### SUSTAINABLE WESTCHESTER



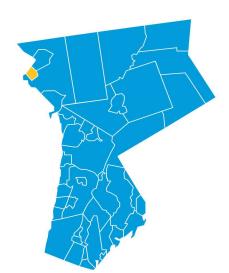
## **Community Choice Aggregation Program Update - NYSEG**



April 13, 2021



### **SUSTAINABLE WESTCHESTER**



Sustainable Westchester is a nonprofit, consortium of Westchester County local governments that creates and administers socially responsible, environmentally sound, and economically viable solutions for its member governments and their residents and businesses.

Ardsley	Hastings-on-Hudson
Bedford	Irvington
Briarcliff Manor	Larchmont
Bronxville	Lewisboro
Cortlandt	Mamaroneck Village
Croton-on-Hudson	Mamaroneck Town
Dobbs Ferry	Mount Kisco
Eastchester	Mount Pleasant
Elmsford	Mount Vernon
Greenburgh	New Castle

Harrison

North Castle Rye Brook North Salem Rye City **Ossining Village** Rye Town Ossining Town Scarsdale Peekskill Sleepy Hollow **Pelham Manor** Somers Pelham Village **Tarrytown** Tuckahoe Town of Pelham Pleasantville White Plains **Port Chester** Yonkers **Pound Ridge** Yorktown

And Westchester County itself

**New Rochelle** 

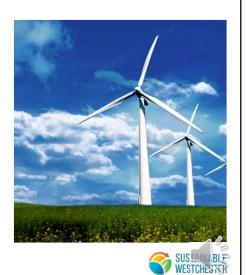




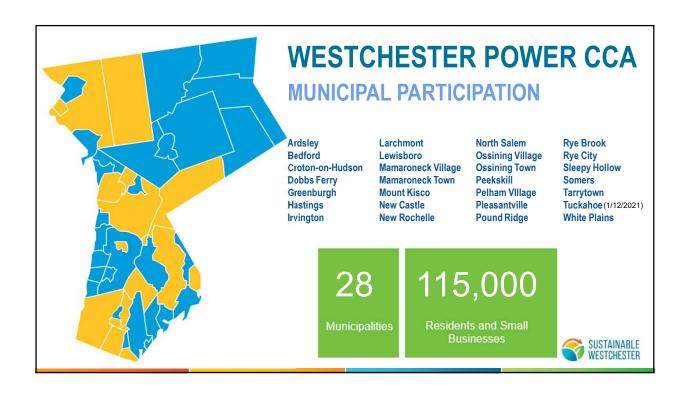
### **WESTCHESTER POWER PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

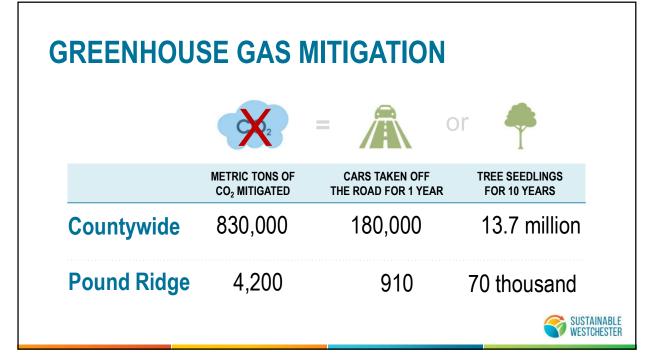
### Westchester municipalities taking charge of their energy future.

- Cities, towns, and villages buy electricity in bulk for their residents and small business.
- · Proactively setting criteria for supply.
- · Educate and advocate for clean energy.
- · Advancing local and NYS energy goals.
- · Position for certifications and grants.



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#### 100% EMISSIONS-FREE NY HYDROPOWER

LITTLE FALLS, NY WATERTOWN, NY COLTON, NY HADLEY, NY CAROGA LAKE, NY COLTON, NY GRANBY, NY PROSPECT, NY COLTON OR AUSABLE, NY COHOES, NY QUEENSBURY, NY MOREAU, NY

TRENTON, NY GRAHAMSVILLE, NY



#### **WESTCHESTER POWER BENEFITS**



Vetted Community Program



**Cost Control & Stability** 

We are a community non-profit, **not an ESCO** 

- The program is municipally vetted
- Residents retain the choice to stay in the CCA or return to the utility at any time.

#### Cost control & stability is driven by buying in bulk

 Competitive prices – large customer base attracts the best market price

The supplier is chosen through a public bidding process

- · No penalties or termination fees
- No surprises fixed rate insures against volatility and price spikes
- Notice of new pricing will be sent before contract renewal

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#### **WESTCHESTER POWER BENEFITS**



**Advocacy & Education** 



#### Support:

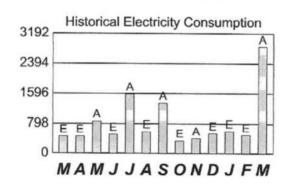
- In-office support Monday -Friday from 9am 5pm.
- Email 24/7 at info@sustainablewestchester.org.
- We take as much time as needed to answer questions; our customer service guarantee.
- · Spanish language customer service.
- Outreach events and workshops, e.g. "How to read your bill"

#### Mitigating Climate change:

- We have offset hundreds of thousands of metric tons of carbon dioxide.
- Participation helps municipalities achieve Clean Energy Community certification & positions them for grants.
- 26 municipalities have chosen the green supply as their default.

