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Constructing Climate Solutions: ACE NY's Annual Fall Conference Draws Large Interest

Release of New Report: Agrivoltaics in New York: Framing the Opportunity

More than 400 industry executives, state officials, and environmental advocates attended the annual conference.

ALBANY, October 26 — The Alliance for Clean Energy New York hosted more than 460 people at the Albany Capital Center over the course of the two-day conference. All sessions on Oct. 26 were open to the public and the event was widely attended by industry professionals and executives, representatives from New York state government, environmental advocacy groups, and more.

In keeping with the theme of constructing climate solutions, the Alliance for Clean Energy New York released a first-of-its-kind agrivoltaics report **Agrivoltaics in New York: Framing the Opportunity**, that will help guide the conversation in New York around solar power, land use, and agriculture. The thorough and extensive report, prepared by EDR on behalf of ACE NY features sections on the potential of dual-use solar as a way to preserve active farmland in New York while constructing renewable energy projects. The report shows that agrivoltaics can provide much-needed revenue for New York's farmers and improve the quality of the farmland being developed. The full report can be found at aceny.org/agrivoltaics

"Agrivoltaics can be a viable option to answer concerns about preserving active farmland," said Kyle Rabin, a policy analyst and expert on renewables siting at ACE NY. "We are excited to begin sharing this report with stakeholders and help folks learn about opportunities for agriculture and solar projects to peacefully co-exist. The report provides an overview of current and emerging agrivoltaic practices in the solar industry and techniques for combining agriculture and solar development in New York State. The report will be a useful resource to developers, policymakers, agricultural landowners, and other stakeholders working to develop agrivoltaic projects in the State."

All sessions built upon this year's theme of Constructing Climate Solutions and for the first time, the conference offered three distinct breakout tracks including Large-Scale Renewables, Distributed Energy Resources, and Offshore Wind. In addition, Keynote Speakers included Kit Kennedy from the Natural Resources Defense Council, Doreen Harris, president and CEO of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, and John O'Leary, New York's deputy secretary for energy and the environment.

"We look forward each year to bringing this impressive group together," said Anne Reynolds, executive director of the Alliance for Clean Energy New York. "Creating dialogue and understanding between private industry, government and environmental groups is the core of ACE NY's mission."

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About the Alliance for Clean Energy New York: The Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY) is a broad coalition dedicated to promoting clean energy, energy efficiency, a healthy environment, and a strong economy for the Empire State, and is New York's premier advocate for the rapid adoption of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. www.aceny.org