

KVCOG

Kennebec Valley
Council of Governments

Serving local governments in Kennebec,
Somerset, and western Waldo Counties

KVCOG presents:

2009 Forum on the Future

New Energy for New Solutions

Friday May 1, 2009

REM Center, 93 Main Street in Downtown Waterville

The Kennebec Valley Council of Governments invites you to join us for a series of discussions focusing on some of the most vexing issues of today, and tomorrow. How do we cope with the sudden sea change in the way energy is generated, used, and conserved? How do we identify new avenues for cooperating with our neighbor towns, and saving money in the process? How is the shift in federal priorities and funding sources going to affect us? And, how do we keep our villages, downtowns, and rural areas energized and growing through all this?

We call this a forum, and not a workshop, specifically because we want it to be a time for discussion and new ideas, not a series of speakers presenting their own. Experienced panelists and moderators will lead conversations, not PowerPoint lectures. You will be expected to contribute.

Why should you come? How about...

- To learn about creative problem solving and new sources of funding,
- To debate the impacts of wind, solar, and geothermal energy on local governments,
- To understand how other towns have been successful at solutions you may be wondering about but afraid to try,
- To discover why and when interlocal collaboration works,
- To learn from the successes and failures of others.

We believe there are lessons to learn and share for anyone dealing with municipal affairs, whether you are a professional town manager, or volunteer on the transfer station and recycling center committee. **Attendance is limited to 60 people, so advance registration is required.**

For more information about the Forum schedule or speakers contact the KVCOG Planning Department...

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For information on registering contact Amy Harrington, Office Administrator at aharrington@kvkog.org or 207-453-4258 x11. **Registration is due by April 22, 2009**

AGENDA

8:00 Registration and coffee

8:15: What's Coming Up? 2009 and Beyond

Welcome and Introduction by Ken Young, Executive Director, KVCOG

Representative John Piotti, Majority Leader in the Maine House of Representatives

Mr. Piotti will provide an overview of legislation and policy initiatives expected to impact local decision-making, particularly in the areas of energy development and regional collaboration. How will the legislature be affecting towns' ability to work with one another? What are we doing about energy, both production and conservation, and how does that relate to local land use and the tax base?

9:00 – 11:20 Interactive Work Sessions

10:00 to 10:20 Coffee Break

Track 1: "Working Together"

Participants in these sessions will discuss innovative ways that towns and NGO's can work together on projects of regional scope and save time and money doing so.

Chris Huck, Moderator

9:00 to 10:00: New and complex problems call for novel solutions. **Duane Scott**, Director of State Wide Multi-Modal Planning (Maine DOT) and **Ken Young** (Kennebec River Initiative) will use their experiences with transportation and conservation challenges, respectively, to lead a discussion of how towns can work together to address problems that may be too big for us, individually.

MacGregor Stocco, Moderator

10:20 to 11:20: New ways of thinking, cooperation, and technology have the potential to change the way we do things and, if we get it right, save dollars doing it. **Ron Slater** is manager of the 20 town Sandy River Recycling Association. **Bill Monagle** is director of the Cobbossee Watershed District, working with over a dozen lakes in 9 towns. **Lennie Goff** is transportation director of the 2,500 student SAD 47. These panelists will use their experiences to help explore new opportunities for cooperation, sharing, and saving.

Track 2: Energy and the Economy

With much of the national attention focused on climate change and the costs of fossil fuels, it's time to look at what we can do to promote the responsible development of alternatives in a way that will benefit the local economy.

Fred Snow, Moderator

9:00 to 10:00: New sources of energy generation pose a challenge and opportunity for economic development. **John Kerry**, Director of the governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security, and **Sue Jones**, President of Community Energy Partners, will lead a discussion of how we can leverage new forms of energy generation into an economic engine for the community.

10:20 to 11:20: Local government has a critical role to play in energy development. **Jim Cassida** reviews large wind energy facilities for the Department of Environmental Protection. **Kay Rand** of Bernstein Shur Government Solutions has worked with municipalities concerning the electric transmission corridor projects. **Fred Snow** of KVCOG is developing a model municipal wind energy development ordinance for Maine. Cassida, Rand and Snow will lead discussion of ways that local governments can prepare to accommodate new energy facilities.

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Working Lunch

Lunch is a time to come together. We have scheduled a pair of open discussions on how the ideas of the morning sessions can be applied to the real world of urban or rural development. Grab something from the buffet and join one of the following:

Rural: How will a small town in central Maine cope with regional challenges, large and small-scale energy development, and a flock of new regulations and initiatives, on top of day-to-day business? Let's exchange ideas. Facilitator will be **Mary Ann Hayes**, Maine Rural Partners Executive Director.

Downtown: Our downtowns have been the hub of economic activity for decades. What role will downtowns play in a new era of regional cooperation and decentralized energy generation? How do we use these trends to keep our urban areas fresh and vital? Facilitator will be **Shannon Haines**, Waterville Main Street executive director

REGISTRATION FORM – Due by April 22, 2009

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Municipality: _____ Email: _____ Total: \$ _____

Please indicate your interests:

9:00am Session	<input type="checkbox"/> Working Together,
	OR
	<input type="checkbox"/> Energy and the Economy
10:20am Session	<input type="checkbox"/> Working Together,
	OR
	<input type="checkbox"/> Energy and the Economy
Working Lunch:	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural
	OR
	<input type="checkbox"/> Downtown

The cost is \$10.00 per person for KVCOG Member Municipalities and \$20.00 for Non-Member Municipalities.

Please include your payment at the time of registration.

If more than one person from your municipality would like to attend please send one form per person.

Please mail your registration form to Amy Harrington, KVCOG, 17 Main Street, Fairfield, ME 04937

You may also fax, call or email your registration information. An invoice will be sent to the Municipality.

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