

About Empire Clean Cities:

Empire Clean Cities (formerly New York City and Lower Hudson Valley Clean Communities, Inc.) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit environmental organization with a mission to **ensure clean air for future generations**. As the designated local US Department of Energy supported Clean Cities coalition, we are part of a national network of nearly 100 coalitions dedicated to advancing the nation's economic, environmental, and energy security by reducing petroleum consumption in the transportation sector.

The theme of this year's annual stakeholder meeting heavily reflects the missions Empire Clean Cities carries forth, as well as a main focus of our stakeholders. Empire Clean Cities is committed to providing stakeholders in the public and private sectors access to resources implementing the usage of alternative and renewable fuels and advanced vehicle technologies. We are comprised of 21 membership organizations and have an individual and group base of approximately 1,000 stakeholders that we assist, educate and engage. Our stakeholders operate a total of approximately 20,000 alternatively fueled vehicles in our region.

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Upcoming Empire Clean Cities Events:

September 10-16, 2016 – Drive Electric Week

April 20, 2017 – National Alternative Fuel Vehicle Day Odyssey

May, 2017 – 9th Annual Stakeholder Meeting

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8th Annual Stakeholder Meeting

Queens Theatre, Cabaret Room
Flushing Meadows – Corona Park

May 12, 2016

8am-11am



Meeting Agenda:

Emerging Fuel Alternative and Vehicle Technologies

8:00 – 9:00 AM	Registration and Breakfast <i>Karen Edwards, USB Sponsor Speaker</i> 
9:00 AM – 9:10 AM	Welcome <i>Lisette Camilo, Commissioner, NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services</i> Empire Clean Cities update <i>Christina Ficicchia, Executive Director, Empire Clean Cities</i>
9:10 AM – 9:15 AM	NAFA MetroNY Chapter <i>Ron Gitelman, Northeast Chapter President</i>
9:15 AM – 10:00 AM	Keynote Address: Electric Vehicle Battery Re-Use <i>Introduction: Paul Lipson, Barretto Bay Strategies</i> <i>Keynote Presentation: Kevin Butt, Toyota</i>
10:00AM – 10:45 AM	Panel Discussion: Advances in Alternative Fuel Markets Moderator: Aaron Choo, National Grid 1. RNG for Transportation – NYSERDA Feasibility Study, Ruby Mountain Inc. & Darling Transportation <i>Joseph Darling, COO, Darling Transportation Energy Services</i> <i>Jon Lear, President, Ruby Mountain Inc.</i> 2. RNG in natural gas refueling, Trillium CNG <i>Brian T. Dolski, Sr. Originator – Renewable CNG, Trillium CNG</i> 3. Biodiesel and Biobased Products: New Jersey Schools Case Study <i>Joe Biluck, Biobased Product Ambassador</i>
10:45 AM -11:00 AM	Alternative Fuel Funding Opportunities <i>Alycia Gilde, CalSTART</i>
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	NYC Parks & Recreation Vehicle and Equipment Show Flushing Meadows-Corona Park (around the Unisphere) <i>Showcasing the latest in light and heavy-duty vehicles, trucks, horticultural equipment, tools, fleet services, and more</i>

Welcome Speakers:

Lisette Camilo



Commissioner

NYC DCAS

Lisette Camilo was appointed Commissioner of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) in January of 2016. Commissioner Camilo has a long history of public service. She was appointed as the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Contract Services (MOCS) and City Chief Procurement Officer by Mayor Bill de Blasio in April of 2014, where she ensured Mayoral agencies’ compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements related to the City’s procurement of billions of dollars of goods and services. Commissioner Camilo began at MOCS in 2011 in the legal unit, and also served as its Acting General Counsel. Prior to MOCS, Commissioner Camilo served as Legislative Counsel at the New York City Council for the Contracts, Juvenile Justice and General Welfare Committees where she drafted legislation and coordinated oversight hearings. Previously, Camilo was an attorney practicing Immigration law at a private law firm. She began her legal career as Counsel for UNITE HERE Local 100, which represents hotel, restaurant and commercial cafeteria food service workers. Born and raised in Washington Heights and now a resident of the Bronx, Lisette Camilo is a graduate of Columbia College, Columbia University and George Washington University School of Law.

Christina Ficicchia



Executive Director

Empire Clean Cities

Ms. Ficicchia is currently the Executive Director at Empire Clean Cities (EmpireCC), acting as the US Department of Energy Clean Cities Coalition Coordinator for the region. Ms. Ficicchia worked as an economic and environmental planner with Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation before becoming the Executive Director of EmpireCC. She has worked on renewable energy projects, Green roof projects, green building and other energy efficiency and improvement projects. As the executive director, Ms. Ficicchia develops and executes long-range organizational goals, provides support and management related to the operations of the non-profit organization, develops strategies and programs that fulfill its mission, seeks out increased membership enrollment and funding and promotes the acceptance of alternative fuel fleet vehicles.

