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OCCA Looking to Sponsor Bus to April Energy Symposium

The Otsego County Conservation Association is willing to charter a bus to take participants from this area to the *Ninth Annual Symposium on Energy in the 21st Century*, to be held on April 12 in East Syracuse. “Planning for a Net Zero Energy Footprint” is this year’s theme.

If you are planning to attend this event, and are interested in traveling by bus rather than driving, please contact OCCA Special Projects Manager Martha Clarvoe at [\(607\) 547-4020](tel:6075474020) or martha.clarvoe@gmail.com by Tuesday, March 5 for more information. The cost would be \$30 per person to charter the bus – arrangements will be made contingent upon the level of interest.

2013 speakers include:

- Jonathan Powers, Federal Environmental Executive, White House Council of Environmental Quality, “Net Zero, Definition & Possibilities”
- Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army, (Installations, Energy & Environment) Washington, DC, “Successful Net Zero Energy on a Large Scale: Army Installations”
- Jerry Davis, Senior Engineer, DOE National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Golden, Colorado, “Net Zero and Secure Energy”
- Chris Carrick, Program Manager, CNY Regional Planning, “Vision CNY; Net Zero for Communities”
- Sergej Mahnovski, Ph.D., Director of Energy Policy, Office of NYC Mayor Bloomberg, “PlanNYC 2030; Comprehensive Initiative Toward Net Zero”
- Luke Tonachel, Sr. Vehicle Analyst, Energy & Transportation Program, NRDC, “Greening Cars & Trucks: Electric Cars/Alternative Fuels”
- Greg Pahl, Author, *Power from the People*, “How to Organize, Finance, and Launch Local Energy Projects”

For more information, and to register for the symposium, visit:

<http://www.energy21symposium.org/>

Otsego County's oldest environmental conservation organization, OCCA is a private, non-profit membership group dedicated to promoting the appreciation and sustainable use of Otsego County's natural resources through education, advocacy, resource management, research, and planning. For more information, or to donate, call [\(607\) 547-4488](tel:(607)547-4488) or visit www.occainfo.org.