

## *A View from the Clean Energy Future*

We are at the beginning of an energy transition away from highly polluting energy sources to cleaner and safer ones. Over the next thirty years, the world will transform in some expected – and some unexpected – ways. What does that look like for the average household, and for the community and larger scales? What technology exists today for this transition, and what hard problems remain to be solved? And what will be required for this to be successful? Come learn what the world will look like, and how you can make it happen sooner.

### **Facilitator: Sean Dague**

Sean Dague is a volunteer NY State Coordinator for Citizens Climate Lobby, working to build the political will for climate solutions through direct engagement with elected officials. He's a firm believer in the transition to a fossil free future, which is healthier, more economical, and safer for everyone.

**Program Length:** 60 Minutes

**Audience:** Adults, High School students

**Program Style:** Available to do both in-person and virtual.

**Geographical Range:** Upper Hudson Valley, Lower Hudson Valley

**Fee:** Free

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## *How I Electrified My Home and Workplace*

Moved Atlas from Brooklyn to Newburgh NY in 2012 to a newly renovated 55K sq. ft. former textile factory. This building is now 100% electric, as is our company vehicle, my home, and the home of my business partner.

### **Facilitator: Thomas Wright**

Trained as architect, co-founder and co-president of Atlas Industries. Worked in architecture, design, construction, metal and wood fabrication for 30+ years. Very motivated to create and inspire action in the rapid phaseout of fossil fuels and adoption of renewable energy.

**Program Length:** 20 Minutes

**Audience:** Adults, High School students

**Program Style:** Available to do both in-person and virtual.

**Geographical Range:** Lower Hudson Valley

**Fee:** No fee

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Organize a presentation by one of these knowledgeable Hudson Valley residents.

To schedule a program, contact the presenter directly.



## ***How To Transition Your Home/Business/Life To Clean Energy Investing In An Environmentally Conscious Manner***

Talks on how to transition your home/business/life to clean energy, and also investing in an environmentally conscious manner.

**Facilitator: Tom Konrad**

Energy Coach for New Yorkers for Clean Power, Chair of the Marbletown Environmental Conservation Commission, and clean energy focused hedge fund manager.

**Program Length:** 15 min to 2 hours

**Audience:** Adults, High School students

**Program Style:** Available to do both in-person and virtual.

**Geographical Range:** Upper Hudson Valley

**Fee:** Travel costs

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## ***Cool Refrigerant Management***

How refrigerant management is an overlooked climate solution that more people should understand.

**Facilitator: Steve Wehr**

Michael Helme is a self-trained environmentalist who focuses on refrigerants as a climate solution.

**Program Length:** 20 to 90 minutes

**Audience:** Adults

**Program Style:** Available to do both in-person and virtual.

**Geographical Range:** Upper Hudson Valley

**Fee:** free

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## ***Electric Vehicle Intro***

You're interested in EVs but have questions. This presentation will show how EVs work and charge, and debunk the most popular myths concerning them. You'll see examples of popular EVs along with prices and rebates.

**Facilitator: Michael Helme**

Steve Wehr is a clean energy coach for New Yorkers for Clean Power, a member of Climate Smart Hyde Park, an EV owner and expert, and retired engineer.

**Program Length:** 1.5 hours

**Audience:** Adults, High School Students

**Program Style:** In-person

**Geographical Range:** Upper Hudson Valley

**Fee:** free

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## ***ESG Investing***

ESG from risk management to values to impact.

### **Facilitator: Jeffrey Scales**

Chairperson of Riverkeeper Advisory Board; member of Town of Clermont's Comprehensive Planning and Climate Smart Taskforce committees; over 35 years as financial advisor (CFP and AIF designations) with ESG investment focus and B Corp certification; co-creator of educational network for over 70 financial advisors with interest in ESG investment integration; member of USSIF and NYS Sustainable Business Network; proud supporter of Sustainable Hudson Valley, Columbia Land Conservancy, and Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance; recently appointed to the Rhinebeck Farmers Market (which I helped co-found in 1995) board of directors.

**Program Length:** up to 1 hour

**Audience:** Adults, High School students

**Program Style:** Available to do both in-person and virtual.

**Geographical Range:** Upper Hudson Valley, Lower Hudson Valley

**Fee:** No fee

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## ***Sustainable investing***

Sustainable Investing - how to achieve financial \*and\* impact goals Perry brings his decades of experience as a lawyer, consultant and advisor to his engaging presentations and "fireside chats" with other experts. He simplifies the landscape, and helps people and businesses sort through the hype to achieve their financial goals while supporting positive solutions to the world's most pressing problems.

### **Facilitator: Perry Goldschein, J.D.**

Perry Goldschein, J.D. is a thought leader with decades of experience serving people and businesses, from professionals and entrepreneurs to the Fortune 500. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/goldschein/>

**Program Length:** 30-60 minutes

**Audience:** Adults,

**Program Style:** Available to do both in-person and virtual.

**Geographical Range:** Upper Hudson Valley, and Lower Hudson Valley

**Fee:** Complimentary

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## ***Journey to Becoming a Certified B Corp***

Are you passionate about making a positive impact on the world while running a successful business? Discover the path to becoming a Certified B Corporation and join us for an enlightening event aimed at guiding you through the process of achieving social and environmental excellence.

