

New York State Energy Planning Board

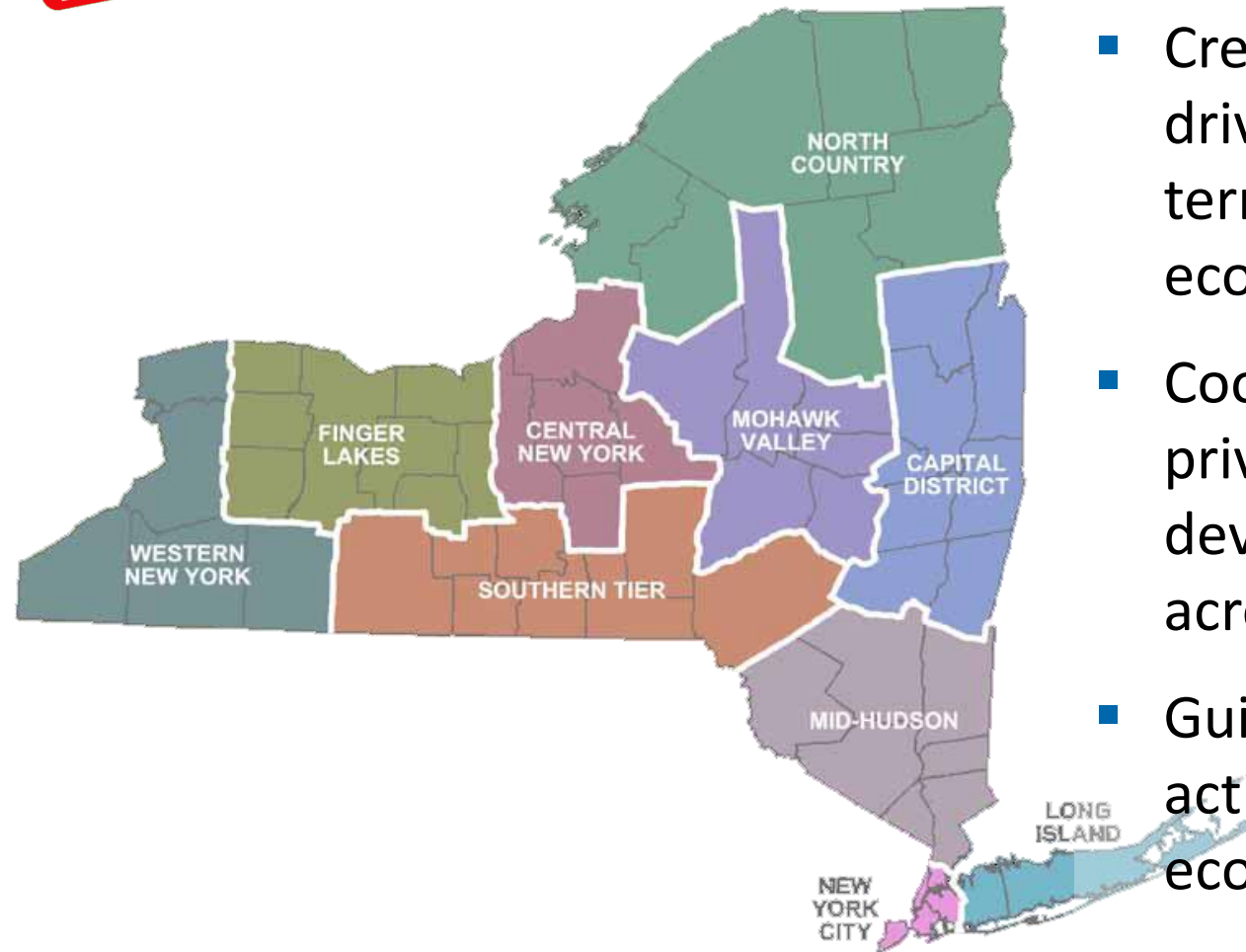
The Energy-Related Priorities of the 2011 Regional Economic Development Councils' Strategic Plans

