

Interconnection: Local Planning and Review for Large-scale Solar

A workshop and forum for local government officials

Thursday, May 10, 2018, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Clinton Community College, Institute for Advanced Manufacturing
Plattsburgh, New York

WORKSHOP AGENDA

- 8:00-8:30 AM** **Registration/Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30-9:00 AM** **Welcome and Overview (30 min)**
Dr. Sean Connin, Associate Director, Clean Energy Program, ANCA;
Billy Jones, New York State Assemblyman, 115th District; Michael
Cashman, Supervisor, Town of Plattsburgh; Ray DiPasquale, President,
Clinton Community College.
- 9:00-9:30 AM** **Large Scale Commercial Solar in the North Country (30 min)**
*An overview of commercial solar projects, infrastructure,
generation capacity, retail and wholesale markets and
relevant NY state programs and incentives.*
- Presenter: Maureen Leddy, Program Manager, NYSERDA Large Scale
Renewable Program.
- 9:30-10:00 AM** **Pathways to Interconnection in the North Country (30 min)**
*A utilities perspective on distributed solar generation and the
electrical grid, interconnection processes and requirements and
resources for municipalities.*
- Presenter: Gene Hickok, Technical Support Consultant, National Grid.
- 10:00-10:15 AM** **Break**
- 10:15-10:45 AM** **Project Proposals: Where, When, and Why? (30 min)**
*Developers' perspectives on how companies evaluate and pursue solar
project opportunities, assess financial risk, contend with regulatory
and permitting requirements, and how a community can attract*

projects that fit.

Presenters: Gillian Black, Business Development Director, Abundant Energy; Frank McCleneghen, President, Active Solar Development

10:45-11:30 AM Municipal Solar Projects and Planning in the North Country (45 min)

Municipal leaders' perspectives and experience around commercial solar projects and planning in the North Country. Case studies include the Village of Potsdam (solar planning), Town of Lowville (solar on county property), and Village of Malone (solar on abandoned landfill).

Presenters: Jason Pfothenhauer, Deputy Director, St. Lawrence County Planning Office; Fred Hanss, Director of the Potsdam Planning & Development Department, Village of Potsdam; Frank Pace, Director of Planning, Lewis County; Joe Riccio, Mayor, Village of Malone.

11:30-12:00 PM Whole Group Discussion and Q&A (30 min)

12:00-1:00 PM Buffet Lunch

1:00-2:00 PM Local Laws for Commercial Solar: Tools, Templates, and Strategies (60 min)

An overview from NYSUN to help municipal leaders adapt the new Model Solar Energy Local Law for their purposes.

Presenter: Houtan Moaveni, Deputy Director of NY-SUN and New York State DG Interconnection Ombudsman.

2:00-2:15 PM Break

2:15-3:00 PM Utility Scale Solar and Rural Land Use (45 min)

An overview of special concerns associated with solar development on farmlands as well as a Department of Public Services overview of the Article 10 review process for projects over 25 MW.

Presenters: Jeremy Flaum, Office Electric, Gas and Water, Dept. of Public Services; Jason Pfothenhauer, Deputy Director, St. Lawrence County Planning Office.

3:00-3:30 PM Whole Group Discussion and Q&A (30 min)

3:30 PM Departures