

# Mid Hudson Regional Renewable Energy Forum

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## SCENIC HUDSON'S **Roadmap to a Clean Energy Future** *for the Hudson Valley*

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## Vision for the Valley:

A model of how a region responds to the challenge of climate change:

- sustainable, low-carbon region
- rapid transition
- protected scenic, historic, agricultural, environmental and economic resources

## Roadmap to a Clean Energy Future

Policy solutions must include:

- Collaborative energy and land use planning
- Information dissemination
- Empowerment at the local level to promote smart RE development



## 1. NYS Should Create a Statewide Master Plan for Land-Based Renewables Buildout

- Create 9 regional planning councils under the State Energy Law
- Prioritize development of a model regional planning council in the Hudson Valley



## 2. NYS Should pursue an effective information and public awareness campaign to build a mindset of collaboration before projects are proposed

- Regional Planning Councils should have dedicated personnel to engage directly with communities



### 3. NYS should provide financial and technical support for local planning and zoning that promotes smart renewable energy development

- Guide municipalities to adopt local plans and laws that ensure that RE facilities are welcomed and consistent with community values



## 4. The Siting Board should adopt rules to accelerate and incentivize large-scale renewable energy that has demonstrated local support and meets conservation goals

- Streamlined Article 10 process for projects that have secured host community support and comply with set of low-impact siting criteria



## 5. Align agricultural protection and renewable energy policy

- Protect the most productive agricultural land and keep it in farming
- Maximize opportunities for renewable energy development and RE to co-exist



Thank you!

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## Scenic Hudson's Mission

“Scenic Hudson preserves land and farms and creates parks that connect people with the inspirational power of the Hudson River, while fighting threats to the river and natural resources that are the foundation of the valley's prosperity.”



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