

Renewables on the Ground Roundtable

New York's Clean Energy Standard, a mandate to meet the State's goal of getting 50% of its electricity needs from renewable sources by 2030, will require a rapid build-out of solar and wind power across New York.

ABOUT THE ROUNDTABLE

To help meet New York's ambitious goals and support the responsible development of clean energy, the Renewables on the Ground Roundtable will bring together diverse stakeholders to develop a set of principles and policy recommendations to reduce barriers to large-scale renewable energy siting while mitigating impacts on the ground.

Led by [The Nature Conservancy](#) and the [Alliance for Clean Energy New York](#), the Roundtable is a collaboration among non-traditional partners – land use planners/conservationists, renewables developers, agricultural interests, utilities, regulators, and local and state government officials. The Consensus Building Institute will facilitate the Roundtable.

Dialogue among diverse interests can help facilitate a path forward to help ensure the success of the Clean Energy Standard while preserving New York's vital natural, agricultural and community resources. These principles can help build support for new energy infrastructure that both provides the greatest benefit to the grid, the developer and the surrounding natural and community resources. The Roundtable's recommendations will play an important role in shaping New York's ability to reach its clean energy goals.

GOALS

- Build collaborative relationships around meeting clean energy goals
- Create and support high level renewable energy development principles
- Advance recommendations based on principles

ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANTS

Representatives from the following organizations were invited to participate in the Roundtable (list in formation):

- Alliance for Clean Energy New York
- American Farmland Trust
- Apex Clean Energy
- Avangrid Renewables
- Citizens for Local Power
- Community Energy
- Cornell University, Community and Regional Development Institute
- DEC Office of Climate Change
- EverPower Renewables
- Farm Bureau
- Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Commission
- Land Trust Alliance
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- New York Independent System Operator
- New York Solar Energy Industries Association
- New York State Business Council
- New York State DEC, Office of Climate Change
- New York State Energy Research and Development
- New York State Tug Hill Commission
- New York State Department of Public Service
- New York University Center on Environmental Law, Energy and Land Use
- New Yorkers for Clean Power
- Northeast Wind Projects
- Open Space Institute
- Pace Land Use Law Center
- Scenic Hudson
- The Nature Conservancy
- Town of Yates
- Ulster County

TIMELINE

This nine-month project is to begin in the fall of 2016. Participants will partake in four day-long Roundtable meetings in November, January, March and May and contribute to the work groups throughout the duration of the project. A final report is scheduled to be released in the summer of 2017.

IMPORTANT DATES

jun 1	9:30 - 11:00am: Synthesis Work Group Call #2
jun 7	9:00 am: Transmission Work Group Call #2
jun 8	11:00 - 1:00pm: Synthesis Work Group Call #3
jun 9	11:30am: Transmission Work Group Call #3
jun 14	9:00 am: Transmission Work Group Call #4
jun 14	2:00 - 4:00 pm: Synthesis Work Group Call #4

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