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Regional Economic Development Councils




- Create community-driven plans for long-term sustainable economic growth
- Coordinate public & private economic development efforts across the region
- Guide and direct state actions to support economic development



Regional Council Membership

- Lt. Gov. Robert Duffy, Chairman
- 2 Vice Chairs (Academic & Industry)
- Others representing:
 - Business
 - Agriculture
 - Labor & Trade Organizations
 - Local Government
 - Higher Education
 - Non-profit & Community-Based Organizations
- Legislators serve as ex officio members

A close-up photograph of Governor Andrew Cuomo, looking slightly to the left with a serious expression. He is wearing a dark suit and a red tie.

"The Regional Economic Development Councils are Governor Cuomo's biggest economic priority."

State Support of Regional Councils

Regional Leadership teams included:

- ESD Regional Directors
- DOS Strategic Planners
- DOL Regional Representatives
- Facilitators provided by DOL and other agencies



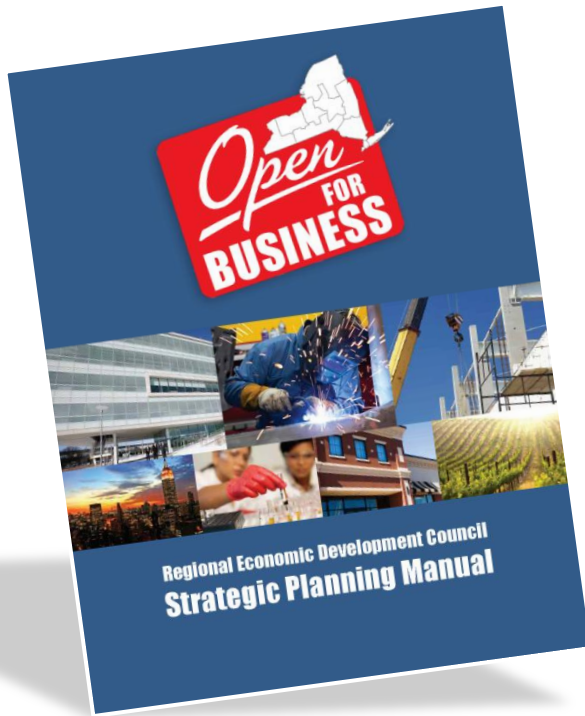
Agency Resource Team Members:

NYSERDA	EFC	Adirondack Park Agency
Ag & Markets	DEC	Tug Hill Commission
OPRHP	DOH	Hudson River Valley Greenway
HCR	DOT	Port Authority of NY & NJ
SUNY	NYPA	Palisades Interstate Parks Commission
MTA	LIPA	





2011 Focus: Developing Strategic Plans



	Regional Council						Meeting Milestones	
	8/3-11	8/16-24	9/6-14	9/26-10/5	10/18-26	11/1-11/9	December	Jan - Feb - March
Regional Council Meetings	Organization & Critical Issues and Opportunities	Vision & Principal Economic Drivers	Strategies & Criteria	Actions, Projects & Measures	Draft Plan & Implementation Agenda	Final Plan	Operationalize Implementation	Review & Adjust Initial Strategic Plan
Regional Council Actions	Identify Critical Issues & Opportunities and Form Work Groups	Develop Regional Vision Statement and Identify Principal Regional Economic Drivers & Opportunities	Develop Strategies and Approve Priority Project Criteria & CFA Evaluation Standards	Identify Strategic Actions, Policies & Projects and Adopt Performance Measures	Review Draft Regional Strategic Plan and Implementation Agenda	Approve Regional Strategic Plan and Evaluation Results of the CFA Applications	Establish Organizational Structure and Operationalize the Implementation Plan Obtain Public & Private Commitments for Action	Take Next Steps Necessary to Advance the Plan Review Status of Projects and Actions & Adjust Strategies as Needed
Work Groups	Form Initial Work Groups	Work Groups Continue to Work, Review Data, and Report Back New Groups Formed as Needed					Monitor Actions	Implement and Monitor Plan & Develop New Strategic Projects and Actions
Information for Consideration	Survey, Regional Snapshots, Guidebook, and Manual	Work Group Reports, and Existing Reports, and Manual	Work Group Reports, Public Input, and Manual	Draft Strategies, Priority Project Criteria, and Manual	Actions, Policies & Projects	Revised Strategic Plan & Application Evaluations	Regional Strategic Plan Implementation Agenda	Implementation Agenda Reports from Work Groups
Stakeholder and Public Engagement	Council Discusses Strategy	Hold at least one Public Forum & Input Received Online, Through Work Groups, and Other Means		Public Forum, Online, Work Group, and Other Public Comments		Online & Work Group Comments	Continue Public and Stakeholder Engagement Through Council Web Site, in Weblogs, and at Public Forums and other venues	



