



TOWN OF PENFIELD

3100 Atlantic Avenue, Penfield, NY 14526-9798

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Roseanne Viscusi
New York State Energy Research & Development Authority
17 Columbia Circle
Albany, NY 12203-6399

Dear Ms. Viscusi,

In 1795, Daniel Penfield began purchasing land in Township 13 Range IV and began building mills in 1800 along the falls of Irondequoit Creek to encourage settlement. The population grew rapidly, and in 1810, Township 13 and the adjoining Township 14 were designated by the New York State Legislature as the Town of Penfield. Today Penfield is a thriving Rochester eastside community with a compelling mix of residential, business, shopping, parks and farmland.

The Town of Penfield is working with Blue Springs Energy to assist with energy efficiency projects under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program and have found them knowledgeable and proactive. I support Blue Springs Energy and their partners in response to the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA) Request for Proposal No. 1284 (Statewide Customer Outreach and Education) and encourage you to consider them as part of the solution to expand customer participation in clean energy incentives.

Penfield plans to use energy efficiency and conservation block grant funds, subject to DOE approval, to contract with Blue Springs Energy to develop, host, and maintain a website accessible from our county website tentatively called Renew-Penfield that:

- Enables Penfield residents and businesses to find gas and electric energy efficiency incentives, renewable energy incentives, demand response payments, and Federal and NY State tax incentives regardless of the program provider.
- Highlights and communicates the clean energy projects the town is undertaking to make Penfield more sustainable.

Like most governments, we are constantly seeking ways to lower costs and become more sustainable. I am encouraged to learn more and take advantage of new energy efficiency programs from NYSERDA and RG&E through New York's Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard. Our citizens, businesses and the Town government are seeking easier means to get educated, identify, and participate in energy efficiency incentives.

Sincerely,

George Wiedemer
Penfield Town Supervisor
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