Industry Speakers:

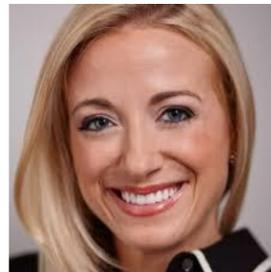


Ron Gitelman

Fleet Administrator

Yale University

Ronald Gitelman is the Fleet Administrator at Yale University in New Haven CT. As Fleet Administrator, he has worked in conjunction with the University's Office of Sustainability, Clean Cities, and other stakeholders in pursuing and implementing a sustainability strategy for the 475 vehicle Yale University Fleet. Included in this strategy has been the procurement of alternative fuel vehicles, upfitting vehicles with available sustainable technology, a robust telematics program, and monitoring of fuel use, idling, and driver behavior. Ronald is currently the Chapter Chair of the New York Intercounty Chapter of NAFA and serves on the Board of Governors as the chapter representative in addition to serving as the University Representative to the NAFA Board of Governors and as a committee member on the Education Development Committee and the 2017 Institute and Expo Curriculum Committee. Ronald is an energetic supporter of NAFA and of the Clean Cities program and is working to ensure a vibrant partnership between Empire Clean Cities and the NAFA New York Intercounty Chapter. Ronald has an MBA and MPA from the University of New Haven and is a Certified Automotive Fleet Manager (NAFA's Fleet Management Certification).



Alycia Gilde

Northeast Regional Director

CALSTART

Alycia Gilde is the project leader for the New York Truck – Voucher Incentive Program (NYT-VIP) and the Northeast Representative for CALSTART. Alycia currently oversees CALSTART's east coast initiatives including the management of NYSERDA's \$19 million incentive program to advance clean vehicle technologies in New York. Prior to CALSTART, Alycia led some of the nation's largest transportation emission reduction programs including; the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach Clean Trucks Programs and Clean Air Action Plan, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Regional Truck Replacement Program, the Hunts Point Clean Trucks Program and a number of clean air community programs in NYC. Alycia graduated from the University of Connecticut with a B.A in Global Environmental Mass Media and served in the Peace Corps for two years in Ghana, West Africa as an Environment Volunteer and as the National Gender Youth Development Coordinator.

Keynote Address Speakers:

Paul Lipson

Principal

Barreto Bay Strategies LLC

Paul Lipson is a consultant and community development practitioner with a specialization in renewable energy and clean transportation solutions for metropolitan areas. Lipson's firm, Barreto Bay Strategies, currently advises a number of government agencies, auto manufacturers, planning firms, and tech start-ups, each with projects positioned at the interface of public policy and market development.

Barreto Bay's recent clients have included a global auto manufacturer launching electric vehicle car share pilots in East Coast metros, an energy tech start-up seeking to develop markets for new power provisioning equipment for food trucks, and an engineering firm designing a micro grid for the world's largest food distribution center. Barreto Bay's work on behalf of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) has included planning studies of the East Coast electric vehicle ecosystem, policy studies of green loading zones, and technical and public policy research on second life batteries and electric vehicle tourism. Barreto Bay has also led implementation projects to accelerate the deployment of EV charging stations and fleet electric vehicles throughout New York State.

Kevin M. Butt

Regional Environmental Director

Toyota Motor North America, Inc.

Mr. Kevin Butt is the Regional Environmental Director of Toyota's North American Environmental Sustainability Programs. He is responsible for the development of Environmental Sustainability Programs and Regulatory/Legislative development for all of Toyota's North American operations. Mr. Butt serves on several boards including the National Wildlife Habitat Council, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation, World Wildlife Fund National Council, North American Great Plains Advisory Board and the Yellowstone Park Foundation Board. Mr. Butt has a Bachelors of Science degree in Environmental Science from Georgetown College.



Panel Discussion Speakers:



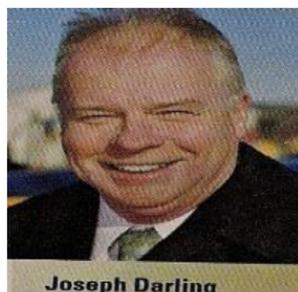
Aaron Choo

Director and ECC Board Member and Panel Moderator
National Grid

Aaron Choo is a graduate of Hofstra University where he received his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and MBA in Finance from City University of New York - Baruch College - Zicklin School of Business. Mr. Choo joined National Grid in 2002, became a Manager in 2011, and Director in 2015. Mr. Choo is a motivated energy professional with experience in project management, business development,

sales operations, budgeting, and process improvement. His current work focuses on directing regional field activities that are part of the meter reading, field collections, emergency response, mandated meter work and customer-generated meter work processes.

