



North Country
CLEAN ENERGY HUB



Energy Opportunities for Your Home & Business

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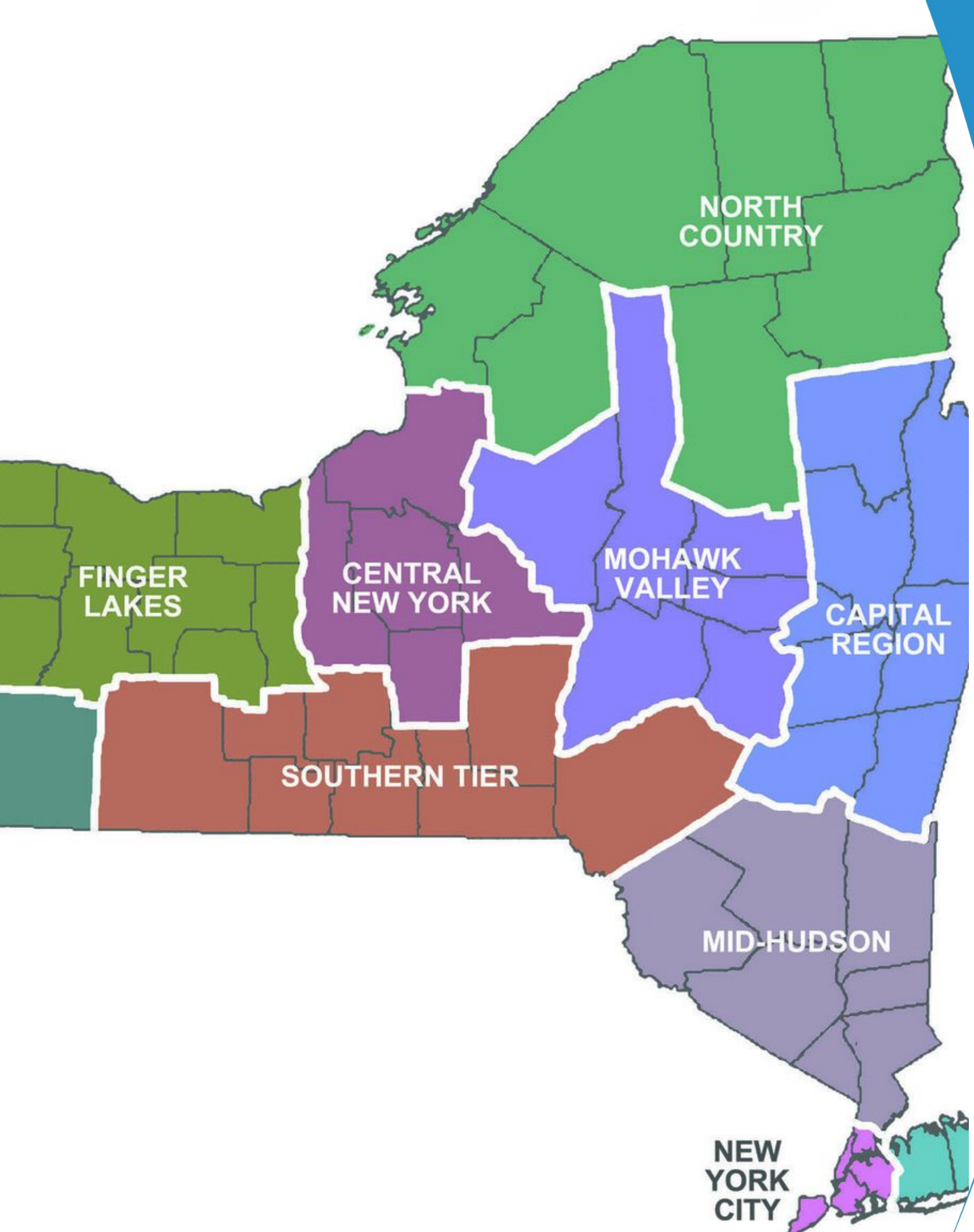
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**Regional Clean
Energy Hub**
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What is the Hub?

