

WESTCHESTER COUNTY VIRTUAL EARTH DAY 2020

April 22, 2020



County Executive George Latimer
Welcoming Remarks 9:30am

Creating the NEW Future, 9:45-10:25am



Nina Orville, Director, Solar Programs, Sustainable Westchester

Nina Orville leads Sustainable Westchester's solar programs and provides strategic input on other Sustainable Westchester programs. Previously, she was founding Executive Director of the Southern Westchester Energy Action Consortium, a predecessor of Sustainable Westchester. Through specialty consulting firm Abundant Efficiency, she led or partnered on other public-private clean energy initiatives in the Mid-Hudson. Earlier in her career, Nina was a member of the senior management team of a \$40 million community development venture capital fund owned by major banks in New York. She also helped develop a social enterprise to promote trade in sustainably harvested tropical forest products sold to global companies. She holds a BA from Oberlin

College and an MBA from Columbia Business School.

Nina is a member of the Dobbs Ferry Sustainability Task Force (where she served as chair for 10 years), is on the board of the Westchester chapter of the New York League of Conservation Voters and is a member of the Advisory Board of Groundwork Hudson Valley. She also serves on the Energy Committee of the Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Coalition.



Pete Harckham, New York State Senator

Pete Harckham was elected to the New York State Senate in November 2018. Currently, he is chair of the Senate Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. His distinguished career in public service also includes four two-year terms on the Westchester County Board of Legislators (BOL), where he served as Majority Leader from 2010 through 2013.

In 2015 Harckham was appointed Assistant Director of the Office of Community Renewal and helped oversee a special allotment of \$4.3M in CDBG funding for Westchester municipalities. Afterwards, he served for two years as the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge project. Additionally, Harckham served as board president of A-HOME, a not-for-profit housing corporation that builds affordable housing in northern Westchester, and worked as a communications professional on Madison Avenue for major advertising agencies. A lifelong resident of the Hudson Valley, he now lives in South Salem.



Julie Tighe, President NYLCV and NYLCVEF

Julie Tighe was named President of NYLCV and NYLCVEF in 2018. As President, she oversees the organizations' policy, political, development, programmatic, and communications teams. Due in part to the League's and her advocacy in 2019, the State Legislature passed the nation's most progressive climate law, the Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act, along with congestion pricing and several other pieces of legislation to reduce emissions from the transportation and buildings sectors. She also helped secure increased State funding for water infrastructure and New York City funding for parks and open spaces. Her priorities for NYLCV include a focus on expanding the use and production of renewable energy and reducing waste. Previously, she served for more than eleven years at the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in various roles, having been elevated to Chief of Staff following her role as Assistant Commissioner of Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs. As DEC's Chief of Staff,

she was instrumental in advancing the agency's legislative priorities including reform of the State's Brownfield Cleanup Program and a ten-year, \$1 billion Superfund authorization. Ms. Tighe was a primary negotiator for the landmark \$2.5 billion Clean Water Infrastructure Act, the incorporation of the Climate Change program into New York's historic \$300 million Environmental Protection Fund, three successful Constitutional Amendments, and the most comprehensive electronics recycling law in the country. She oversaw DEC's policy development, helped run the nearly 3,000 employee agency, and served as a key member of the organization's leadership team.



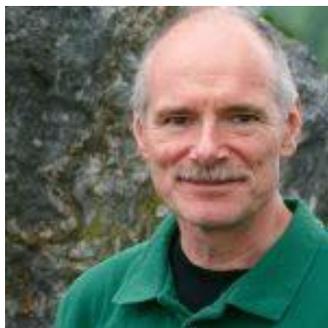
Dan Welsh, Director of Westchester Power Program

Dan Welsh has been a core team member with Sustainable Westchester and its predecessor organization, the Northern Westchester Energy Action Consortium (NWEAC), since its formation in 2009. He was a part of the original team that created the Energize NY initiative and served as vice-chairman of the NWEAC Executive Committee. Dan then served on the Sustainable Westchester formation steering committee. Since September 2016, as an employee of Sustainable Westchester, Dan's responsibilities include business operations and program development for Westchester Power, New York State's first

Community Choice Aggregation Program (CCA).

In his earlier career, Dan worked for Chemtex Engineering, building their local presence in China and overseeing marketing and contracts for the plant construction there. Prior to coming to Sustainable Westchester, his focus was in IT, working in database/web programming at Air Age Publishing and data systems management for Harrison School District.

Dan is a lifelong Westchester resident, born locally in Peekskill Hospital. A member of the Lewisboro Town Board since 2008, he currently serves as liaison to its Sustainability, Open Space, Conservation and Housing committees. Dan led the effort to establish the first "Complete Streets" policy in Westchester and co-chaired the Sustainable Westchester Transportation & Land Use Committee. He raised his family in Westchester County and has dedicated himself to environmental concerns in the County.