#### SPEAKING OF ADVOCACY & EDUCATION

#### Usage Chart Information



NYSEG has reduced meter reading during COVID, estimating bills for multiple bill cycles and leading to a big "true-up" when the actual read is performed. We're fielding calls from people about this.



## WESTCHESTER POWER RATES & PERFORMANCE



### **CURRENT WESTCHESTER POWER RATES**



**GREEN SUPPLY** 

100% Renewable NYS Hydropower

7.19 cents per kWh

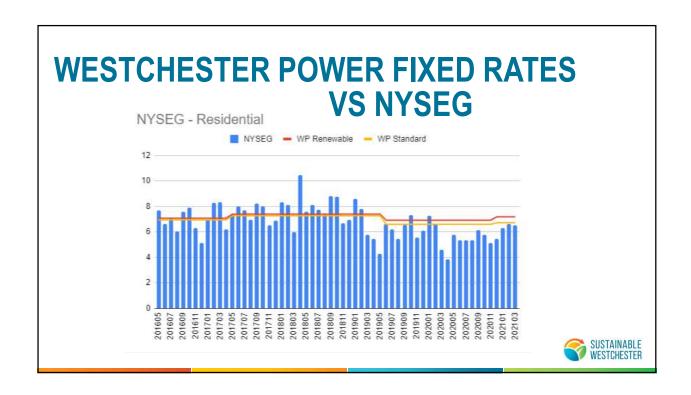


**BASIC SUPPLY** 

Largely nonrenewable sources

6.72 cents per kWh





#### **WESTCHESTER POWER: BY THE NUMBERS**

FOR MEDIAN RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNT OF 1100 KWH/MO

	Contract 2 5/2019-12/2020	From launch 5/2016-3/2021
Standard	(\$7.71)	(\$1.33)
Renewable	(\$11.76)	(\$3.49)



## WESTCHESTER POWER: A FOUNDATION FOR FURTHER INITIATIVES



## MORE GREEN ENERGY & SAVINGS: COMMUNITY SOLAR

- · Further leverages the power of aggregation
- Additional environmental benefits
- · Drives demand for new solar development
- Complements Westchester Power program
- Increases access and equity
- Guaranteed savings of up to 10% on SOLAR CREDITS
- No upfront installations/payments
- No cancellation fees



# AND IN 2021 CONSOLIDATED BILLING INTEGRATES COMMUNITY SOLAR!

PSC has ordered utilities to provide for "consolidated billing" for Community Solar in early 2021 [now mid-yr]:

- Offer credits on an opt out basis through the CCA
- Greatly expand access to savings and environmental impact
- Removes barriers for low income customer participation
- Expanded customer base will attract and drive accelerated solar development





#### **GridRewards**

- More efficient grid management
- Save money & EARN CASH!
- Elimination of "peaker" plants and a huge step forward to environmental justice

#### **GridRewards Program:**

personal control =

reducing energy use + carbon footprint





# WESTCHESTER POWER THE RENEWAL PROCESS



### **2021 CONTRACT GOALS: NYSEG**

We set the criteria and evaluate bids based on several key pillars:

**TWO SUPPLY RATES** 



**FIXED RATES** 



**NOT-TO-EXCEED PRICING** 

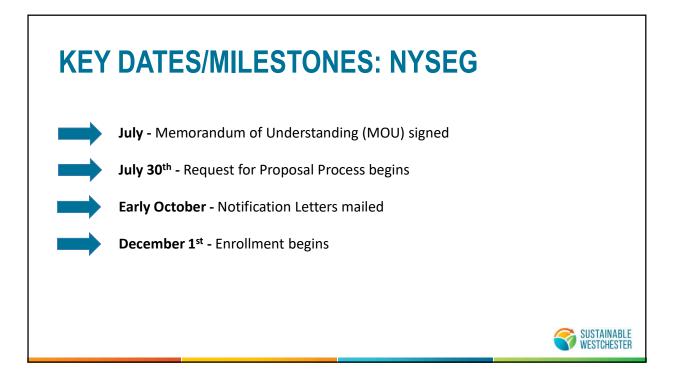


COMMITMENT TO NY STATE REC's



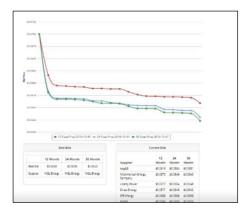


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#### **BID PLATFORM: REVERSE AUCTION**

- Real-time bidding
- Total transparency stakeholders can watch
- Attract more bidders
- Record of proceedings





### **CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION PROCESS**

Outreach is ongoing and a robust emphasis on digital outreach that includes:















Digital collateral & consumer education video series westchesterpower.org

or
Sustainable Westchester Media on YouTube



Virtual community education sessions (transitioning to in person & events as allowable)



## **THANK YOU**

**ANY QUESTIONS?** 

