

Subject: Town of Austerlitz seeking help in identifying local actions to fight climate change

To help address the challenges we face from global climate change, the Austerlitz Town Board has resolved to take local action appropriate for our town. What those specific actions will be are not yet determined. However, the town board has begun a process to become certified as a "Climate Smart Community". Basically, this is a program setup by the NY Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to help local communities participate in reducing greenhouse gasses produced within the community.

Town Board members Greg Vogler and Jere Wrightsman have been appointed by the town board to facilitate this process.

There will be two main teams forging this effort: one to address what the town government can do for what it controls, and another team to identify ways in which town residents may wish to personally participate in reducing their own production of greenhouse gasses. Each team will be asked to identify potential actions for the town to take or champion, and possible ways to obtain grants for their funding. These plans will be presented to the Town Board for review and approval.

We are providing this notice to see if you would like to participate on either team. Here are couple of links that may help you inform your decision.

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/56876.html>

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/50845.html>

Please let us know if you would like to join one or both of our teams. And please pass this notice along to anyone else in town you think may be interested.

Thank you and regards,

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