We are a team of organizations working to help North Country residents lower energy costs, make homes more comfortable and safe, and access good jobs.

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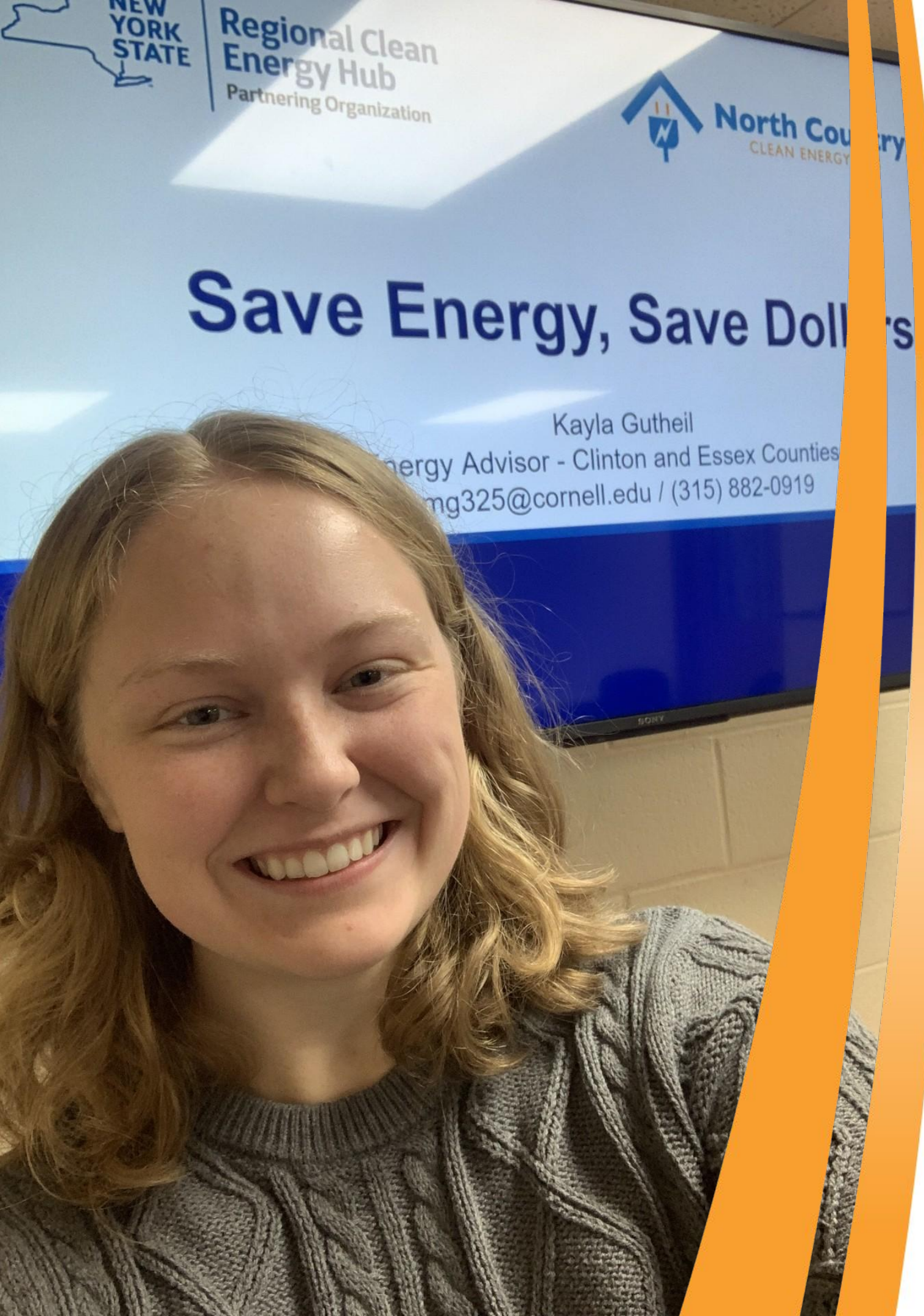
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No-Cost Energy Advising

- Serving residents, small businesses, and nonprofits
- Every North Country county has a designated Energy Advisor
- Easy to get in contact with!





