

# Office of Energy Conservation and Sustainability

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Westchester County is steadfast in its commitment to protect our natural resources for future generations and the Office of Energy Conservation and Sustainability is committed to protecting the local environment, the planet, and reducing energy costs.

Created by an act of the Board of Legislators in 2015, the Office of Energy Conservation and Sustainability works to promote sustainable development through green purchasing, energy conservation, solid waste recycling, resource and water conservation, greenhouse gas reduction, environmental reporting metrics, government funding, and green building.

In addition, the Office provides assistance, leadership, and coordination to community agencies, local governments, and businesses in the area of environmental sustainability.

## **Confronting Climate Change**

Climate change poses a direct and immediate threat to Westchester County residents, especially those in our most vulnerable communities. Increased flooding, extreme heat, and rising sea levels would devastate the Hudson River Valley and could make large portions of Westchester unlivable by the end of the century.

However, by reducing our carbon emissions and building sustainable infrastructure, we can mitigate the effects of climate change and create more resilient communities for centuries to come. You can help combat the climate crisis ([/reducing-your-carbon-footprint](#)).

## **Newsworthy County Efforts**

An Open Conversation on Environmental Issues (<https://www.westchestergov.com/home/all-press-releases/8717-an-open-conversation-on-environmental-s-issues>)

Westchester County Breaks Ground On the Compost and Education Center in Valhalla

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Westchester County to expand its Electric Vehicle Fleet with \$1.5M Grant from the US Department of Transportation

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