

April 13, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Town of Copake, I want to offer our support of the proposal submitted by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties (CCE CG) to assist our community in the development of a Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan in coordination with the Columbia County

We recognize that a climate adaptation plan is a Priority Action of the CSC Certification Program and anticipate it will greatly benefit our municipality. The process of developing this plan will also involve completing two additional Priority Actions under PE:7, evaluate policies for climate resilience and vulnerability assessment. The first step in this process will be to analyze plans and policies using a Climate Smart Resiliency Planning tool. The information gathered in this process will establish a baseline of our plans, codes and ordinances and other documents that can serve to reduce our vulnerability to the impacts of climate change. The tool will identify gaps and opportunities to revise these planning documents and set the stage for the vulnerability assessment. This assessment will consider the climate hazards our community faces and identify the community assets and populations at risk. The resulting adaptation plan will describe and help prioritize future planning or other adaptation strategies to become more climate resilient guided by a defined set of recommendations.

The Town of Copake is interested in working with CCE CG and believes the town will greatly benefit from the process. We are confident that creating a climate adaptation and resilience plan will strengthen our commitment to addressing climate change and contribute to a more resilient community.

Sincerely,

Jeanne E. Mettler
Supervisor