Strategic Economic Development Plans

Established Priorities for Leveraging Investment,
Attracting Business, & Creating Jobs

Strong Plans:

- Identified Strategies
- Laid Out Priority Projects & Other Actions to Implement Strategies
- Created Multi-Year Implementation Agendas
- Established Performance Measures

Plans with Energy as
a High-Level Focus:

- Western NY
- Central NY
- North Country
- Finger Lakes
- Southern Tier
- New York City



2012 CFA Round



Executive Budget Proposal:

- \$130 million in Capital Funding from the NY Works Initiative
- \$ 70 million in Tax Credits from the Excelsior Jobs Program

Other resources from a wide range of existing agency programs

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2012 Focus: Setting Priorities and Implementing Regional Strategies

Regional Councils
will set priorities
and begin
implementing their
strategies

State Agencies will
align programs to
assist Regional
Councils with
implementation



Regional Council Energy Strategies: Themes

- Commercializing Research
- Developing the Energy Workforce
- Energy Efficiency
- Providing Clean & Renewable Energy
- Energy Costs and Reform



Alignment with Energy Plan Themes

The State Energy Plan is addressing areas that are consistent with the Councils' energy themes:

- Harnessing the clean energy economy as an engine for growth in the State
- Assessing the ability of renewable energy resources and energy efficiency to meet some of the State's energy needs
- Identifying costs and regulatory challenges associated with energy development

Progress being made by other State programs
(e.g., Green Jobs Green New York)



Commercializing Research

Nearly all of the Plans recognize a need to:

- Assist in moving emerging technologies into the marketplace through supporting research and development
- Provide early stage business development assistance and networking opportunities
- Support clean energy technology innovation and incubators.



Developing the Energy Workforce

Many Plans identified the need for a coordinated education and workforce development campaign to:

- Interest students in and prepare them for clean energy careers.
- Train undertrained workers for energy efficiency and renewable energy installation careers



Source: The Record



Energy Efficiency

All Plans called for energy efficiency efforts, ranging from homes, to businesses, to farms, to transportation systems.

Other Plans suggested prioritization of areas or districts for State incentives and subsidies based on energy efficiency.





Providing Clean & Renewable Energy

All Plans called for renewable energy increases.

Other Plans suggested:

- Increased renewable energy generation in the State, including distributed generation resources, along with infrastructure upgrades and expansions.
- Alignment of agricultural resources and the energy sector including support for projects that advanced the biomass energy industry.





Energy Costs & Reforms

Many Plans identified the need to reduce energy costs, in particular for businesses, where low, predictable energy costs can help businesses plan for the future, remain competitive and even expand their operations.

Other Plans:

- Referenced NYPA's Recharge New York program which provides allocations of discount power to companies across the State in order to keep companies and jobs in the State
- Called for the State to develop innovative financial products that leverage private investment in energy efficiency upgrades



Key Recommendations

- Identify specific areas of the SEP that are addressing clear priorities of the Council Plans
- Provide opportunities for regional flexibility and recognize unique regional attributes and opportunities across the state
- Acknowledge the inherent tension between new programs and energy cost
- Create a pathway between the Regional Councils and State Energy Planning Board

Questions?



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