

# Springfield Climate Justice Initiative

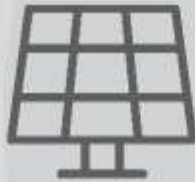
SPRINGFIELD CLIMATE ACTION AND RESILIENCE PLAN  
POLICY FACT SHEET NO. 1

**HIGH  
reduction in  
GHG  
emissions**

## COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION

The City of Springfield would switch all renters' and homeowners' electricity bills to a new supplier, who would use only renewable energy.

Implementation  
would take  
**1-3+**  
years



**CARBON FREE | FOSSIL FREE | CLEAN ENERGY**

**ALL HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS WOULD  
HAVE CLEAN, GREEN ENERGY FOR THEIR  
HOMES!**



**HEALTH BENEFITS FOR EVERYONE IN  
SPRINGFIELD, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH  
ASTHMA, HEART AND KIDNEY DISEASE.**



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## Community Choice Energy

### What is the Policy?

Community Choice Energy, also known as Community Choice Aggregation, is a program where the city of Springfield could set up to switch everyone in the city on basic Eversource electricity service over to clean energy like solar, wind, and hydropower

### Why support this policy?

- **Equity**
  - Low income people may not be able to afford solar on their homes or invest in clean energy. People of color are more vulnerable to the impacts of the climate crisis.
- **Greenhouse Gas Emissions**
  - We can switch to 100% clean electricity, reducing our city's GHG emissions by XX%.
- **Health**
  - Electricity from natural gas, oil, or coal produces air pollution that impacts health, particularly respiratory and cardiovascular disease. People of color already experience poorer health outcomes
- Community Choice Energy is part of the policy agenda for the City Council.

### Where will the funding come from?

Grants or the municipal budget.

### How do we advocate to make this happen?

We advocate to the Mayor and the City Council

### What momentum is there?

- If we join the proposal already developed by 3 cities in our region, the cost would be minimal.
- There are city councilors already in support of this.



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