



## City of Beacon, New York

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### **City of Beacon Adopts NY Stretch Energy Code, Joining New York City for Greenest Building Code in the State**

The City of Beacon is the first New York municipality outside of New York City to adopt the New York State Stretch Energy Code that ensures cost-effective energy efficiency in building construction.

The NYStretch Energy Code-2020 Version 1.0 (“NYStretch”) was developed by NYSERDA (the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority). It is a readily adoptable energy code that calls for incrementally higher efficiency standards in new and renovated buildings.

NYStretch accomplishes this simply, by being about one cycle ahead of the NYS Energy Code in its requirements. That makes the incremental standards both cost-effective and regionally appropriate – while lowering energy use and greenhouse gas emissions for new and renovated construction.

According to NYSERDA, adopting NYStretch will provide savings of roughly 11% over the 2020 Energy Conservation Construction Code of New York State (2020 ECCCNY), when that energy code is released by New York State Department of State.

Mayor Lee Kyriacou said, “While some of Beacon’s new projects already use more energy efficient construction, adopting NYStretch for all new buildings and renovations will both improve our environment and save residents money over time. Beacon is proud to be a New York leader in addressing climate change and environmental sustainability.”

City Administrator Anthony Ruggiero said, “The City of Beacon Building Department looks forward to implementing the NY Stretch Energy Code in the coming years.”

NYSERDA executive Janet Joseph said, “Working with the city of Beacon to adopt NY Stretch Energy Code is the type of partnership that is needed in order to achieve Governor Cuomo’s nation-leading climate goals. NYStretch supports these goals which include an 85 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and economy-wide carbon neutrality.”

More information on NY Stretch Energy Code can be found on: <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/Energy-Code-Training/NYStretch-Energy-Code-2020>

More information on the City of Beacon Building Department can be found on: <https://www.cityofbeacon.org/index.php/departments/building-department/>

#### **About the City of Beacon:**

Beacon, New York is located on the eastern shore of the Hudson River 60 miles north of New York City, with a population of 15,000. Originally a Native American settlement, the area was purchased from the Wappinger Tribe in 1683 and settled by

Dutch and other Europeans, leading to the riverfront community of Fishkill Landing on the Hudson, and the mill community of Matteawan on Fishkill Creek. The two communities were incorporated together as the City of Beacon in 1913, named for the Revolutionary War signal fires on Mount Beacon. Beacon thrived as a 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century factory city, but as factories closed after WWII and the local economy declined, the city went through a period of hard times. Today, Beacon has successfully reinvented itself as a 21<sup>st</sup> Century river community centered around tourism, the arts and access to the scenic Hudson River heritage area. A diverse and thriving small city, it is now home to DIA:Beacon (one of the largest exhibition spaces in the country for modern and contemporary art), a network of Hudson River parks connecting to Fishkill Creek and Mount Beacon trails, and a vibrant historic Main Street of art galleries, shops, cultural venues and restaurants.

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