

Piedmont Alternative Energy Expo
Suggested Interviews

Organizers

Pam Owen –Executive Director, Rappahannock League for Environmental Protection, Event Sponsor. Contact: (540) 317-1449
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Alternative Energy Experts

Peter Lowenthal – Head of the Maryland-D.C.-Virginia Solar Energy Industries Association (MDV-SEIA). One of the best-known figures in solar energy in the Chesapeake Bay area, Lowenthal travels from Annapolis to Richmond informing local and national legislators about the urgent need for new approaches concerning energy and the environment. Contact: (301) 806-0920 pslowenthal@comcast.net

Gary Schmitz – Representative of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colorado, the nation's preeminent institution for renewable energy and energy efficiency R&D. Contact: (303) 275-4050
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George B. Fitch – Mayor of Warrenton, Virginia. Mayor Fitch has launched a Green Initiative to reduce the carbon footprint in the area or as he likes to say, “to put Warrenton on a low carbon diet.” The Initiative includes a green building code, improving the energy efficiency of government buildings, establishing a carbon footprint baseline through energy audits and powering a new indoor recreation center of 25,000 square feet with solar panels and methane gas captured at the nearby sewer treatment plant. Contact: (540) 347-5283 gfitc1@verizon.net

Exhibitors

Archer Gilliam –of Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN). CCAN is the first grassroots, non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to fighting global warming in Maryland, Virginia, and D.C.. Its mission is to educate and mobilize citizens in a way that fosters a rapid switch to clean energy and energy-efficient products, thus fighting global warming. Contact: (540) 937-7590 agilliam2@earthlink.net.

Bob Miller - RASP Technologies, LLC has developed a highly efficient, continuous-flow chemical reaction and separation process that is both

compact and inexpensive to operate. This system of reacting fluids will have broad applications in the environmental, chemical, and pharmaceutical industries. Currently, RASP Technologies has developed a unit that produces ASTM-quality biodiesel fuels at a cost now available only to large-scale production facilities, while requiring a fraction of the support infrastructure. This process can meet the needs of a community or region for fuel production utilizing locally-grown agricultural products. Email: rmiller@nexet.net.

Bryan Walsh – Founder, Solar Connexion, a solar design and installation firm based in Blacksburg, Virginia. Bryan is a NABCEP-certified photovoltaic contractor. Since 1993, he has provided customers with the highest quality products and services from simple cabin to complex solar-powered communities. Bryan and his family live in an all-solar, off the grid home that he and his wife designed. The house features both active and passive solar. Bryan is conversant with all aspects of solar power, collectors, hot water, and inverters. Contact: (540) 961-5120.

Brad Schneider - Owner, Recovered Energy Resources, which develops small-scale, renewable-energy power plants that utilize materials such as biomass, animal manure, wood wastes, and trash as fuel. RER produces electricity and thermal energy in state-of-the-art modular power plants. The RER power plant is built on or adjacent to a customer's site and provides all or a portion of the energies needed to run their facility and processes. The advantages are stability in price, dependability in delivery and sustainability of the environment. Contact: (540) 675-2492. Website: www.recoveredenergyresources.com, or email bschneider@recoveredenergyresources.com.

Nathan Lott, Executive Director - Virginia Conservation Network is Virginia's only statewide network of over 119 environmental organizations, including RLEP, from across the Commonwealth. The Network's mission is to protect the Commonwealth's air, lands and waters for the benefit of the people, as guaranteed by the Virginia Constitution. Contact: (804) 644-0283 nathan@vcnva.org.

Billy Weitzenfeld, Executive Director - Association of Energy Conservation Professionals (AECOP) which advocates for more efficient use of our energy resources. Contact: (540) 745-2838 aecp@swva.net.