Leo Wiegman, Executive Vice President, co-founder of Croton Energy Group, Inc.

Croton Energy Group specializes in solar and energy storage system design and installation. Leo's chief responsibilities include Administration, Communications and Public Policy. Leo is former Mayor of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, former Executive Director

of Sustainable Westchester, and previously worked three decades in book publishing. Leo has written two books and dozens of articles on sustainability topics and been a frequent speaker on these topics.

Resiliency, 10:30-11:10am



Nancy Seligson, Supervisor of the Town of Mamaroneck

Nancy Seligson was elected to the office in November 2011. Prior to becoming Town Supervisor, Ms. Seligson served on the Town Board as a Councilwoman beginning in 2000. Under her watch, the Town of Mamaroneck was the ninth community in New York State designated a Climate Smart Community, and has implemented many sustainability initiatives including an Energy Performance Contract, Food Waste Composting, and installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and Green Infrastructure.

Ms. Seligson is the Co-Chair of the nonprofit organization, Sustainable Westchester, and the New York Co-Chair of the Citizen's Advisory Committee of the Long Island Sound Study. Ms. Seligson has spent most of her career in environmental advocacy and brings that interest to the Town. In particular, she has been a leader in Long Island Sound activism for over 25 years. She has chaired a regional environmental nonprofit organization, several Westchester County environmental committees, and the local Larchmont Mamaroneck Coastal Zone Management Commission.

Ms. Seligson graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in economics.



Tracy Brown, Director, Save the Sound

Tracy Brown joined Save the Sound in 2014, opening their New York office which focuses on water pollution and resiliency. Tracy and her team monitor water quality and put that data to use identifying and eliminating pollution sources. She was an architect of New York State's Sewage Pollution Right to Know law and continues to work for greater transparency on water pollution and wastewater infrastructure issues.

Prior to joining Save the Sound, Tracy worked at Hudson Riverkeeper for seven years where she was instrumental in building their Water Quality Program. She is a co-chair of the Water Committee for the Westchester County Climate Crisis Task Force and co-chair of the Policy and Advocacy Committee of the Long Island Sound Study Citizens Advisory Committee. She is a founder of the Peabody Preserve Outdoor Classroom, a

nature preserve for hands-on, outdoor education for the students of the Tarrytown Public Schools.



Lori Ensinger, President, Westchester Land Trust

Lori has been President of Westchester Land Trust since 2013. WLT is a 501c3 non-profit whose mission is to work with public and private partners to preserve land in perpetuity in order to protect the natural resources of the region. Since its founding in 1988, Westchester Land Trust has protected nearly 9,000 acres of environmentally sensitive lands in Westchester and eastern Putnam Counties. Prior to joining WLT, Lori worked for over 30 years as an institutional equities manager overseeing pension and endowment funds for large institutional investors. As such, she brings extensive analytical and financial management experience to the management of a non-profit

organization. Her passion for protecting the local environment has manifested itself throughout her adult life. She served on WLT's Board for 9 years before taking on the lead staff role. She also served on the Board of Teatown Lake Reservation for 10 years (chairing it for two) and was a co-founder of the Community Land Trust of New Castle. Lori is currently a member of the New York Land Trust Alliance Advisory Board which helps shape the programming for New York State by addressing land trust needs and emerging issues and recommending public policy initiatives to the Land Trust Alliance at the national level. She was also recently appointed to the Hudson River Valley Greenway Council.

Lori was born and raised in Westchester County and currently lives in northern Westchester with her husband.



Paul Gallay, President, Riverkeeper,

Paul, as President of New York's leading clean water advocacy organization, works to restore the Hudson River, protect the drinking water of nine million New Yorkers, foster climate resilience and hasten our transition to safe, sustainable energy. Paul's advocacy for clean water and safe energy began in 1987, when he joined the New York State Attorney General's Environmental Protection Bureau. He then spent a decade at the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, directing its enforcement and policy

programs in the City of New York. In 2000, Paul left government service for the non-profit sector,

taking on leadership positions in the land conservation movement, including eight years as the executive director of Westchester Land Trust before joining Riverkeeper in 2010. Paul is a graduate of Williams College and Columbia Law School and has held a number of teaching positions, including his current appointment with Columbia University's Earth Institute.

Keynote Speaker, 11:15am



Elizabeth Kolbert, Writer

Elizabeth Kolbert is a staff writer for The New Yorker. She is the author of "Field Notes from a Catastrophe" and "The Sixth Extinction," which received the Pulitzer Prize for general nonfiction in 2015. She is a two-time National Magazine Award winner and a National Academies communications award.

