

The Town of Ithaca Launches the Ithaca Energy Code Supplement Implementation Assistance Program

The Town of Ithaca is launching a campaign to provide residents and small developers with technical assistance to comply with [the Ithaca Energy Code Supplement](#); this local energy code supplement applies to all new construction, certain additions, and major renovations, with requirements above and beyond the New York State Energy Code. This no-cost assistance is designed to help individuals in the Town obtain information, guidance, and consultant expertise regarding energy options that can help reduce energy use and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions at their earliest conceptualization of expansion, renovation, or new construction plans. The program is offered free of charge to individuals and their projects and will be available now through April 2025 or until program funds are exhausted.

The [Ithaca Energy Code Supplement](#) (IECS) was adopted in 2021. It contains requirements for new construction and major renovations that substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while emphasizing electrification and affordability. The Town recognizes the challenges to implementing the IECS for residents and developers who must comply with the law. The New York State Research and Development Agency (NYSERDA) awarded the Town of Ithaca a grant to offer options to comply with the Ithaca Energy Code in cooperation with T.Y. LIN International. Interested individuals can use T.Y. LIN International services to get technical assistance with their projects at no cost.

Though the Town of Ithaca is offering technical assistance through T.Y. LIN International, applicants can continue to seek advice from a design professional or consultant of their choice. We have a limited number of free Build Better books available at the Town of Ithaca's Town Hall. These provide a good introduction to energy-efficient building practices. Please stop by and grab your free copy!

Individual homeowners and design professionals working on single- or two-family dwelling unit projects interested in this program or with questions about eligibility can reach out to Town of Ithaca Code Enforcement & Zoning at codes@town.ithaca.ny.us or 607-273-1783. Design teams working on commercial, manufacturing, or multi-family projects interested in technical assistance or with questions can reach out to Town of Ithaca Planning at planning@town.ithaca.ny.us or 607-273-1721.