



## About Us

### Project Leadership Team

#### Defenders of Wildlife

- Aimee Delach – Senior Policy Analyst, Climate Adaptation
- Rupak Thapaliya – Renewable Energy & Wildlife Policy Analyst

#### The Nature Conservancy

- Jessica Price – Landscape Conservation Ecologist, New York Division
- Karen Leu – GIS Specialist, New York Division
- Stephen Lloyd – Senior Spatial Analyst, New York Division

#### Michigan Technological University

- Chelsea Schelly – Associate Professor of Sociology

## Consensus Building Institute

- Catherine Morris – Senior Mediator

## Steering Committee

Steering Committee members guide the process. In addition to the leadership team it includes representatives from the solar industry, utility, and municipalities.

- Tara Bono – EmPower Solar & LISEIA
- Bob Boerner (Jossi Fritz-Mauer) – PSEG Long Island
- Michael Deering (Timothy Lederer)– Long Island Power Authority
- Tara Schneider-Moran – Town of Hempstead
- Erich Weltsek – Town of Brookhaven
- Sarah Oral– Cameron Engineering for NYSERDA

## Consortium Members

The Stakeholder Consortium represents a broad cross-section of local interests who want to have an input on solar development in Long Island.

- Rachel Brinn (Meagan Fastuca) – Town of North Hempstead
- Lisa Broughton – Suffolk County Energy Office
- S. Karen Burke, CSJ – Sisters of St. Joseph
- Robert Carpenter – Long Island Farm Bureau
- Michael Catalano – Green Guru, LLC
- Gina Coletti – Suffolk County Alliance of Chambers

- Sammy Chu – Edgewise Energy & US Green Building Council
- JP Clejan – GreenLogic LLC
- Steven Englemann – EnterSolar LLC
- Jessica Enzmann – Sierra Club
- Adrienne Esposito – Citizens Campaign for the Environment
- William Feldmann – Empire Clean Energy Supply
- Peter Gollon – LIPA Board of Trustees
- Meme Hanley – Land Trust Alliance
- Marj Issapour – Farmingdale State College
- Terese Kinsley – Town of Huntington
- Jeff Laino (Ben Cuzzo) – New York Power Authority
- Samantha Levy – American Farmland Trust
- Neal Lewis – Sustainability Institute @ Molloy College
- Ryan Madden – Long Island Progressive Coalition
- Nicholas Palumbo (Carol Malley) – Suffolk County Community College
- Ryan McTiernan – City of Long Beach
- George Povall (Joanne Moore) – All Our Energy
- Gordian Raacke – Renewable Energy Long Island (reLI)
- Kyle Rabin – Long Island Regional Planning Council
- Kim Shaw (Lauren Steinberg) – Town of East Hampton
- Mark Thielking (Sarah Smiley) – Energize NY
- Francis Zappone – Town of Southampton

Individuals in parentheses are alternates designated to represent their organization.



The Conservancy's mission is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. We are dedicated to helping protect New York State's biodiversity while still advancing statewide energy development and policy goals. We developed a mapping system called the [Biodiversity and Wind Siting Mapping Tool](#) to help guide wind development away from important ecological resources, such as sensitive habitats, large forest blocks, and migration routes. We partnered with the Alliance for Clean Energy New York to convene the [Renewables on the Ground Roundtable](#) to identify barriers to renewable energy development in New York and develop strategies to reduce those hurdles.

 [Home](#) Defenders of Wildlife's is dedicated to the protection of all native animals and plants in their natural communities. We are helping guide our nation's transition to clean energy in a way that protects wildlife and habitats by ensuring renewable energy projects are built "smart from the start." Recognizing that it takes more than megawatts to be good stewards of our planet, our experts work with federal, state and local agencies as well as other non-governmental organizations and project developers to shape policies and develop strategies for renewable energy development that avoids and minimizes impacts to wildlife



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