Climate and Health 11:30am-12:15pm



Anjali Sauthoff, PhD, Environmental Health Scientist

Anjali Sauthoff is an environmental health scientist who is focused on applying science to practice. Currently she is working with universities, local and state government, industry and the non-profit sector to develop integrated approaches that address regional climate adaptation, environmental justice, and social determinants of health. Previous research has focused on developing models to estimate exposure to air pollutants, and using computer models to analyze emission reduction strategies. She serves as the Health and Community Resilience lead on the Westchester County Climate Crisis Task Force, as well as on the New York Medical College Community Advisory Board, the Pleasantville Planning Commission and Climate Smart Communities Task

Force, and is a founding board member of Films on Purpose. She received her PhD in Environmental Health from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University.



Andrew Bell, PhD, Clinical Psychologist Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health

Dr. Andrew Bell is a licensed clinical psychologist (Ph.D., Columbia University, 2003 and MA, New York University, 1989). Over the past 30 years, he has worked in community mental health as a hospital aide, homeless outreach worker, inpatient psychologist, ER psychologist, therapist, and director of North Central Bronx Hospital's child and adolescent psychiatric ER. In 2005, he co-founded and directed the mental health component of the Safe Schools Successful Students Initiative, which served 12 very high-need Bronx middle and elementary schools. He is currently the Program Director of Children's Mental Health at Westchester County's Department of Community Mental Health, where his latest focus is on helping systems become more trauma-informed and resilience oriented. He has published original peer-reviewed research on dreams, personality disorders, and public health strategies to reduce preventable ER visits and hospitalizations. He received Family Ties' Champion of Children award in 2014 and was recognized in 2015 by Fordham University's Children and Families Institute for Research, Support, and Training.



Amy Brown, MD, MBe, FAAP, Pediatric Pulmonology and General Pediatrics

Dr. Amy Brown is board certified in Pediatric Pulmonology and General Pediatrics. She pursued her undergraduate education at Emory University, medical education at Temple University, and received a Masters' Degree in bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania. She completed both her Pediatric residency and Pediatric Pulmonology fellowship at Columbia University – New York Presbyterian. She is a professional member of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American Thoracic Society (ATS). She is Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at New York Medical College. Dr. Brown is Director of the Medical Student Education Program in Pediatric Pulmonology and co-director of the Summer Professional Student Program in Pediatric Pulmonology. She plays an active role in the Children's Environmental Health Center of the Hudson Valley and in 2017 became one of the first Children's Environmental Health Scholars awarded by New York State. Her areas of focus for the Scholars Program center on a collaboration with the American Lung Association (ALA) to establish workflow strategies for sustaining home visiting infrastructure for patients with asthma. She has also developed an expertise in vaping product and e-cigarette use and provides consultative services to practitioners and speaks often at community educational events to provide evidenced based messaging about the teen vaping epidemic. She is active in the AAP Chapter 3 Legislative Advocacy efforts and often meets with key policy makers to advocate for regulations to protect our youth and young adults from vaping initiation or continuation. She collaborates on environmentally based nutrition and food safety initiatives in elementary schools.



Executive

Lindsay Farrell, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Open Door Family Medical Centers

Lindsay Farrell is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Open Door Family Medical Centers, community health centers headquartered in Ossining, New York with additional health care and school based facilities in Westchester County in Sleepy Hollow, Port Chester, Mamaroneck and Mt. Kisco and in Brewster in Putnam County and in Saugerties in Ulster County. She is a passionate advocate for reducing health disparities through accessible, equitable health care, particularly for low income people.

Lindsay has served as the Open Door's President and CEO since 1998, today leading a staff of nearly 500 employees and overseeing a budget of \$57 million. She supports Open Door's two governing boards, the Operating Board and its Foundation Board. She has steered Open Door through periods of tremendous growth and recognition and garnered prestigious awards including the Nicolas Davies Award from HIMSS and the New York Non-profit award of excellence. She serves on several governing boards including MVP Healthplan in Schenectady, NY, the Community Healthcare Association of New York State and HealthEfficient, a network of health centers. Lindsay is Chair of the Health Care Executive Forum and past chair of the Westchester Women's Agenda.



Anne Jaffe Holmes, Program Manager, Federated Conservationists of Westchester County

Anne Jaffe Holmes is currently Program Manager for the Federated Conservationists of Westchester County, founded in 1965 to bring together voices from all over Westchester County to protect and preserve the environment and natural resources of Westchester and to address climate change. Previous to joining FCWC, Anne was Director of Education & Sustainability for the Greenburgh Nature Center where she initiated the Sustainability Education programs for families, schools, municipalities and the County. Anne is especially passionate about composting as a means for humans to remember Nature's perfect design in which "nothing is wasted and everything is recycled." Anne's goal is to help people imagine how humanity can live comfortably within Nature's framework.

Event organized by:

Westchester County Climate Crisis Task Force, Janet Harckham, Chair
Department of Sustainability and Energy Conservation, Peter McCartt, Director
Department of Planning, Millie Magraw, Program Coordinator of Water Quality

