



Mid-Hudson Municipal Street Lighting Survey Results

In November 2016, the Mid-Hudson Streetlight Consortium distributed a survey throughout the Mid-Hudson region. The survey questions aimed to identify:

- Mid-Hudson municipalities interested in or working on street light conversion
- Perceived obstacles to street light conversion
- Plans and activities undertaken to address these obstacles, if any
- Their reported knowledge of lighting technology
- Their knowledge of lighting project finance options
- Their timetables for taking actions
- Their willingness to devote staff time to engage with the LED Consortium

Survey Respondents

Ancram	Hudson	Plattekill
Bethel	Hyde Park	Pleasant Valley
Blooming Grove	Kingston	Poughkeepsie
Bronxville	Larchmont	Red Hook
Catskill	Marbletown	Rye
Cochecton	Mt. Kisco	Scarsdale
Esopus	New Castle	Shawangunk
Fishkill	New Lebanon	South Nyack
Florida	North Salem	Ulster
Goshen	Otisville	Wesley Hills
Highlands	Philmont	

Survey Responses

1. How interested is your municipality in street light conversion?

Of the respondents:

Very interested - 16

Somewhat interested – 4

Interested – 7

2. How prepared do you feel to assess your two main choices?

Very prepared – 7

Somewhat prepared – 12

3. How prepared are you to negotiate with utilities?

Not prepared – 7

Somewhat prepared – 7

Very prepared – 12

4. How prepared are you to choose between the various finance options?

Very prepared - 9

Somewhat – 13

5. How interested would you be in a municipal aggregation?

Very interested - 7

Somewhat – 16

6. What is your timetable for conversion?

1-12 months - 9

13-24 months - 5

24-36 months - 2

More than 3 years – 1

Don't know – 8

7. What are the obstacles that you perceive?

Cost/Financing – 18

Choosing right technology – 16

Lack of time/expertise – 8

Maintenance – 13

Additional Resources

Since the survey results were tabulated, the Mid-Hudson Street Light Consortium has held a series of conference calls with municipalities, to provide them with tools for addressing the above-noted concerns. These tools include:

- A comprehensive report, [LED Street Light Conversion in New York: A Common Sense Guide For Local Governments](#), which includes actionable information on analyzing rental vs. ownership of street lights; financing, negotiating with utilities, and much more.
- A municipal guide to purchasing existing street lights (specific to three utility territories)
 - o [MHSC Guide for Orange and Rockland municipalities](#)
 - o [MHSC Guide for NYSEG municipalities](#)
 - o [MHSC Guide for Central Hudson municipalities](#)
- A [guide to conducting billing and field audits](#) of municipal street lights, one of the first steps needed in determining whether to convert to LEDs.