

Local Government Responses to Energy Efficiency

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- It's a critical resource to reduce consumption
- Develop a portfolio of approaches to it
- Find ways to fund projects
- Coordinate all the players
- Innovate

What Energy Efficiency Is About

How is NJ is Implementing EE for its Local Governments

- 566 Municipalities
- 21 Counties
- 300 +/- local utility, housing, parking, and other authorities and 180+ fire districts
- 600 +/- boards of education

What do we mean by local government

- ESIP – Energy Savings Improvement Programs: a uniquely flexible Jersey approach to performance contracting: a comprehensive approach implementing energy efficiency for a government agency’s facility portfolio
- BPU Clean Energy Program Local Government Energy Audit Program to identify the full range of potential energy conservation measures
- Utility-based and public support for direct, fast improvements at a smaller scale: SmartStart and the upcoming PSE&G Direct Install Program, and program
- Short and long term funding alternatives to channel savings into improvements – innovative approach to traditional performance contracting
- Facilitating power purchase agreements – leveraging private sector capital and federal incentives

The Portfolio – at the moment

- Challenged by our local government fiscal environment:
 - High property taxes
 - Spending, debt and tax levy limits
 - A contracting process that has multiple goals
 - Transparent process
 - Support of our construction trade environment
 - Affirmative Action and EEO
 - Financial and business integrity of contractors
- One size does not fit a multitude of different agency needs
 - ESIP provide use of capital and spending limit restrictions if energy reduction results in cost savings
 - PPA and private sector partners
 - And it's evolving with new approaches and structures

Project Funding

- OCE Clean Energy Council and Committees
 - Community Partner Initiative
 - Marketing & Communications
 - Energy Efficiency Committee
- Renewable Energy Committee Working Groups:
- Small Wind, Offshore Wind, BioPower Technical, Clean Power Choice, RPS Rule Revisions, Net Metering & Interconnection, Standards, Solar Technical, RGGI
- Sustainable Jersey
- County government leadership for their constituent governments
- Legislation that brings people together
- Ongoing agency coordination

Coordination

- Encouraging technology, policy, finance, and procurement improvements, in the context of a government environment
- Ideas often come before government can respond – and it can be a challenge
- If we can't do it now, we'll figure it out and make it work.

Innovation



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