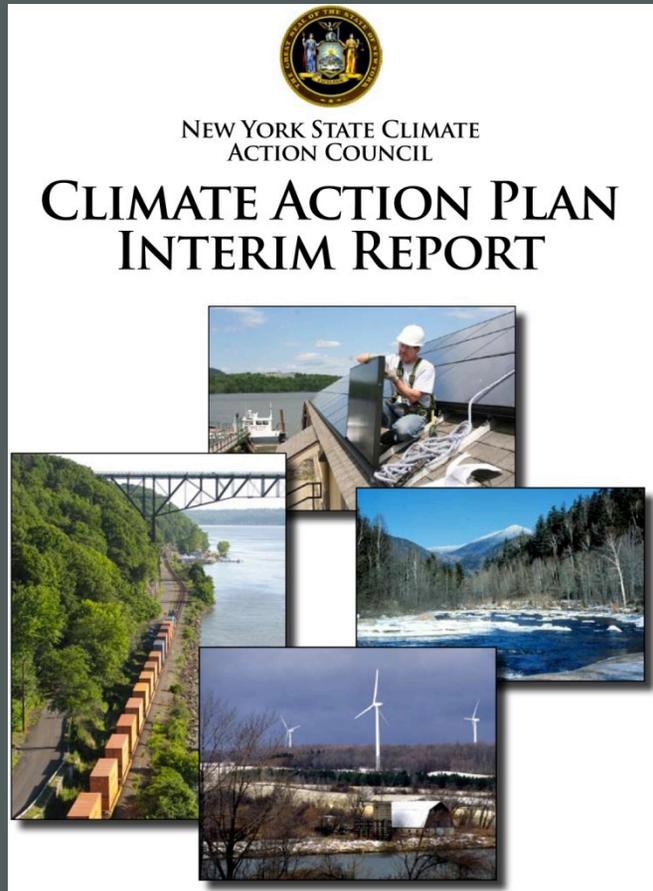
RGGI

- Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative
- First Mandatory Cap and Trade Program in North America
- 9 Northeast States (CT, DE, MD, ME, NY, MA, NH, VT, RI)

Economic Development



Climate Commitment



Climate Change Commitment

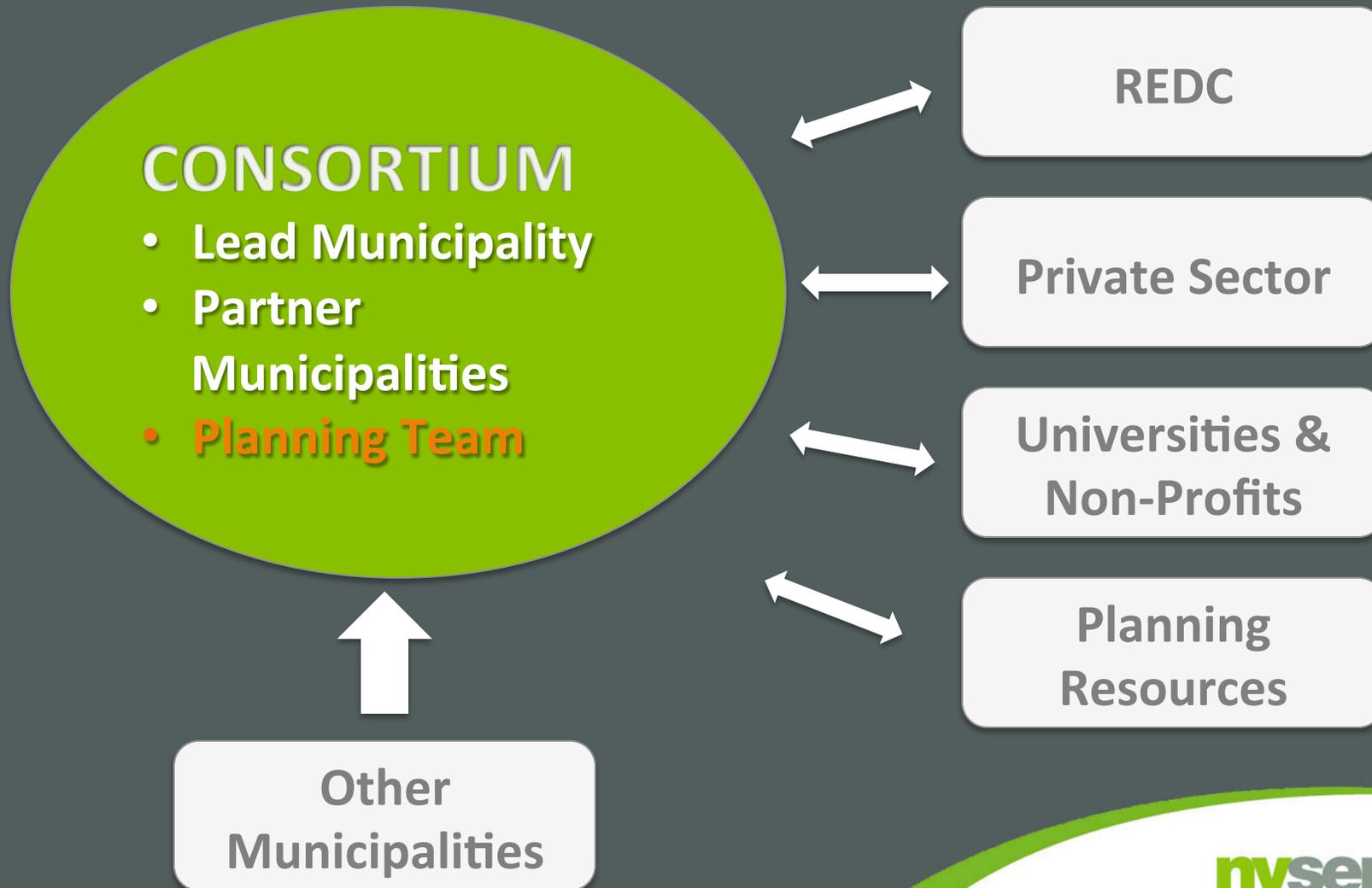
“reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050”



Sustainability Plan Scope

- Baseline assessment of the region
- Incorporation of existing local planning efforts
- Long-term and short-term sustainability goals
- Climate change adaptation
- Identification of necessary actions
- Implementation strategy
- Stakeholder involvement

CGC Regional Team Structure



Required Areas of Focus

- Energy
- Land Use/Livable Communities
- Transportation
- Waste
- Water
- Economic Development
- Governance
- Climate Change Adaptation

Mid-Hudson Team

CONSORTIUM

Orange County
Dutchess County
Putnam County
Rockland County
Sullivan County
Town of Greenburgh
Ulster County
Center for Research, Regional
Education and Outreach
(CRREO)
Land Use Law Center Mayors'
Redevelopment Roundtable
Northern Westchester Energy
Action Consortium (NWEAC)



Plan Development Schedule

2012

Task	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Sustainability Plan								
Baseline Assessment								
Sustainability Indicator Memo		◆						
Sustainability Indicator Inventory				◇	◆			
Sustainability Targets								
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Technical Chapters								
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Implementation Strategy								
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Implementation Toolkit								◆

Milestones ◇ Draft ◆ Final

Phase II

- Launches early 2013
- Three annual rounds of ~\$30 million
- Will fund projects that
 - Reduce GHG emissions
 - Support the achievement of the region's sustainability goals as identified in their plans
 - Are not eligible for current NYSERDA offerings
 - Prioritized by their regional planning team



Questions?