



**Community Development & Environmental Awareness:  
A Two-Day Workshop for New England Communities**  
Grappone Conference Center @ Courtyard by Marriott  
70 Constitution Ave, Concord, NH 03301

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**Green Concepts for a Regional Economy**

**AGENDA – DAY 2**

**Wednesday, July 16, 2008**

**8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast Buffet & Registration**  
Courtyard by Marriott – Grappone Conference Center

**8:45 – 9:00 a.m. Introduction and Acknowledgements**  
*Mike Bellamente, Program Manager NADO Research Foundation, Washington, DC*  
*Tom Burack, Commissioner, NH Department of Environmental Services, Concord, NH*

**9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Local Governments Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions**  
*Julia Dundorf, Co-Director, NH Carbon Challenge, Durham, NH and member of the Carbon Coalition's Local Energy Committee Working Group* – Throughout New Hampshire over 95 voluntary, local energy committees have been formed to address rising energy costs and climate change challenges within their communities through tangible, practical solutions. This interactive session led by Ms. Dundorf will focus on the positive impacts that grass-roots initiatives and personal action can have on reducing our collective contributions to greenhouse gas emissions and on the realities of rising energy costs within our homes and communities.  
*Dr. Clay Mitchell, Esq., Principal SDES Group, LLC, Portsmouth, NH* - Local action, efforts and policies are developing that may act as the foundation of an energy revolution in America. Dr. Mitchell will discuss the increasing role and opportunities that local communities are exploring to address concerns related to economic and environmental sustainability and what implications can be made for the future.

**9:45 – 10:15 a.m. The Business of Sustainability (Part 1)**  
*Michelle Hamm, Manager of Environmental Services, Monadnock Paper Mills, Bennington NH* - Paper manufacturers rarely come to mind when discussing sustainable businesses. Monadnock Paper Mills, however, has proven that any industry can be a steward of the environment and be profitable at the same time. Ms. Hamm will discuss Monadnock's ISO-14001 accreditation, the company's self-generated electricity and other steps that have made their milling operations carbon neutral.

**10:15 – 10:30 a.m. BREAK**

**10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Panel: Clean Energy Programs Forging the Way in VT**  
*Paul Costello, Executive Director, Vermont Council on Rural Development, Montpelier, VT*  
*David Lane, Deputy Secretary of the Agency of Agriculture & Chairman of the Vermont 25 x 25 Steering Committee*  
*Rob Ide, Director of the Vermont Clean Energy Development Fund, Montpelier, VT*  
*Andrew Perchlik, Executive Director of Renewable Energy Vermont, Montpelier, VT*  
Leading by example in the migration toward clean energy production, Vermont is home to several organizations focused on finding profitable and viable methods for creating a sustainable economy. This panel is designed to give a more in-depth look at a few of the more successful programs currently operating in the state's capital. Panel will draw examples from the Vermont 25 x 25 Alliance, Renewable Energy Vermont and the Vermont Council of Rural Development.

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Networking Lunch**  
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## AGENDA – DAY 2 (cont.)

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### **1:00 – 1:30 p.m. The Business of Sustainability (Part 2)**

*Bill Gabler, Government Relations Manager, Clean Power Development, LLC, Concord, NH*

Business owners and decision makers are discovering that efficient, renewable and environmentally responsible power and steam represent practical business solutions. Mr. Gabler will discuss how Clean Power Development uses advanced biomass-power technology that allows companies such as Budweiser to efficiently draw energy from waste by-products.

### **1:30 – 2:00 p.m. Higher Learning for a Green Economy**

*Dr. Melinda Treadwell, Dean, School of Professional and Graduate Studies, Keene State College (invited) –*

Colleges and universities around the country are beginning to embrace higher learning programs that will better equip students for careers in the growing 'green sector.' Miss Treadwell will discuss the Biofuels and Sustainable Design programs being offered by Keene State College, as well as the importance of domestic workforce development for green jobs in the US.

### **2:00 – 2:30 p.m. The Sustainable Economy Initiative**

*Rob Riley, President, Northern Forest Center, Concord, NH –*

The Northern Forest is the largest intact forest ecosystem east of the Mississippi, spanning 30 million acres across northern Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York. Mr. Riley will discuss the Northern Forest Center's Sustainable Economy Initiative. The purpose of the four-state initiative is to develop a strategic blueprint for sustainable economic development in the Northern Forest region based on balanced investment in business, community and environment.

### **2:30 – 2:45 p.m. BREAK**

### **2:45 – 4:00 p.m. Making Renewable Energy Mainstream in New England**

*Dave Koch, Renewable Energy Corporate Sector Leader, Terracon Consulting, Olathe, KS –*

"Utility Scale vs. the Common Man" - As the sector leader of a nationally renowned environmental consultancy, Mr. Koch will talk about the various issues and opportunities with making wind energy a mainstream energy source in New England.

*Ted Vansant, Commercial Sales Director, Solar Works Inc, Boston, MA –* Solar Works, Inc. is the leading renewable energy systems integrator in the northeast with over 800 solar energy installations and 25 years of experience. Mr. Vansant will speak about solar energy as a blossoming industry and some of the new technologies coming online to make it a more viable energy source.

### **4:00 – 4:15 p.m. Discussion and Closing Remarks**

*Mike Bellamente, Program Manager, NADO Research Foundation, Washington DC*

