

AGREE New York

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Alliance for a Green Economy (AGREE) works for safe, affordable energy and the development of a green economy in New York State. Our goal is a prosperous, safe, and healthy New York, fulfilling the promise of conservation, energy efficiency, and safe, clean renewable energy sources to end our state's reliance on wasteful and environmentally destructive forms of energy. AGREE works to promote this transition to a carbon-free and nuclear-free future and educates the public about alternatives that can revitalize the economy and safeguard human health and the environment.

Current members include: Atlantic Chapter of the Sierra Club, Citizens' Environmental Coalition, Citizen Action of New York, Nuclear Information and Resource Service, Peace Action of Central New York, Peace Action New York State, and Syracuse Peace Council.

PROGRAMS:

Energy Democracy Alliance: A New York collaboration working on statewide energy policy community-based efforts to make our energy system renewable, equitable, accountable, and local. As a co-founder of the Energy Democracy Alliance, AGREE takes a lead role in coordination of the work, public education about major changes underway in state energy regulations, and the collaborative development of coalition policy positions and strategies.

No Rate Hikes for Nukes: AGREE is the primary nuclear watchdog organization for the four Upstate New York nuclear reactors. Our work includes exposing safety, environmental and health dangers; preventing consumer bailouts of uneconomical reactors; and working toward a planned phase out of nuclear power in New York.

Renewable Heat Now: AGREE is building a coalition to push for accelerated adoption of renewable-ready heating and cooling technologies, such as geothermal and cold climate air source heat pumps. We worked successfully with allies to win a geothermal rebate program, and we are now gearing up to push for more.

Solarize / Community Solar: AGREE was a lead coordinator of Solarize Syracuse, a community effort to dramatically increase the amount of rooftop solar installed in the Syracuse area. After that successful effort, we have been involved as a partner in the Solarize CNY and Solarize CNY Community campaigns to expand solar installations and solar access throughout Central New York.

Other campaigns: As part of a comprehensive strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, AGREE also actively supports the anti-fracking / anti-gas-infrastructure work in New York, the effort to get offshore wind built off the coast of Long Island, work to shut down dirty coal plants, and struggles to make energy affordable for low-income people. AGREE constantly works to collaborate with other organizations working toward common goals and to build solidarity across the multiple dimensions and actors within the movement for a 100% renewable and equitable energy system.