Circularly is hosting a free event for local businesses to demystify the process of becoming a Certified B Corp, share the benefits of becoming a Certified B, and help answer questions for business owners about their pathway to certification.

### **Facilitator: Casey Plasker**

Casey Plasker is the Founder and Partner at Circularly PBC, a Certified B Corp that focuses on corporate sustainability and circular economy consulting based in Hudson Valley. She is passionate about accelerating the global transition to regenerative, community focused, and radically kind & equitable practices in order to reverse damages done by extractive capitalism.

**Program Length:** 1.5 hours

**Audience:** Adults

**Program Style:** Available to do both in-person and virtual.

**Geographical Range:** Both Upper & Lower Hudson Valley

**Fee:** Depends on the type of engagement, but happy to do info sessions on B Corp for free.

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## ***Why The Courts Can Be A Powerful Place For Young People To Take Action On Climate Change***

A discussion of Claudia's experience as a youth plaintiff and how other young people can get involved with climate action

### **Facilitator: Claudia Sachs**

Claudia Sachs is an undergraduate at Columbia University studying sustainable development and human rights. She is a plaintiff in a groundbreaking climate lawsuit against her home state of Virginia.

**Program Length:** 30 minutes

**Audience:** Adults, High School students, Middle School students

**Program Style:** Available to do both in-person and virtual.

**Geographical Range:** Upper and Lower Hudson Valley

**Fee:** \$200

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## ***The Green Amendment - The People's Fight For a Clean, Safe & Healthy Environment, including Climate***

As the impacts of climate change manifest worldwide, and environmental degradation continues to rise and devastate the health and safety of communities, activists must acquire new tools for environmental protection – it is increasingly clear that we can no longer rely on federal and state legislation to fight for a cleaner environment. The sad truth is that our laws are designed to accommodate pollution rather than prevent it. As a result people feel powerless, and communities of color, low income communities, and communities with high immigrant populations continue to be disproportionately targeted for placement and expansion of polluting industrial operations. But there is a solution: bypass the laws and turn to the ultimate authority—our state and federal constitutions.

This talk will seek to engage and inspire pursuit and use of a new tool for environmental protection – constitutional recognition of environmental rights. With constitutional recognition of an inalienable right to a healthy environment we will empower people with new advocacy and legal tools, level the playing field, and provide real hope for communities everywhere fighting for clean and healthy environments, including providing particularly powerful new arguments for environmental justice communities and protection of future generations. In this session, author of the best selling new release titled *The Green Amendment*, Maya van Rossum will talk about:

- how legislative environmentalism has failed communities
- the transformational difference environmental constitutionalism can make, including for protection of future generations and environmental justice communities that continue to be disproportionately targeted for polluting projects
- how people can take action in their communities to secure a Green Amendment, or if they live in one of the three states that already has this protection, the talk will focus on how to use the constitutional entitlement to full and best effect.

### **Facilitator: Maya K. van Rossum**

Maya is the Founder of Green Amendments For the Generations, a grassroots non-profit inspiring & supporting constitutional recognition and protection of environmental rights in every state and ultimately at the federal level. van Rossum is also the Delaware Riverkeeper, leading the 4 state, watershed-based advocacy organization, the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, for 30 years. Maya coined the "Green Amendment" term and is author of the book *The Green Amendment, The People's Fight For a Clean, Safe & Healthy Environment*.

**Program Length:** Can be any length -- but one hour ensures full opportunity for Q&A

**Audience:** Adults, High School students, Middle School students

**Program Style:** Available to do both in-person and virtual.

**Geographical Range:** Upper and Lower Hudson Valley

**Fee:** \$300 for weekday events, \$500 for weekend events, whether in-person or virtual  
If the above fees are too high, there may be opportunity to discuss a sliding scale.

**All speaker fees support the Green Amendment movement directly.**

Due to capacity issues and demand for Green Amendment support nationwide, we request that the following parameters be met when requesting a speaker for your event:

- Guaranteed attendance of at least 25 people. We will consider smaller groups on a case by case basis, so please still get in touch if you have a smaller group.

**NOTE:** If your event is for an environmental justice community, an anonymous donor has covered the speaking fee. Please let us know when you get in touch.

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## ***Biomimicry: Using Nature Brilliance to Solve Human Problems***

Biomimicry is the technological application of designs used in nature to solve human problems. It offers models of innovation, and solution-based thinking for designers, engineers, urban planners, architects, software designers, fashion designers, public policymakers, and many other industries and disciplines. For educators, it can be used to teach multiple NYSSLS Science and Engineering Practices, Disciplinary Core Ideas, and Cross Cutting Concepts as well as to engage and inspire the next generation. Actual bio-inspired products, currently available on the market, will be used in the presentation and available to examine.

### **Facilitator: Dorna Schroeter**

Retired Coordinator, PNW BOCES Center for Environmental Education, Co-founder of the Dutchess County BOCES Center for Sustainability and Climate Education, Co-Chair and organizer of the YESS! Youth Climate Summits, Sustainability and Biomimicry Educator and mentor, author of the children's book series, *How an Idea From Nature Changed Our World*.

**Program Length:** up to 1 hour

**Audience:** Adults, 5-12 grade students

**Program Style:** Will do both in-person and virtual but would prefer in-person.

**Geographical Range:** Upper Hudson Valley

**Fee:** Negotiable

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