



Two Key Resources: Clean Energy Communities and Climate Smart Communities

Quarterly Webinar: Clean Energy Communities Program
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
Capital District Regional Planning Commission

10:00-11:30 AM

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10:00-10:05 AM	Introductions, Eastern NY Territory Background	Todd Fabozzi, Director of Sustainability, Capital District Regional Planning Commission
10:05-10:10 AM	Clean Energy Communities Overview	Carla Castillo, Regional Clean Energy Communities Program Director, Hudson Valley Regional Council
10:10-10:30 AM	Climate Smart Communities – How Your Community Can Get Involved	Dazzle Ekblad, Climate Policy Analyst, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
10:30-10:45 AM	Climate Action Planning Institute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Europa – CAPI overview • Jim – GHG Inventories & Climate Action Planning / CAPI results 	Europa McGovern, Clean Energy Communities Coordinator, Hudson Valley Regional Council Jim Yienger, Managing Principal, Climate Action Associates
10:45-11:15 AM	Municipal Case Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town of Philipstown • Town of Gardiner • City of Kingston 	Town of Philipstown: Roberto Muller, Climate Smart Communities Coordinator Town of Gardiner: Mark Varian, Climate Smart Communities Task Force City of Kingston: Julie Noble, Environmental Education and Sustainability Coordinator, City of Kingston Parks and Recreation
11:15-11:30AM	Q&A Period	

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Speaker Bios



Todd Fabozzi has been a professional urban planner since 1993 and has worked for the Capital District Regional Planning Commission since 1996. He has developed the Commission's Geographic Information System; has lectured extensively on regional growth; and has been involved in numerous smart growth, sustainability, and watershed protection studies and programs. Todd directs the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Program for the Eastern Upstate Territory. He has a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University at Albany, where he taught a course on GIS for 13 years. He now teaches urban planning at Skidmore College. Todd is also a member of the Saratoga Springs Planning Board.



Carla Castillo is Deputy Executive Director / Clean Energy Communities Coordinator for the Hudson Valley Regional Council. Carla directs NYSERDA's CEC Program, promoting economic development and supporting municipal cost-savings through energy efficiency and clean energy projects, resulting in municipal energy use and greenhouse gas emissions reductions. Carla received an MCP in City & Regional Planning and an MS in International Development from the University of Pennsylvania, and a BA in Latin American Studies from UCLA. Carla volunteers in the Town of Cornwall, chairing the Cornwall CAC, partnering with schools to implement recycling programs, and sits on the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Carla previously worked in Philadelphia, focusing on sustainability and neighborhood revitalization at the neighborhood, city, and regional levels while at New Kensington CDC, Recyclebank, the Reinvestment Fund, and The Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority. She stabilized distressed neighborhoods through the development of affordable homes as an affordable housing lender and technical assistance provider to community development corporations. Carla also worked with internationally-based microfinance CEOs to advance the micro-finance industry.



Dazzle Ekblad works out of NYSDEC's central office in Albany. As Climate Policy Analyst for the Office of Climate Change, she focuses on management of the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) program, including administering the CSC Grant Program and acting as the program lead for the CSC Certification Program.

Climate Smart Communities (CSC) is a voluntary, incentive-based program for New York communities to engage in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving climate resilience through adaptation measures. The CSC Grant Program offers 50/50 matching funds for climate change adaptation projects each year through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). Through the

CSC Certification Program, communities can also earn points for a wide variety of actions, including strategies that align with Clean Energy Communities.



Jim Yienger is a forward thinker and leader in local government climate and sustainability with 20 years of experience in climate science, local energy policy, and software technology. He has a knack for standing back from individual problems, finding systematic root causes, and creating solutions that scale to standards. Under Clean Energy Communities, Jim assists municipalities in the Eastern NY region with their projects after they receive Clean Energy Community designation. He is available to guide communities through the grant process, provide suggestions, and any assistance necessary to keep the process from application completion to project submission on track and on time.



Europa McGovern is a Planner / Clean Energy Communities Coordinator at HVRC and works closely with elected officials and dedicated volunteer groups on the various actions that local governments can pursue under NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities Program, and she provides support on strategies related to climate action and other sustainability-related planning and funding opportunities to municipalities throughout the Mid-Hudson Region.

Europa completed her Masters in Conservation and Policy at Stony Brook Universities' School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences. She is a dedicated volunteer herself, serving on the City of Poughkeepsie's Waterfront Advisory Committee and on the Board of Directors at the Poughkeepsie Farm Project. She has been known to ride her bicycle in to HVRC's office in Newburgh when not driving her electric car.



Mark Varian is the former CEO of John Gallin & Son, Inc., a 132-year-old construction firm in New York City. He advocated early on for sustainable building methods and completed several LEED certified projects during his 35-year career. He served on the boards of the NYC Building Contractors Association, the Building Trades Employers Association, The Hundred Year Association of New York, and SHORE (Sheltering the Homeless is Our Responsibility). Mark and his wife, Miriam, live in Gardiner and are active members of New Paltz Climate Action Coalition. He serves on the Climate Smart Gardiner and the New Paltz Climate Smart Task Forces.



Roberto Muller is a graduate of Vassar College's Environmental Studies Program, Roberto grew up and lives in Cold Spring, NY. He works part-time for the Town of Philipstown, of which Cold Spring is a part, as its Climate Smart Coordinator in order to help the Town reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for the inevitable effects of climate change. Roberto's efforts to reduce his own emissions include gradually renovating his house with energy efficiency upgrades in pursuit of Net-Zero Carbon status, purchasing carbon offsets for his current emissions, riding a bicycle or metro north trains instead of driving when possible, eating a plant-based diet, using fans instead of AC in the summer, purchasing 100% wind-powered electricity through an ESCO and turning down invitations from loved ones to fly here and there for this and that, unless he has no choice, of course.



Julie Noble is the Environmental Education and Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Kingston. In this capacity, Julie manages the City's environmental projects, initiatives and programming, including energy, land use, climate adaptation, transportation, recycling and environmental education and serves as the Climate Smart Community Coordinator and Conservation Advisory Council Chair.