In addition, Mr. Choo serves as one of Empire Clean Cities' eight board members and is this year's Annual Stakeholder Meeting Moderator.



Joseph Darling

Chief Operations Officer
Darling Transportation Energy Solutions

Mr. Darling has over 40 years experience in all phases of transportation and logistics. He has built a reputation of leadership and accomplishment in every position he has held. Joe has eight years of distribution and marketing assistance with Air Products

and Chemicals. Joe managed the distribution of liquid cryogenics and gas cylinders in NY, TX, CA and PN.

-Most recently Joe was Director of Fleet Administration for the New York State Department of Transportation. In this role he was responsible for the acquisition, maintenance, and fuel support for the 15,000 vehicles and equipment units in the DOT fleet. During his tenure he acquired over 800 dedicated CNG vehicles and built 60 Natural Gas fueling stations to support that fleet. This program was recognized by the USDOE, NGVI, American Honda Motor Company, FuelMaker, and many industry related publications for its leadership and success. Through this experience he learned how to implement strategies to make this program successful for vehicle operators and how to overcome the obstacles in transitioning to an alternative fuel. Joe has advised three Governors and numerous legislators on alternative fuel and clean emissions policy and legislation. Joe was instrumental in creating the first public/private partnership designed to open state owned CNG stations available for public access.

Jon Lear

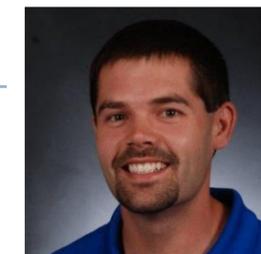
President
Ruby Mountain Inc.

Mr. Lear's expertise in natural gas goes back decades and in addition to overseeing the development of a number of natural gas fueling facilities, he has completed projects related to new technology deployment, geothermal exploration and air quality improvement. Most recently, Mr. Lear initiated a statewide biogas analysis sponsored by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and he has also led LNG legislative efforts in New York State and performed a bio-methane analysis for the U.S. Department of Energy through the Brookhaven National Laboratory. Mr. Lear is also the managing partner in a natural resource and sustainable energy law firm in Salt Lake City, UT of which he is a founder.

Brian Dolski

Sr. Originator - Renewable Natural Gas
Trillium CNG

As Sr. Originator - Renewable Natural Gas, Brian is responsible for long term purchases and sales of renewable natural gas for Trillium's CNG stations. He has extensive experience in commodity procurement, in particular the energy and environmental commodity markets. Prior to this role he was responsible for Trillium's pricing and risk management functions, including financial analysis, quantitative modeling, and risk management to ensure new projects were a financial success. Other past experience includes various roles in finance, risk management, and energy trading.



Joe Biluck

Director of Operations and Technology
Medford Township Public Schools

Joe Biluck is a former certified master heavy-duty diesel technician with over 35 years experience in the field of heavy-duty fleet maintenance. He began his technical service career in 1981 first as a general line mechanic, eventually moving onto fleet management. His involvement with alternative transportation fuels and renewable energy technologies began in 1990. Mr. Biluck is the recipient of the 2005 National Biodiesel Board's "Eye on Biodiesel" award in the "Inspiration" category, the recipient of the 2007 NJ Governor's Environmental Excellence award in the "Environmental Leadership" category & named "Alternative Energy Pioneer" by National Clean Cities. Medford Township Public Schools was named by the Environmental and Energy Study Institute as the recipient of their 2005 "National Clean Bus Leadership Award". The district was recently honored by the USEPA Region 2 as the recipient of the 2016 Environmental Champion Award. Medford Township Public Schools has used biodiesel in its fleet of school buses and diesel powered equipment since 1997 making them the nation's longest continuous user of biodiesel in a school bus fleet.



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Karen Edwards

United Soybean Board Breakfast Sponsor - Speaker

Karen Coble Edwards represents the United Soybean Board on biobased products as well as consults to the National Biodiesel Board in support of America's First Advanced Biofuel. As a result, government agencies are transitioning away from petroleum-based products to greater use of rapidly renewable plant materials that benefit the environment as well as economy.

Through her company KCE Public Affairs, Karen is pleased to have also supported global food security through more than 20 years of international agricultural development activities in developing countries throughout the world. Karen is based in the Washington DC area where he is a board member of the Congressional Hunger Center as well as the Transportation Energy Partners.

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