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Mid-Hudson Regional Renewable Energy Forum

BEACON, NY – As part of the Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP), the Regional Renewable Energy Implementation Plan (RREIP) intends to create a roadmap to help achieve the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) in the Mid-Hudson Region. This forum will showcase what NY State agencies, and area utilities, municipalities, businesses and institutions are doing already or are planning to accelerate the transition to a Renewable Energy Economy with Storage and Efficiency.

The forum will take place on **Friday, December 13, 2019, from 9 a.m to 1:15 p.m in the Great Room of Kaplan Hall, One Washington Place, SUNY/Orange, Newburgh.** The event will also be livestreamed and videotaped

Agenda

9:00 - 9:20 a.m. **Registration and Welcoming Remarks:** Pat Pomeroy, Executive Director, Hudson Valley Regional Council (HVRC)

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. **NYS Agencies:** Moderator: Manna Jo Greene, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc.,

- NYS DEC: CLCPA Overview. Mark Lowery, Assistant Director, Office of Climate Change
- NYSERDA's Role in Advancing CLCPA: Brad Tito, Program Manager, Communities & Local Government, and Chris Reohr, Senior Project Manager
- NYPA: Keith Hayes, Senior Vice President, Clean Energy Solutions
- NYS PSC: Tom Congdon, Chief of Staff (invited)
- NYS Governor's Office: Amanda Lefton, First Assistant Secretary for Energy and the Environment (invited)

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. **Contribution by Utilities:** Moderator: Pat Courtney Strong, Director, Public Engagement Energy Services, Arch St. Communications; Cabinet Member, Citizens for Local Power

- Central Hudson: John J. Borchert, Senior Director, Energy Policy & Transmission Development
- Con Ed: Christopher Raup, Director, State Regulatory Affairs
- Orange & Rockland: Kristen Barone, Section Manager, Utility of the Future

11:30 - 11:45 a.m. **Break**, with light refreshments.

11:45 - 1:00 p.m. **Municipal, Institutional and Commercial Models:** Moderator: Carla Castillo, HVRC

- Scenic Hudson's *Roadmap to a Clean Energy Future*: Audrey Friedrichsen, Esq., LL.M., Land Use & Environmental Advocacy Attorney
- SUNY/New Paltz Solar with Storage Microgrid Project: Bryant Carlson of Solar Liberty
- Pointe of Praise Community Solar: Rev. James Childs, Pastor; Kai Nybro, SunCommon Community Solar Development Manager
- Sustainable Westchester's Energy Initiatives: Nina Orville, Director of Solar Programs
- Sullivan County Office of Sustainability: Carol Roig and Stephen Stuart and Larry Reeger of SUNY/Sullivan
- Town of Clarkstown (Rockland County); Solar on landfill, planned carport: Joe Simoes, Principal Planner

1:00 – 1:15 p.m. **Next Steps, Wrap Up and Adjourn.**

Registration: www.surveymonkey.com/r/RREIP The event is free, but pre-registration is requested, as space is limited and registration is rapidly filling. www.facebook.com/events/1744451075687784/

Sponsors: Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Coalition Energy Working Group and Orange County Planning Department

Endorsing Organizations: Citizens for Local Power, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Inc., Hudson Valley Regional Council, New Yorkers for Clean Power, Scenic Hudson, Sustainable Hudson Valley, Sustainable Westchester, Ulster County Climate Smart Committee. Livestream and video courtesy of SunCommon.

About Hudson River Sloop Clearwater

Launched in 1969 by legendary folk singer and activist Pete Seeger, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater has been at the forefront of the environmental movement as champions of the Hudson River. To date, more than half a million people have experienced their first real look at an estuary's ecosystem aboard the sloop Clearwater. Clearwater has become the grassroots model for producing positive changes to protect our planet. For more information, visit www.clearwater.org