

# Sustainability Advisory Committee

UPDATE TO THE BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES (SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>)





- **The goal of SAC** is to provide information to our community about actions and policies which could improve sustainability and make our Village greener.
- Our campaigns promote zero-waste and clean energy initiatives; we take advantage of NYS funding opportunities which support the implementation of these actions.
- Today's update will include
  - Brief overview of SAC activities/collaborations (2023-2024)
  - Current status of campaigns and grants
  - Challenges
  - Future plans
    - Proposal for food scraps drop-off facility





- **Zero Waste Initiatives** (partnering with **Briarcliff Recreation** and the **Briarcliff Manor School District**).
  - Stash the Trash.
  - Swaps (Halloween Costume Swap, Sports Swap, Holiday Swap, Take It or Leave It).
- **Clean Energy Campaigns** (partnering with **CSC Task Force** and **Sustainable Westchester**).
  - Residential clean heating and cooling.
  - Grid Rewards.
- **Drive Electric Briarcliff** (partnering with CSC Task Force).
- Partnership with **Briarcliff Manor Public Library** to build out a Sustainability section in the library and host movie events.
- Produce a quarterly newsletter; SAC page on Village website.



## Campaigns in collaboration with CSC Task Force



Briarcliff Manor became a member of the Climate Smart Communities in November 2022

Campaign	Date Action Submitted/ Date Action Approved	CSC Action and points	Award/Usage
<b>Electric Vehicles Tier 1</b> (10 purchases/ leases)	4/1/24 4/18/24	PE8 Action: Community Campaign Up to 3 points	\$5,000/Library LED
<b>Electric Vehicles Tier 2</b> (20 purchases/ leases)	4/12/24 5/28/24	PE8 Action: Community Campaign Up to 3 points	\$7,500/combined with other awards for 2 Heat Pumps at Village Hall
<b>Clean Heating and Cooling Tier 2</b> (20 upgrades installed)	4/12/24 5/28/24	PE8 Action: Community Campaign Up to 3 points	\$10,000/combined with other awards for 2 Heat Pumps at Village Hall
<b>Designation Point Level 1</b> (300 points)	No submission date/ 4/17/24	PE3 Action: Government Building Energy Audit. Variable range: 8 - 16 points	\$10,000/Energy Audit and recommended upgrades
<b>Community Solar Campaign Tier 1</b> (10 sign ups)	6/10/24 7/9/24	PE8 Action: Community Campaign Up to 3 points	\$5,000/combined with other awards for 2 Heat Pumps at Village Hall
<b>Electric Vehicles Tier 3</b> (50 Purchases/leases)	TBD	PE8 Action: Community Campaign Up to 3 points	\$15,000 TBD. Will qualify The Village for a Designation Point Level 2 (3,000) points = \$50,000

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# Village of Briarcliff Manor



A NYSERDA Clean Energy Community

7,867  
POPULATION (2010 CENSUS)

Mid-Hudson  
REGION

## Accomplishments

Advanced (v3.0) (★)

(Earn 100 points for 2-Star status)

8

ACTIONS COMPLETED



2,900

POINTS EARNED

### High Impact Actions

Community Campaigns  
LED Street Lights  
Grand Total

Count	Points
6	2,000
2	900
8	2,900

## General Challenges:

- Increasing our reach within the community to improve efficacy of our messaging.
- Recruiting volunteers for events.

## Moving forward:

- Continue partnerships to promote clean energy and energy efficiency.
- Collaborate with DPW and the school district to improve recycling in the schools.
- Collaborate with the library and DPW to establish a book recycling program (through Bay State Books).
- Promote the concept of sustainable landscaping.
- Establish food scraps collection program.



## Proposal for a food scraps collection site in Briarcliff Manor

### *Why should we have a food scraps drop-off site locally?*

- Improve sustainability in Briarcliff Manor by diverting food waste from the landfill. Food waste typically comprises ~24% of municipal solid waste.
- Briarcliff residents have repeatedly expressed an interest in having a local drop-off site for food scraps.
- Currently, around 35 of the 43 municipalities in Westchester County have food scraps collection initiatives. By participating, Briarcliff Manor will join a growing list of villages and towns committed to food scrap recycling in Westchester and will help build momentum for a county-run initiative.



## TO DO LIST

- Create a committee with representatives from **SAC, Briarcliff DPW**, and the **Climate Smart Task Force**.
- Finalize location for food scraps drop-off site.
  - Need 2 parking spaces
  - Need water hook up
- Establish timeline and budget. Establish schedule for drop-off.
- Begin community education campaign.



## Goals for collection site

- Clear, informative, welcoming signage.
- Easy in, easy drop-off, easy out traffic flow.
- Facility to rinse out bins after drop-off (water hook-up).
- Ideally, provide the ability to purchase bin liners and collection kits on site.
- Ideally, have the possibility of daily supervision (15 minutes at the end of each day).
  - Supervisor will monitor the active collection bin, move it away when it is full, and open up a new collection bin when needed.
  - All bins will have wheels; all bins will have animal locks to keep out pests.



Location	Pros	Cons
<b>DPW</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Space available</li> <li>• Water hook up available</li> <li>• Possibility of daily supervision, and on-site purchase of bins/liners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No weekend hours</li> </ul>
<b>Club Field</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Space available</li> <li>• Water hook up available</li> <li>• Open on weekends</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily supervision?</li> </ul>
<b>McCrum</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water hook up available</li> <li>• Open on weekends</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Space is tight</li> <li>• Daily supervision?</li> </ul>



**SAC** evaluated three potential sites for food scraps drop-off.

## **Program cost can be potentially funded from a CSC grant**

### ***Expenses at the collection site***

- Outdoor bins (64 gallon) plus compostable liners (total of 5-6 bins).
- Signage.
- Pick up and hauling (County-subsidized RFSTAD program).

### ***Starter Kits (will be sold by DPW at cost for \$20)***

- Countertop pails (2 gallon) plus compostable liners.
- Caddy (13 gallon) plus compostable liners

### ***Miscellaneous/Education***

- Banners, flyers



Town	Food Scraps drop-off schedule
Pleasantville (DPW)	Thursdays (8am-2pm) Saturdays (6am or 9am depending on season until 3pm)
Hastings on Hudson (DPW)	Daily dawn to dusk
Hastings on Hudson (Anthony F. Veteran Park in Greenburgh)	Daily (10am-4pm)
Tarrytown (Green Street location)	Daily (dawn to dusk)
Ossining (Cedar Lane Park) Ossining (Farmer’s market)	Daily (dawn to dusk) Saturdays (9.30am-11.30am)
Chappaqua/Millwood (Recycling Center, Joan Corwin Way)	Tuesday-Saturday (7am-2.30pm)
Irvington (multiple drop off sites in Hastings, Tarrytown, Dobbs Ferry, Greenburgh, and Irvington Farmers Market)	Various
Scarsdale	Curbside pickup weekly, and DPW (Monday-Saturday from 8am-3pm)





Food scraps collection facility at Scarsdale DPW



Starter kit



We thank the Mayor, the Board of Trustees, the Village Manager, Village staff, Briarcliff Recreation, Briarcliff Manor Public Library and the Briarcliff Manor School District for supporting SAC in its activities.

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