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Village of Rhinebeck Joins Town in Addressing Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Last March the Town of Rhinebeck signed the *Climate Smart Communities Pledge*, joining 73 other New York municipalities in working toward making their communities more energy efficient. In order to fulfill that pledge, the Rhinebeck Town Board authorized the creation of a task force (Rhinebeck Energy and Resilience Task Force) to identify the Town's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions and advise the Town Board on strategies to reduce emissions and adapt to climate change.

The Village of Rhinebeck now joins the Town in this commitment, having recently signed the *Pledge*, to combat climate change and work toward a more sustainable future.

In determining how to best conserve energy and reduce emissions the Rhinebeck Energy and Resilience Task Force (RERTF) is now in the process of establishing an inventory of GHG emissions. The inventory is guided by *The Climate Registry*, <http://www.theclimateregistry.org/>, a non-profit organization that "sets consistent and transparent standards to calculate, verify and publicly report greenhouse gas emissions into a single registry." *The Climate Registry* provides expertise to the task force in its efforts to determine the most accurate and complete data.

The Rhinebeck E&R Task Force still needs additional members, particularly those who are residents of the Village. Concerned citizens, local experts and dedicated volunteers are welcome. Applications for membership to the task force may be obtained in the Town Clerk's office in Rhinebeck Town Hall.