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[Land Use and Local Government Advisory Panel – Thursday, November 19, 2020](#)

DEC's Dazzle Ekblad gave an overview of [Climate Smart Communities](#) at the fourth meeting of the Land Use and Local Government Panel on November 19. Subgroups then reported out on strategies under consideration on land use, clean energy, and adaptation and resilience. These included potential actions to promote smart growth planning, capacity building and coordination of municipalities, establish higher energy codes and building performance mandates, encourage community choice aggregation programs, and develop a climate change adaptation and resilience plan. Panel members also suggested utilizing funding from the Environment Bond Act for resilience efforts and energy ratings for rentals and for old buildings as well as developing funding mechanisms for efficiency upgrades, be considered. Engagement has begun with local government and other external stakeholders. A survey is being distributed and interviews are being conducted within Panel members networks. The next Panel meeting is scheduled for December 17. Presentations and notes from Advisory Panels and Working Groups meetings can be found [here](#).