



DUTCHESS COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Executive Order No. 3 of 2024
Adoption of the Dutchess County Climate Action Plan - 2030
July 3, 2024

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated that climate change poses a threat to the environment, the well-being of our community, and the economy, and underscores the need for climate action at all levels of government to reduce greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emissions, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the threats posed by climate change, there are strong economic reasons to take local action to mitigate climate change, including but not limited to employing efficiencies in buildings and operations that lower energy consumption and reduce energy waste, and

WHEREAS, the County of Dutchess has a clear governmental interest in protecting human, environmental, and economic health within the County and beyond, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to endeavor to reduce carbon pollution, reinforcing its commitment to protect the human, environmental, and economic health in Dutchess County and beyond, and

WHEREAS, Dutchess County has completed a greenhouse gas emissions inventory of its 2019 government operations, and intends to use this inventory for future carbon emissions tracking, and

WHEREAS, Dutchess County has prepared a Climate Action Plan based off of the greenhouse gas emissions inventory baseline 2019 report that outlines proposed actions aimed at reducing the County’s emissions, and

WHEREAS, Dutchess County has determined that the adoption of a Climate Action Plan will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and therefore is a Type II action under NYS SEQRLaw, and

WHEREAS, Section 3.02 of the Dutchess County Charter provides that the County Executive shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the County and as such shall “supervise, and direct the internal structure and organization of every unit of the Executive Branch of the County government” and “all powers and duties necessarily implied or incidental to”,

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Chief Executive of Dutchess County, it is hereby ordered:

SECTION 1. PLAN ADOPTION.

Dutchess County hereby adopts the Dutchess County Climate Action Plan - 2030.

SECTION 2. EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGET.

In accordance with the Climate Action Plan – 2030, Dutchess County shall endeavor to reduce the carbon emissions associated with its government operations by 40% from 1990 levels.

SECTION 3. PLAN IMPLEMENTATION.

It shall be the responsibility of the Department of Planning & Development's Division of Environmental & Geospatial Planning, in close coordination with all other County departments and the County's Climate Smart Communities Task Force, to implement the County's Climate Action Plan to meet the County's carbon emission reduction goals.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 5. DURATION.

The adoption of Dutchess County Climate Action Plan – 2030 shall stay in effect until December 31, 2030, unless extended, revoked, or otherwise superseded.

Dated: this 3rd day of July, 2024
Poughkeepsie, New York



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