

Net Zero Futures.

States and regions leading
the way on net zero:
New York State



Country:

United States

Net zero target year:

2050

Key legislation:

Climate Leadership and
Community Protection Act

Approach to net zero:

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groups across various sectors,
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Climate Justice





New York State



New York State is putting equity at the centre of its net zero target.

In that vein, New York created the [Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act](#).

This legislation came about as a result of strong advocacy from environmental justice organizations in New York State. When signing emissions reductions targets into law, New York is also working to address the legacy of impacts of fossil-fuel economies on frontline communities. The economy-wide transformation of a net zero plan requires special expertise, panels, and groups across various sectors, including working groups for both just transition and climate justice.

Challenges to net zero

- The Climate Leadership and Protection Act is both future-looking and focused on addressing past impacts on disadvantaged communities (e.g. strategy to reduce toxic air contaminants in disadvantaged communities).
- To do this successfully, governments must establish criteria to identify disadvantaged communities. One challenge has been a lack of sufficient data to back up definitions/criteria. In response, New York State hired a GIS coordinator to compile that data so that it will be available for future iterations.

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