

KEEPING PACE WITH ENERGY OPTIONS:

A Briefing on New Energy Efficiency and Alternative Energy Initiatives and Funding Strategies for Municipalities

Saturday, Feb. 27 -- 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
At SUNY/New Paltz Lecture Center: LC 100
(SNOW DATE: Sat., March 13)



You are cordially invited to attend a special forum about exciting new financing strategies for sustainable energy projects, which are creating new jobs and business opportunities throughout the Hudson Valley.

- NYSERDA's incentive programs for local governments, homes, businesses, and schools;
- PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) programs, which enable property owners to upgrade buildings using affordable financing options, potentially yielding positive cash flow benefits from day one.
- The new Green Jobs-Green NY program, offering an array of funding opportunities for energy retrofits;
- Power Purchase Agreements, using third-party financing to pay for energy projects;
- The Ten Percent Challenge, a framework to hasten the implementation of energy efficiency and renewables and draw attention to the Hudson Valley as a clean energy corridor.

The session will provide a lively forum on using these opportunities to benefit communities in our region.

Who Should Attend? Municipal officials, planners, engineers, attorneys, finance professionals, concerned citizens, and environmental and energy activists. **Approved for 3 AIA Learning Units.**

Purpose and Objectives: Participants will learn about new and existing initiatives and financing mechanisms that will provide jobs and promote energy efficiency and alternative energy sources.

Sponsors and Collaborators: Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp., Hudson River Estuary Training Program, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Hudson Valley Regional Council, Hudson Valley Smart Growth Alliance, League of Women Voters of Mid-Hudson Region, Mid-Hudson Energy \$mart Communities/NYSERDA, SUNY New Paltz Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach (CRREO), and Sustainable Hudson Valley.

Endorsing Organizations (Partial List): Ashokan Center, Building Performance Contractors Association/ NY State, Dutchess County Town Supervisors and Mayors Association, Historic Hudson River Towns, Hudson Valley Climate Change Network, Independent Dutchess Energy Alliance (IDEA), The Nature Conservancy, New Paltz GreenWorks, Pace Energy and Climate Center, S3 Consulting, Ulster County Town Supervisors and Mayors Association, US Green Building Council-NY Upstate Chapter.

Registration: Pre-registration is strongly encouraged to facilitate check in for this informative event. Please go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/K97DXYP to register. Event is free, however tax-deductible donations are welcome; checks should be made payable to **League of Women Voters Education Fund.**

Directions: For directions to SUNY New Paltz campus: www.newpaltz.edu/about/directions.html

Parking: Please use Lot 2 located on the western edge of the campus off of Fairview Ave. for the Lecture Center. From intersection of Rts. 299/32 and 208, turn south on Rt. 208, then left (east) onto Hasbrouck Ave., right onto Tricor Ave., left onto Mohonk Ave. and finally turn right just past Fairview Ave. onto Sojourner Way. From Rt.32 take South entrance and follow the Southside Loop past the theatres, turn right onto Sojourner Way, and proceed to Lot 2. See: www.newpaltz.edu/map for campus map.

Carpooling: Arrange a ride through <http://rideshare.us/index.php>. Look-up code: EnergyFeb27 -- or indicate your interest in carpooling when you register. **Bus Lines:** Trailways and Ulster County Area Transit are within walking distance to the campus.

For additional information: please contact Dare Thompson, at 845-236-3074 or darethompson@gmail.com.
(For latest updates or weather postponement, visit www.sustainhv.org/hvsqa or <http://midhudson.ny.lwvnet.org>)

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Keeping PACE with Energy Options for Municipalities

How Your Municipality Can \$ave Money and Make a Real Difference for Your Residents and Businesses by Choosing \$ustainable Energy Options

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AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. **Registration and Vendor Show:** Coffee and refreshments; vendor show and display materials
- 9:30 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction:** Emilie Hauser, Estuary Training Program and League of Women Voters; Welcoming Remarks: Kathleen Tobin Flusser, Assistant Director, speaking for Gerald Benjamin of SUNY New Paltz Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach (CRREO)
- 9:40 a.m. **NY State Energy Programs:** Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, Chair of the Assembly Energy Committee; sponsor of Green Jobs/Green NY and Property-Assessed Clean Energy bills
- NYS Energy Plan
 - Climate Smart Communities Pledge: A comprehensive commitment to reduce GHG emissions across sectors at the municipal level, from energy conservation in buildings to land use and transportation.
 - Executive Order #24 (80% by 2050): Establishes a Climate Action Council responsible for crafting a plan to reduce 80% economy-wide emissions by 2050, with a near-term target of a 25% by 2025.
 - Energy Conservation Construction Code of New York
- 10:00 a.m. **Municipal Sustainable Energy Loan Program (MSELP):** Jackson Morris of Pace Energy & Climate Center and Karen E. Villeneuve, Director of NYSERDA's Residential Efficiency and Affordability Program, with case studies from Towns of Bedford and Babylon. Explanation of a new NYS municipal loan program, also know as Property-Assessed Clean Energy (PACE), by which municipalities can pass legislation to help property owners fund energy efficiency measures and/or renewable energy infrastructure -- and the cost is repaid on the owner's tax bills. Will also address contractor certification, retrofit ramp-up and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus funding.
- 10:45 a.m. **Q & A:** Moderated by Jolanda Jansen of HV Smart Growth Alliance with Barry Henck of Central Hudson
- 11:00 a.m. **Break for Vendor Displays and Networking**
- 11:30 a.m. **Green Jobs/Green NY:** Karen E. Villeneuve of NYSERDA and Simon Gruber of S3 and the Building Performance Contractors Assoc./NYS describe a new state energy retrofit and job training program.
- 11:50 a.m. **Energy \$mart Programs for Municipalities:** Patrice Courtney Strong of Mid-Hudson Energy \$mart Communities will focus on NYSERDA financing options for municipal energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, and describe federal tax rebates. Ron Kamen of EarthKind Energy and NY Solar Energy Industries Association will address power purchase agreements for property owners.
- 12:15 p.m. **Ten Percent Challenge:** Michael O'Hara of Sustainable Hudson Valley is leading this community involvement challenge for energy conservation, which will help municipalities, civic groups and neighborhoods to reduce their carbon emissions by 10% in 2010. These simpler efforts can be easily implemented before more extensive energy initiatives are put into place.
- 12:30 p.m. **Questions:** Moderated by Manna Jo Greene of Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, panel includes Lucy Johnson of the Independent Dutchess Energy Alliance and Leo Wiegman, Mayor of Croton-on-Hudson.
- 1:00 p.m. **Program Adjourned – Vendor Show** stays open until 1:30 p.m.