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Energy Issues

“It is important for municipalities to focus on renewable energy and energy conservation initiatives for numerous reasons including economic considerations and to mitigate climate change. But what is really needed is a national climate strategy with incentives to catalyze and support innovation. A national climate strategy is necessary before regional carbon mitigation/markets for carbon can be effective. In the meantime, land use regulations should be linked to community energy goals. Local officials can learn from one another and demonstrate leadership by working with those refining the State’s energy plan.” *Antonio Bento, Cornell University*

Resources

(titles link to sources on-line)

Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI), *Transitioning to Renewable Energy: Development Opportunities & Concerns for Rural America*

CaRDI, *Upstate New York in Profile: Trends, Projections, and Community & Economic Development Issues* – pgs. 61-68

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, *Climate Smart Communities*

CaRDI, *Municipal Approaches to Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Production: A Resource for Community Energy Initiatives*

See CaRDI’s September Research & Policy Brief:

The Implications of Multi-Well Pads in the Marcellus Shale

by **Jim Ladlee**, Penn State Cooperative Extension & **Jeffrey Jacquet**, Cornell University

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