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**WESTCHESTER GLOBAL WARMING TASK FORCE TO HOLD FIRST MEETING SATURDAY
County Executive Andy Spano to address task force he appointed as it begins
to deal with climate change**

County Executive Andy Spano's newly formed task force to deal with climate change will have its first meeting **Saturday, Jan. 6 from 9 -11 a.m. at 143 Grand St., White Plains.**

Creation of the **Climate Change: Westchester Global Warming Task Force** was announced by Spano in October. Noting that the county has a long history of effective grassroots advocacy on the environment, Spano charged the task force with producing a countywide action plan to reduce green house gas emissions and to promote sustainable development in Westchester.

The meeting, which will be organizational in nature, is open to the public.

The task force is made up of representatives from government, business, schools and colleges and the environmental community so that each sector can address both short-term and long-term actions specific to their area. It is chaired by North Castle Supervisor Reese Berman and co-chaired by Robert Funicello, environmental project director of Westchester County.

What follows is a list of its members. (The task force is expected to involve many other people on sub committees.)

County/Municipal:

- Reese Berman, Task Force co-chair, North Castle Supervisor
- Catherine Borgia, Trustee, Village of Ossining
- Nicola Coddington, Town of Greenburgh Energy Conservation Coordinator, Trustee Village of Irvington
- Linda Cooper, Town of Yorktown Supervisor
- Robert Funicello, Westchester County environmental project director
- Anne Janiak, executive director of the Westchester Municipal Officials Association
- Marlene Kolbert, Larchmont Trustee

- Martin Rogowsky, Westchester County Legislator
- Thomas M. Roach, White Plains Councilman.
- Christine Selin, New Rochelle City Councilwomen

Business:

- Adrienne Atwell, Swiss Re
- Tod Delaney, Business Council for Sustainable Energy
- George Drapeau, Construction Industry Council Westchester and Hudson Valley, Inc.
- Eric Eller, vice president Hudson Valley Bank
- Robert Fischman, project director, Ginsburg Development Companies, LLC
- Margaret Lanz, C.W. Brown Inc.
- Andrew Millest, executive director Morgan Stanley Corporate Services Group
- Paul Ramoino, TRANE, NY, Energy Services Group

Education:

- Richard Berman, president, Manhattanville College
- Deborah Crosby, president, Chappaqua Congress of Teachers
- Steven Frantz, consultant to Scarsdale School District
- **Katie Ginsberg, executive director, Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation**
- Jane Harsha, president of Westchester East Putnam PTA Council
- Michelle Land, director, Environmental Consortium of Hudson Valley Colleges & Universities
- Phillip Landrigan, professor and chairman, Department of Community & Preventive Medicine Professor of Pediatrics, Mount Sinai School of Medicine
- Jackie Taylor, deputy superintendent Byram Hills School District
- Frances Wills, superintendent Briarcliff School District
- Fred Zalzman, executive director, Pace Law School Energy Project

Environmentalists:

- Paul Gallay, Westchester Land Trust
- Herb Fox, Federated Conservationists of Westchester County
- Luis Martinez, Natural Resources Defense Council
- Alex Matthiessen, Riverkeeper
- Emmett Pepper, Citizen's Campaign for the Environment
- Edna Sussman, Action For Tomorrow's Environment

Spano said the task force is asked to do the following:

- Update a 2001 inventory of total greenhouse gas produced in Westchester.
- Recommend a greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal and a strategy to achieve the goal.
- Identify possible actions to achieve the goals specific to each sector as well as to individual households
- Recommend a sustainable development program for Westchester to reduce energy and water consumption, improve air and water quality, reduce solid waste and the use of toxic materials and promote land use compatible with these priorities.
- Develop a plan to monitor progress.
- Assist all sectors with their changes.