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
Key Discoveries

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