



The Climate Act and You:

*Maximizing Community Benefits
While Meeting State and Federal Climate Goals*

June 1-2, 2023



*Irish Cultural Center
of the Mohawk Valley*



Utica, New York

Conference Agenda

Presented by ANCA in partnership with the Mohawk Valley Clean Energy Team, the Clean Energy Conference will dig into the unique challenges and opportunities our small and rural communities face as new state and federal policies roll out across New York. Over the course of 1.5 days, we'll engage with clean energy stakeholders and community leaders about local impacts of new policies and programs and discuss ways we can work together to advance New York's clean energy transition while preserving our region's values and character:

Thursday, June 1, 2023

1:00-3:00 p.m. — Tour of Brookfield Renewable's Trenton Falls hydropower facility

3:00-5:00 p.m. — Open House at NYPA's Energy Zone visitor center

5:00-8:00 p.m. — Reception at the Irish Cultural Center featuring local food and drink

Reception welcome by Mark Luciano, Brookfield Renewable U.S.

5:00-8:00 p.m. — Networking in the Exhibition Hall

Friday, June 2, 2023

7:30-8:30 a.m. — Registration, networking, hot breakfast

8:30-8:45 a.m. — Opening Remarks

Steve Smith, Mohawk Valley Clean Energy Team; Elizabeth Cooper and Jill Henck, ANCA

8:45-9:00 a.m. — Welcome Address

Grand Chief Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (Wolf Clan), Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

9:00-9:15 a.m. — Fireside Chat

Serge Abergel, Hydro-Québec; Basil Seggos, NY Department of Environmental Conservation; Jill Henck, ANCA

9:15-10:00 a.m. — Community Sparks: success stories from communities across the region

Omay Elphick, Gravity Renewables; Amanda Kaier, Mohawk Valley Clean Energy Team;

Josh Pierce, Pierce Family Farm; Joe Dickson, Ducted Wind Turbines

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10:00-11:00 a.m. — Breakout Sessions

Engaging the Workforce

Dr. Ben Ballard, SUNY Morrisville

The Cap & Invest Program, Climate Act & Disadvantaged Communities Criteria Updates

Sameer Ranade, NYSEERDA

Fleet Electrification

Eleanor Peck, Hudson Valley Regional Council, Adam Ruder, NYSEERDA;

Jennifer Wallace-Brodeur, Vermont Energy Improvement Corporation (VEIC)

Clean Energy Mentorship Discussion & Networking

Dr. Curt Gervich, SUNY Plattsburgh; Jill Henck, ANCA

11:00-11:15 a.m. — Networking & Exhibition Hall

11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. — Breakout Sessions

The Passage & Impact of the Inflation Reduction Act & You

Dr. Stephen Bird, Clarkson University

Grant Writing 101

Jennifer Perry, ANCA

Will We Have Enough Clean Energy Workers?

Richard Lawrence, Interstate Renewable Energy Council

Partnering With Marginalized Communities Roundtable

Erin Griffin, ANCA

12:15-1:30 p.m. — Lunch & Networking

1:30-3:00 p.m. — Plenary: Maximizing Community Benefits from the Clean Energy Transition

Omay Elphick, Gravity Renewables; Linda Garrett, American Farmland Trust.;

Marie Schnitzer, National Grid; Kathy Spencer, LaBella Associates; Brad Tito, PowerMarket

3:00-3:15 p.m. — Networking & Exhibition Hall

3:15-4:15 p.m. — Breakout Sessions

Community Campaigns: the Next Generation

Tara Donadio, Capital District Regional Planning Commission; Jeremy Koo, Cadmus Group;

Lisa Marshall, New Yorkers for Clean Power

Large-scale Renewables: Strategies to Consider Community Interests

Amy Wyant, Otsego County Conservation Association

So You Thought You Knew Everything About Energy Audits

Eamonn LaDue and Matt Plouffe, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County;

Nolan Rische, Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County

Build Public Renewables Act & Localizing Renewables

Emmett Smith, Northern Power & Light

4:15-4:30 p.m. — Raffle & Conference Wrap-up

