

## Information on our Presenters

**Tim Rose** holds an A.A.S. in Environmental Control/Hazardous Waste and an A.A. in Liberal Arts – Math & Science, both from Ulster County Community College, a B.S. in Environmental Engineering Technology from Pennsylvania State University at Harrisburg, and a Master of Public Administration degree from Marist College. I'm a New York State licensed Professional Engineer, a Board Certified Environmental Engineer through the American Academy of Environmental Engineers & Scientists with a specialty in Water Supply & Wastewater and a Qualified Environmental Professional through the Institute of Professional Environmental Practice with a specialty in Environmental Science, Management & Policy. I sit on the Board of Directors of the New York State Association for Solid Waste Management and I am a member of New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse, & Recycling and Solid Waste Association of North America. I've been employed by various local and state departments/agencies in Pennsylvania and New York while working in the areas of stormwater management, erosion & sedimentation control, dam safety, public water supply facilities, wastewater treatment facilities, environmental health, and of course solid waste & recycling.

**Laura Petit** is a well known & respected environmental advocate who has worked in the solid waste and sustainable materials management field for nearly thirty years. Author of the New Paltz Zero Waste Action Plan, she has been recognized nationally by the EPA for New Paltz's food recovery and textile collection programs after participating in the EPA 2012 zero waste initiative as one of thirteen municipal leaders representing their respective EPA districts. Laura was raised and educated in the Hudson Valley. She received her paralegal certificate from Marist College, is the mother of five and grandmother of seven. After volunteering to serve on several County committees including Climate Smart and Solid Waste Improvement; she ran for local office and is currently serving as an Ulster County Legislator.

Both **Tracey Bartels** [District 16] and **Manna Jo Greene** [District 19] are members of the Ulster County Legislature.

**John Wackman** organized the first **Repair Café** in the region in 2013 in New Paltz, coordinated with the Town of New Paltz Recycling Program and the Zero Waste Initiative of the Environmental Protection Agency. From 2015 to 2018 he was Program Manager for Solarize Hudson Valley. John's first career was in television, working for many years as a writer/producer and executive producer in New Hampshire and New York City.

There are 24 Repair Cafes currently active in the Hudson Valley and Catskills, including these towns in Ulster County: New Paltz, Kingston, Rosendale, Esopus, Gardiner and Woodstock.

Repair Cafes offer free repairs by experts who are also your neighbors. We invite you to bring a "beloved but broken" item to an upcoming Repair Cafe event. See how this all-volunteer project extends the usable life of so many items, creates a feeling of community, and encourages people to re-think their relationship with their stuff. We believe every town should have one. Find out more at [repaircafehv.org](http://repaircafehv.org) or on facebook at Repair Cafe Hudson Valley.

**Terry Laibach** is an environmental specialist with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and much of her career has been spent in the Hudson Valley collaborating with federal, county, municipal and public organizations on “top of the hierarchy” recycling and materials management issues. Terry currently serves as Chief of the Recycling Outreach Section of DEC’s Bureau of Waste Reduction and Recycling and she and her team are based throughout the state. Terry serves as the Regional Sustainability Team Leader for greening DEC’s internal operations; she has served on the boards of NYSAR3 and SWANA NY and currently serves as the New York representative to the Northeast Recycling Council.

**Gary Feinland** has worked for the Department of Environmental Conservation for 20 years, most of that time with the Bureau of Waste Reduction and Recycling. Lately he has focused on reducing wasted food, food donation and recycling of food scraps along with his peers in the Organics Reduction and Recycling Section. Gary is the Chair of the New York State Food Recovery Campaign sponsored by the New York State Association of Reduction, Reuse and Recycling, NYSAR<sup>3</sup>.

Gary holds a Bachelor’s degree in Biochemistry from the Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences and a Master’s Degree in Environmental Science from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

**Abstract:**

In the United States 40% of the food grown is wasted. Following USEPA’s Food Recovery Hierarchy, the most impact we can have is by reducing wasted food and donating edible food. This presentation will discuss environmental impacts associated with wasted food and disposal food scraps, and describe ways to reduce less food and some of the incentives for food donation.

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**Kevin Cleary** is the Principal of Kevin Cleary Government Relations, LLC, an Albany, NY-based government relations practice. KCGR has been in business since 1999. Over the last 29 years, Kevin has represented a wide variety of clientele, including health care payers, hospitals, businesses, physicians, home care agencies, non-profit health service providers, school districts, nursing homes, pharmacies and pharmaceutical manufacturers, local governments, colleges and universities, manufacturers and others before the State Legislature and regulatory agencies. Prior to this, Kevin had key staff positions in the State Assembly and State agencies.

Kevin has represented the American Coatings Association since 2012. ACA is an advocacy organization whose members are manufacturers of paint and coatings for architectural, industrial maintenance, original equipment manufacturer, and specialty coatings. ACA has an operational organization, PaintCare, that designs and implements all aspects of the paint stewardship program in States that have enacted paint stewardship legislation.

The primary goal of the representation is to try to pass and enact legislation which would permit the PaintCare model of paint stewardship to operate in New York State.