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Upper Brookville Earns Clean Energy Community Designation

Upper Brookville has become the first of 96 Long Island villages to be designated a Clean Energy Community by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). Upper Brookville is the seventh municipality in Nassau and Suffolk counties to earn the designation, with the prior Long Island recipients town governments. The designation recognizes leadership of communities in reducing energy use, cutting costs and driving clean energy. The \$16 million Clean Energy Communities initiative, which was announced by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo last August, supports local government leaders across the State to implement energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainable development projects in their communities.

Clean Energy Communities advances the Governor's Reforming the Energy (REV) strategy by demonstrating the importance of communities in helping New York reach its Clean Energy Standard of 50 percent of the State's

electricity coming from renewable energy resources by 2030. Upper Brookville received the designation for completing four of 10 high-impact clean energy actions identified by NYSERDA as part of the Clean Energy Communities initiative. In addition, the designation gives Upper Brookville an opportunity to apply for up to \$100,000 toward additional clean energy projects, with no local cost share.

Elliot Conway, Mayor of the Village of Upper Brookville, said, "The Village of Upper Brookville is proud to be the first Long Island village to earn the Clean Energy Community designation. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions has been a priority in Upper Brookville. We began by facilitating our residents' conversion to natural gas heat and, recently, created a voluntary solid waste district to significantly lower the cost to residents and reduce the average road miles travelled by heavy trash trucks. This will reduce emissions as well as wear and tear

on our Village roads. We also expect to save four times the cost of converting our street lights to LEDs through lower electricity and maintenance costs. This designation highlights the importance that we place on renewable energy and conservation. We are delighted to play a leadership role in the State's goal to reform the

energy landscape and promote smart, impactful clean energy initiatives."

For more information on Clean Energy Communities, visit www.nyserdanyny.gov/cec. Local government officials or employees can find contact information for their respective coordinator for assistance with the program.

