

Steuben County Climate Change Grant

July 31, 2025

Project Overview

- Project funded by NYSACHO mini-grant and Steuben County Public Health
- Grant timeframe: March – July 20205
- Key Partners:
 - Cornell Cooperative Extension (Smart Energy program)
 - Steuben County Office For The Aging

Project Goals

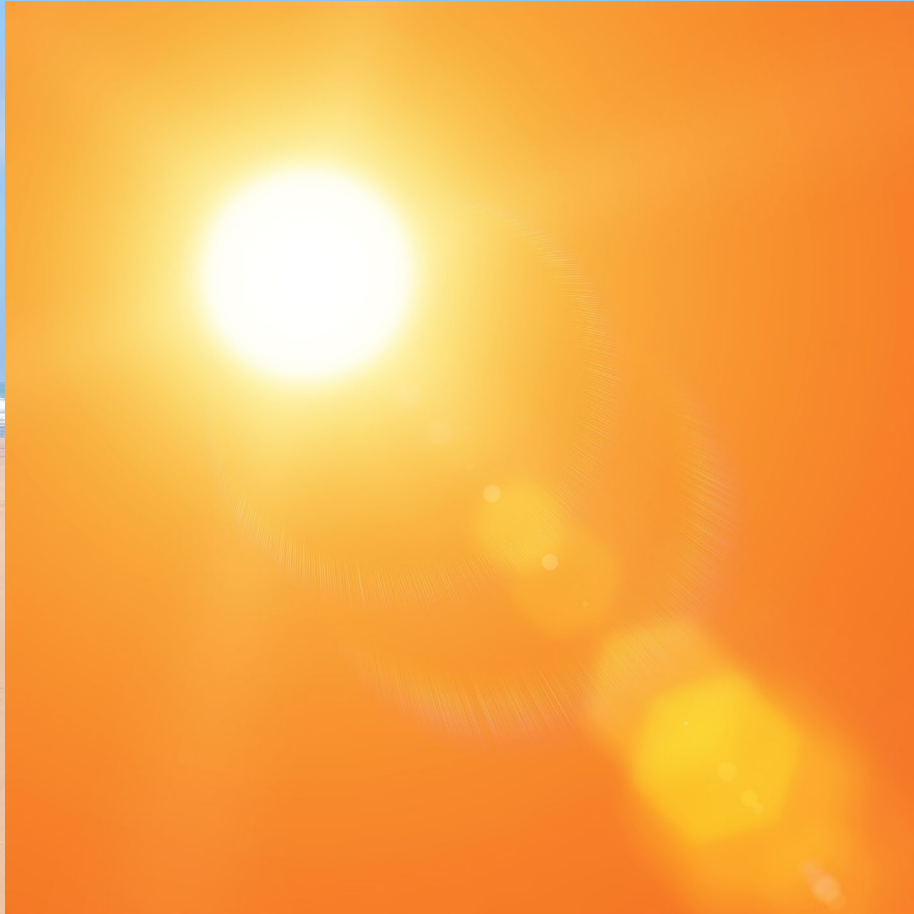
- ☐ Project will conduct 4 tabling events for the community by Sept 2025.
- ☐ The climate survey will be completed by at least 200 local community members by Sept 2025
- ☐ The climate survey will be promoted monthly on social media to community members through Sept 2025
- ☐ Climate change educational materials will be distributed/taken by 30 persons (or more) by Sept 2025

Steuben County Communities

- Vulnerable Population Groups
 - Those at Most Risk
 - Lack Means to Make Changes
 - Unable to Make Changes
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- Whole Community



Climate Hazards



- Extreme Temperature & Humidity
- Heavy Rainfall Causing Damages
- Severe Storms
- Electrical Outages
- Poor Air Quality
- Increasing Ticks & Diseases

Climate Change Project Activities

- Partnered with Smart Energy program and used giveaways to encourage participation in climate change surveys at presentations
- Solicited survey responses and awareness through tabling events
- Conducted on-line community survey and awareness campaign
- Provided climate related preparedness materials
- Raised awareness by helping people connect felt experiences to changes in climate

Results

- We received 56 completed surveys so far (Goal is 200)
- On-line survey to coincide with county fair (Aug 11-15)
- Survey to be included in Fall OFA newsletter

2025 Climate Change Survey questions:

1) What is your Zip Code? _____

2) Are you concerned about (check all that apply)?

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- ☐ B. Very Hot Temperatures & Humidity
- ☐ C. Damaging Storms
- ☐ D. Electrical system outages
- ☐ E. Poor Air Quality (like from wildfire smoke)
- ☐ F. Increase in Ticks and Tick Carried Diseases

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- ☐ Less frequently
- ☐ The Same
- ☐ More frequently

4) Vote on three areas that should be worked on?

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5) Has anyone shared information with you about ways to prepare or avoid bad outcomes?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

6) If you oversaw funding, what two approaches would you take?

- ☐ Hire people to talk to everyone
- ☐ Buy things that help reduce harmful impacts
- ☐ Pay for work that reduces harmful impacts
- ☐ Support Community Based Action Groups

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Results We Are Seeing

- People's Felt Experiences Connect Them to Climate Change
- People Indicated Event Frequency As Same or Elevated
- Survey Responses Reflected A Lack of Preparedness Messaging
- Community Action Group Investment For Future Actions

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