

SPEAKERS & CONTACT INFORMATION

2018 MUNICIPAL SOLAR TOUR

Navigating Large-Scale Solar Development in Your Community

SOLAR SITE HOSTS

TIMOTHY HOLMES, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Warwick Valley Central School District

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Tim Holmes is the Assistant Superintendent of Business at Warwick Valley CSD. Tim holds a BS in Applied Social Science with Concentration in Computer Programming from Binghamton University and an MS in Education Administration from SUNY Brockport.

For the last ten years at Warwick Valley CSD Tim has tried and succeeded in introducing new ways of reducing the school's carbon footprint while being cost effective. He was instrumental in Park Avenue Elementary School and High School receiving the US Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools in 2018.

JOHN RAZZANO, Supervisor
Town of Waywayanda

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John has been Town Supervisor for 13 years, and a Town resident for 24 years. John has also owned his own construction business, Razzano Construction Corp, for over 34 year and is well-versed in all phases of construction.

LOUIS J. INGRASSIA JR., Commissioner, Department of Public Works; Highway Superintendent; Co-Director, Office of Emergency Management
Town of Wallkill

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Lou has worked in several capacities for the Town of Wallkill for over 30 years. He holds many professional affiliations and certifications – including NYS certifications as Grade 1A, 1B, C, D Water Treatment Plant Operator and Grade 3A Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator – in addition to his various volunteer work. He is currently serving as Fire Commissioner, Howells Fire District (since 2001) and supports several other firefighter, fire chief, and fire district organizations. Lou is also a member of the BPOE Elks #1097 and the Kiwanis club in Middletown and he supports other initiatives including the March of Dimes.

ORANGE COUNTY

DAVID CHURCH, Commissioner of Planning, Orange County

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David Church is Commissioner of Planning for Orange County, New York. Appointed to this position in 2002, he oversees land use, planning, agriculture, tourism, and grant units of County government as well as the County Water Authority, and the County Transportation Council (or MPO). Previously he was Executive Director of the Albany-based New York Planning Federation. He has also held positions with The Catskill Center and the

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Conservation Foundation/World Wildlife Fund. Early in his career he was a partner in Landscape Studies specializing in environmental impact assessment.

He is a board member of the Hudson River Watershed Alliance, and the Energy Improvement Corporation, and he serves as Chair of the Hudson Valley Agribusiness Development Corporation. David has written several books on land use and zoning including *The Short Course: A Basic Guide for Members of Planning Boards and Zoning Boards of Appeals*, and *The Shawangunk Ridge Conservation and Design Guidebook*. A member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, he is a graduate of Hamilton College (Geology) and has studied at Empire State College.

Raised in northern Berkshire County, Massachusetts, he lives with his wife in the Town of Shawangunk ("shon-gum"), New York where he has served three terms as a member of the Planning Board.

KATE SCHMIDT, Planner, Department of Planning, Orange County
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Kate Schmidt is a land use planner with the Orange County Department of Planning since 2003, and has worked in transportation, trail planning, grant writing, pedestrian advocacy, and project development reviews. Currently, she concentrates on environmental issues such as sustainability, solar energy and conservation advisory councils (CAC). Prior to relocating to Orange County, Kate worked at NYC Department of City Planning and the Office of the Manhattan Borough President. She holds a master's degree in city planning from Hunter College in NYC. Fortunate to live near her office, she is thrilled to bike to work every day throughout the year.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

GINA FERREIRA, Environmental Scientist, Environmental Protection Agency
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Gina is an Environmental Scientist working out of the NYC office of USEPA Region 2. She serves as the sole human health and ecological risk assessor for all the programs within the Clean Air and Sustainability Division including Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Air, and Water. Her Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology was earned at City University of New York Queens College and her Master of Science degree was earned at Long Island University C.W. Post Campus. In July 2018, she began working on the Repowering America's Land Initiative's regional effort to place solar farms on closed landfills.

HUDSON VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL

CARLA CASTILLO, Senior Planner / Clean Energy Communities Coordinator
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Carla directs NYSERDA's CEC Program in the mid-Hudson region, 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

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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.

EUROPA MCGOVERN, Planner / Clean Energy Communities Coordinator

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Europa 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. She completed her Masters in Conservation and Policy at Stony Brook Universities' School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences. Europa also sits on the City of Poughkeepsie Waterfront Advisory Committee and the Poughkeepsie Farm Project Board of Directors, and she has been known to bike to HVRC's office in Newburgh when not driving her electric car in.

NIKLAS MORAN, Planner / Clean Energy Communities Coordinator

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Niklas holds an Msc in Environmental Planning from the Technical University of Berlin. He works on NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities Program and bikes to work when he can. Niklas is interested in using technology and policy to make people's lives better. He is the Vice-Chair of the Town of Cornwall Conservation Advisory Council and Chair of the Tree Subcommittee.

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