

Local and Regional Options for Energy and Climate Change Resiliency
Friday, September 13, 2013: 8:00-4:00pm
Villard Room, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY

Final Draft Agenda

- 8:00-9:00am Registration, Networking and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00-9:15am **Welcome**
Rod Howe, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) and Community and Regional Development Institute (CaRDI), Cornell University
Dr. Pinar Batur, Director, Environmental Studies Program, Vassar College
Kealy Salomon, Dutchess County Commissioner of Planning and Development
- 9:15-10:00am **Keynote Speaker**
Dr. Norm Scott, Fellow, Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future, Cornell University
Renewable Energy as a Key “Toward” Revitalizing and Transforming New York Communities for Sustainability
- 10:00-11:00am **Plenary Panel: State Policy Initiatives**
Rod Howe, *moderator*
Lindsay Robbins, NYS Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), Cleaner Greener Communities
Mark Lowery, Climate Policy Analyst, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)
Paul Beyer, State Director of Smart Growth Planning, NYS Department of State (NYSDOS)
- 11:00-11:15am Break and Networking
- 11:15-12:15pm **Concurrent Workshops I**
- a) Cleaner Greener Communities: Lindsay Robbins, NYSERDA, Cleaner Greener Communities; David Church, Orange County; Tom Madden, Town of Greenburgh
 - b) Local Community Energy Options: Concrete Solutions, including Micro-Grids, Combined Heat and Power, and Distributed Energy. Michael Razanousky, NYSERDA, Energy and Environmental Markets and Smart Grid; Thomas Bourgeois, Deputy Director Pace Energy and Climate Center, and Director U.S. Department of Energy Northeast Clean Energy Application Center
 - c) Community Flooding, Resiliency, and Planning: Elizabeth LoGiudice, CCE Columbia County; Emilie Hauser and Elizabeth Murphy, NYSDEC; Chris and Michelle Robbins, AKRF.
- 12:15-1:15pm **Lunch, posters and table top displays**
- 1:15-2:15pm **Plenary Panel on Multi-Jurisdictional/Regional Initiatives**
David Kay, CCE and CaRDI, Cornell University, *moderator*
David Church, Orange County
Katie Borgella, Tompkins County Planning
Leo Wiegman, Northern Westchester Energy Action Consortium
- 2:15-2:30pm Break and Networking
- 2:30-3:30pm **Concurrent Workshops II**
- a) Climate Smart Communities: Mark Lowery, Climate Policy Analyst, NYS DEC; Angela Vincent, Sustainability Project Manager, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
 - b) Local Community Renewable Energy Options: Mark Witmer, Town of Caroline; Robert Loughney, Couch White Attorneys
 - c) Local Land Use Policy for Energy and Climate Resiliency: Neil Curri, CCE Dutchess; Dr. Mary Ann Cunningham, Vassar College; Paul Beyer, NYS DOS
- 3:30-4:00pm **Wrap up**