

Center for Sustainable Development



PRESS RELEASE

CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO SPONSOR A PROGRAM ON DESIGNING FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NY (April 28, 2015) – The Center for Sustainable Development (C4SD) – together with AIA Westchester + Hudson Valley, Urban Green Council, Riverkeeper and Clearwater – will host a lively discussion and presentation entitled “Designing for Energy Conservation.” The program will take place at the Stanley Kellerhouse Municipal Building, 1 Van Wyck Street, in Croton-on-Hudson, NY, on **Wednesday, May 6, 2015 from 6 – 8 pm**.

The speakers, Tony Lisanti, a Certified Home Energy Rater, and James Hartford, a partner at River Architects, will describe their experiences and perspectives on emerging energy standards for conserving energy. They will outline how architects and builders are meeting current International Energy Conservation Code, and discuss how to achieve Energy Star Rating and Passive House Certification.

Also featured will be a keynote address given by Rob Astorino, County Executive for Westchester County. A champion of several environmental initiatives, including providing tax credits to residents who retrofit their homes with solar panels, Rob Astorino is also strong supporter of creating a sustainable infrastructure in the county.

C4SD is a registered §501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation dedicated to providing a forum for the promotion of ideas, innovative technologies and new building products for the design and construction of sustainable buildings. A primary focus of the Center is the exploration of strategies to reduce energy consumption in new construction, renovations, and retrofit projects.

C4SD programs offer an opportunity for architects, building professionals, and the general public, to become familiar with the Center for Sustainable Development, and to participate as a member in the vibrant dialogue about sustainability. All are welcome to attend. Continuing Education learning credits for design professionals are available following registration with AIA Westchester + Hudson Valley at www.aiawhv.com.

C4SD was co-founded by architect Christina Griffin AIA LEED AP CPHC, Principal of Christina Griffin Architect, an award winning firm specializing in sustainable design, and attorney Peter D. Wolf JD LLM (Environmental Law), a Corporate/Real Estate/Environmental Attorney.

For more information about the Center for Sustainable Development, see www.center4sd.org.

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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

TONY LISANTI, CEM, HERs RATER, CODES & ENERGY STAR, VICE PRESIDENT NEHERS ALLIANCE, BOARD MEMBER PASSIVE HOUSE ALLIANCE- HUDSON VALLEY, BOARD MEMBER CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INC.

Tony Lisanti is a native of Westchester with a Bachelor's of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Rochester Institute of Technology, and a Master's of Science in Organizational Leadership from Mercy College. He is a Certified Home Energy Rater and assists homeowners, builders, developers, and municipal officials in meeting current Energy Code, and other high performance building requirements.

Tony Lisanti has certified over 750 homes and apartments for the EPA Energy Star Program. He is a Passive House Rater, HERs Rater, D.O.E. Zero Energy Home Verifier, Quality Assurance Designee, Certified Energy Manager, Certified Green Professional--by the National Association of Home Builders, and has received numerous certifications from the Building Performance Institute. Tony serves on the Board of Directors of the Center for Sustainable Development in Westchester, The Rockland Business Association Green Council, the North East Home Energy Rating System Alliance, the Passive House Hudson Valley Chapter, and on his Condominium Home Owners Association.

JAMES HARTFORD, AIA, LEED AP, CPHC, PRESIDENT, PASSIVE HOUSE ALLIANCE- HUDSON VALLEY, PARTNER, RIVER ARCHITECTS

James Hartford earned his Master of Architecture from the University of Buffalo and a Bachelor of Arts in English and Fine Arts from the University of Albany. He has studied abroad in Germany and in England, and has taught upper level design studios at Kyonggi University's Graduate School of Architecture in Seoul, South Korea.

James Hartford's work is rooted in both technical expertise and design sensibility. In addition to his design skills, he contributes his building envelope expertise, and leads the sustainable design process for each of his projects.

James is the founder and the Acting President of Passive House Alliance US- Hudson Valley Chapter. He is currently working on several Passive House projects and is leading the design of a major renovation and deep energy retrofit of a Hudson Valley historic mansion, which is targeting a LEED Silver certification.

Prior to joining River Architects, James was a Project Architect with Rogers Marvel Architects and James Gainfort AIA Architect, where he contributed to award-winning renovation and rehabilitation projects such as the Pratt Institute School of Architecture, Carnegie Hall, the Governor's and Admiral's Houses on Governors Island, and the Brooklyn Museum Entrance Reconstruction & Water Fountain Project.