

Ossining Climate Action Plan

Initial Recommendations: Transportation Sector

Summary: These measures are focused on reducing the overall vehicle miles-travelled (VMT) and vehicle emissions within the Village and Town as well as maximizing opportunities for alternatives to driving, such as walking and biking.

Alternative Transportation

Defined as:

Measures and practices designed to promote the use of non-motorized modes of transportation such as walking and bicycling by Village and Town residents.

Examples include:

- Work with Ossining UFSD to create a Safe Routes to School plan that can be implemented when funds become available again
- Create a Village & Town Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan with maps of optimal routes to destinations in Ossining, potential locations for bike lanes, and information on the social, environmental, economic, and health benefits of biking and walking
- Expand and promote existing Ossining School-Community Walk Day and promote National Bike to Work Day each May

Links to further information:

- [Bike-Walk Alliance of Westchester and Putnam Counties \(BWAWP\)](#)
- [New York State DOT – Safe Routes to School](#)
- [Ossining School-Community Walk Day](#)
- [City of Harrisburg, VA Bicycle & Pedestrian Website](#)

Motor Vehicle Best Practices

Defined as:

Measures and practices involved in minimizing the harmful environmental impacts caused by cars, trucks, and other motor vehicles within the Village and Town as well as maximizing the efficiency of this form of transportation through measures to increase the number of occupants per vehicle.

Examples include:

- Conduct public outreach program on idling
- Encourage Village/Town government and local businesses to become sponsors of MetroPool, NuRide, or similar carpooling program

Links to further information:

- [State of Connecticut Dept. of Environmental Protection – Anti-Idling Webpage](#)
- [MetroPool Ride Sharing Program](#)
- [NuRide Ride Sharing Program](#)
- [Westchester SmartCommute](#)

Public Transportation

Defined as:

Measures involved in maximizing the opportunities of Village and Town residents to make use of public transportation, including the Westchester Bee-Line bus system and the Metro North commuter railroad.

Examples include:

- Support any future expansions of public transportation in the region via outreach and letters of support to Westchester County DOT, MTA, NYMTC, and other entities when new public transportation projects are proposed.

Links to further information:

- [Westchester Bee-Line System](#)

- [MTA Metro-North Railroad](#)
- [Go Green Go Public PSA Campaign](#)