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**NYPA Partners with Town of Salina to Install Nearly 2,800 LED Streetlights  
Energy-Efficient Lighting Upgrades to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions,  
Improve Safety and Save Money**

**Governor Cuomo's Smart Street Lighting NY Program Calls for 500,000 Street  
Lights to Be Converted to LED Technology by 2025**

WHITE PLAINS—The New York Power Authority and the Town of Salina today announced the start of energy-efficient LED streetlights installation throughout the town as part of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's [Smart Street Lighting NY](#) program. The project will save the town approximately \$400,000 in annual utility costs and significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Smart Street Lighting NY is a statewide program that calls for at least 500,000 streetlights throughout the state to be replaced with LED technology by 2025.

The \$2.5 million upgrade, financed and implemented by NYPA, includes the replacement of nearly 2,800 streetlights throughout the town with energy-saving LED fixtures, improving lighting quality and neighborhood safety while reducing energy and maintenance costs. The installation is expected to begin in January and complete in the spring.

NYPA is also providing \$300,000 through a Smart Cities grant for the project, which include asset management nodes and smart street lighting controls that allow for the automatic reporting of outages, minimizing maintenance costs. In addition, the light fixtures now have the capability to be dimmed and remotely controlled. NYPA and Salina are in the process of designing additional smart street lighting features to be implemented following completion of the LED fixture upgrades.

"The replacement of street lighting with efficient LED fixtures is helping Salina and other municipalities across the state reduce energy and maintenance costs, and improve safety, while also protecting the environment," **said Gil C. Quiniones, NYPA president and CEO.** "Under the Governor's Smart Street Lighting NY program, NYPA is in the process of replacing tens of thousands of streetlights across the state and fully expects to exceed the Governor's goal of replacing 500,000 lights by 2025."

"Thanks to Governor Cuomo and NYPA, the future in Salina is looking brighter," **said Town of Salina Supervisor Colleen Gunnip.** "While saving taxpayer dollars and reducing energy consumption, this project will ensure Salina stays on the cutting edge

of technology. Purchasing the street lighting will allow the town to deploy Smart Lighting Controls and Smart Cities technology to help keep our community safe and our services efficient. The Street Lighting project is also keeping the town on track to reach its goal for being a Clean Energy Community.”

NYPA is working with cities, towns, villages and counties throughout New York to fully manage and implement a customer’s transition to LED streetlight technology. NYPA provides upfront financing for the project, with payments to NYPA made in the years following from the cost-savings created by the reduced energy use of the LED streetlights, which are 50 to 65 percent more efficient than alternative street lighting options.

Through this statewide street lighting program, NYPA’s government customers are provided a wide-array of lighting options to help meet their individual needs, including specifications on the lights to incorporate SMART technology, which can be used for dozens of other functions, such as cameras and other safety features, weather sensors, Wi-Fi and energy meters.

The program directly supports the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, the most aggressive climate change law in the nation, through the increased use of energy efficiency to annually reduce electricity demand by three percent—equivalent to 1.8 million New York households—by 2025. To learn more about the Smart Street Lighting NY program, visit the [program webpage](#) on NYPA’s website.

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### **New York State's Nation-Leading Climate Plan**

Governor Cuomo's nation-leading climate plan is the most aggressive climate and clean energy initiative in the nation, calling for an orderly and just transition to clean energy that creates jobs and continues fostering a green economy as New York State builds back better as it recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. Enshrined into law through the CLCPA, New York is on a path to reach its mandated goals of economy wide carbon neutrality and achieving a zero-carbon emissions electricity sector by 2040, faster than any other state. It builds on New York's unprecedented ramp-up of clean energy including a \$3.9 billion investment in 67 large-scale renewable projects across the state, the creation of more than 150,000 jobs in New York's clean energy sector, a commitment to develop over 9,000 megawatts of offshore wind by 2035, and 1,800 percent growth in the distributed solar sector since 2011. New York's Climate Action Council is working on a scoping plan to build on this progress and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 85 percent from 1990 levels by 2050, while ensuring that at least 40 percent of the benefits of clean energy investments benefit disadvantaged communities, and advancing progress towards the state's 2025 energy efficiency target of reducing on-site energy consumption by 185 TBtus.

### **About NYPA**

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