What does an Energy Advisor do?

- 01 Answer questions
- 02 Help you determine what opportunities you qualify for
- 03 Assist with completing applications and following up
- 04 Help find contractors
- 05 Provide community presentations and events

Energy Opportunities - Low/Mod. Income Residents

NYSERDA EmPower+

Up to \$10,000 for low-income households to complete weatherization and energy efficiency upgrades

- Note: no windows and doors

HEAP

Assistance to help reduce energy bills, address energy crises, and make minor repairs

- Through your county's DSS

Weatherization Assistance Program

Federal program (similar to EmPower+) that does home energy upgrades for LMI homeowners and renters

- Essex County: ACAP

Energy Affordability Program

Monthly discounts on electric/natural gas bills, administered through major utilities (NYSEG, National Grid)

- Should be enrolled if receiving other assistance

Energy Opportunities - All NYS Residents

NYSERDA Comfort Home

Incentive packages ranging from \$1600-\$4000 on energy efficiency upgrades through a participating contractor

- Note: must be served by a major utility

Tax Credits

Federal (IRA) and state tax credits take money off the taxes you owe at the end of the year IF you have tax liability

- Energy Efficient Home Improvement
Credit: 30% up to \$1200 each year

NYS Clean Heat

Rebate program for heat pump installation through a participating contractor - cost varies based on system type and other factors

- Note: must be served by a major utility

Community Solar Subscription

Sign up for free and receive monthly credits on your electric bill for the clean energy produced at an offsite solar farm

- Consolidated billing

Energy Opportunities - Businesses & Nonprofits

Green Jobs – Green NY

Comprehensive, low-cost energy study that pinpoints opportunities for efficiency upgrades and improvements

- Small businesses and nonprofits

FlexTech Program

Cost-sharing program for technical assistance services like energy audits for nonprofits, commercial buildings, multifamily housing, and schools who pay into the SBC

Renew America's Nonprofits

501(c)(3) organizations may be eligible for major energy efficient upgrades and clean heating technology with only 20% cost-sharing from the nonprofit

- Applications due May 1, 2025

Energy Opportunities - Farms

Agriculture Energy Audit Program

Program for farms to receive energy audits on farm buildings, irrigation, refrigeration, and processing systems

- Audit is through a FlexTech program consultant

Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)

Grant funding and loan financing program for energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements

- Agricultural producers
- Rural small businesses



Volunteer Opportunities: Join Energy Navigators!

- Energy Navigators are trained to help their friends and neighbors learn about their clean energy and energy efficiency choices
- New training sessions every few months on Zoom

Register at www.northcountrycleanenergyhub.org
under About the Hub → Volunteer Opportunities

OR use the sign up sheet provided

OR scan the QR code on the right:





Clean Energy Workforce Development: Education & Training

- SUNY Canton is offering clean energy education and training opportunities, like this solar training course from last fall and this past summer
- Check out their Micro Course Monday lectures for recordings about various energy efficiency topics



Clean Energy Workforce Development: Contractor Support

- We assist contractors with accessing training opportunities and participating in programs such as NYS Clean Heat or EmPower+
- Check out the Workforce Development page on our Hub's website

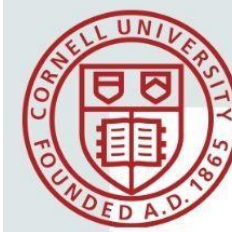
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MEET YOUR ENERGY ADVISOR

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ABOUT ME

Hello! My name is Kayla Gutheil. I am an Energy Advisor with CCE Jefferson. As an Energy Advisor my position covers Clinton and Essex Counties. I am currently residing in Rensselaer County, New York. In my free time I enjoy hiking, crafting, and houseplants!

WHAT I DO

- Assist with navigating NYS programming to find the best solution for energy savings for residents and small business owners.
- Host presentations and workshops on energy efficiency practices.
- Help you complete energy program applications and provide information and connections to NYSERDA contractors.



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