

Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Coalition

Climate Leadership  
From the  
Community Out



# Regional Sustainability Plans Revisited

- 2011 – 14 work to publication
- Goals: carbon reduction 80% by 2050 + economic prosperity, resilience
- \$1M invested in each of ten regions
- Charge included establishing milestones and metrics, governance/ evaluation, resource attraction, knowledge-sharing
- Cleaner, Greener Communities 3 years funding thru 2016



# Knowledge sharing network



## Foundational exploration since then: Knowledge sharing platform

- Coalition meetings and annual retreats
- Cataloguing best practices & replicable models
- Vision: region as hub for sustainability & education
- White paper as foundation for collaborative planning



# White Paper Scope

## Topical chapters

Land use and transportation

Energy

Agriculture and open spaces

Water

Materials Management

## Cross cutting themes

Education

Social justice

Resilience

Economic development

SPRING - SUMMER 2019

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### **CLIMATE LEADERSHIP FOR THE HUDSON VALLEY:**

Five Year Review of the Mid-Hudson  
Regional Sustainability Plan and the  
Opportunity of Today

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- Much progress especially groundwork – local infrastructure, policy, pilots
- Limited coordination / metrics
- Missed challenges: refrigerants, emerging pollutants
- Missed opportunities: electric vehicles & more

## Key Discoveries



## Emerging strategies

- Knowledge exchange, peer mentoring & learning
- Programs to scale up sustainable practices at household, district & community scale
- Re\$ource development

## Regional Planning Timeline

- Working groups formed and game plans set summer into fall 2019
- Strategic planning fall – winter 2019-20
- Integration and implementation planning winter 2020
- Regional conference spring 2020