



**Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council
COMMUNITY FORUM
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Energy Group Ideas

- Streamline permitting process
- Combined heat and power
- Manufacture wind turbine
- NYS Climate Action Plan – look at it
- Biomass Development – pellets, local to export
 - regional processing
- Power Purchase Agreements for solar
- Partnership between “waste” and people who can turn it into fuel
- Syn gas, biochar, brickettes – look for interactions
- Focus on Nega-watts and Nega-gas
 - Phase out need
 - Fix leaks in infrastructure
- Tie together farms and energy source like wind turbines, bio-gas
- Promote thriving green economy to help bring jobs for young people, give them a reason to stay, protect our future – climate action.
- After flood, use smart grid and energy conservation, eco-homes
- Manufacture of energy efficient products
- Distributed generation

- Emphasize job creation.
- Alternative fuel vehicles
- Work Force Development
- Bringing stakeholders (understanding each other)
- Hydrofracking must be addressed by Council
 - Areas concerns, for example, like Tompkins County, must be delivered to the Governor “Who will pay for the damage caused by fracking”
- Marketing plan for bringing together tourism, agriculture, sustainability to become state leader
- Prioritize funding for NYSERDA
- Expand upon EPA’s Climate Showcase Project--→ statewide model
- Geothermal development
- Support distributed energy, district energy
- Encourage energy conservation/education