



Powering the Future, Part 2

Our Community and Tomorrow's Energy

FORUM AND GROUP SESSIONS

Friday, February 5, 7-9pm (snow date Feb 7)
Harvey Wheeler Community Center, W. Concord, MA

Speakers' Biographical Information

Keynote Speaker

State Representative Will Brownsberger of the 24th Middlesex District is a progressive Democrat committed to the issues of education, the environment and government reform. He has a strong understanding of environmental inter-relationships at local, national, and global levels, and a particular focus on issues of transportation and carbon reduction. He is vice-chair of the House Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change.

Panel Speakers

Gretchen Brewer has 30 years experience in recycling, including award-winning recycling and Buy Recycled plans for government and the Navy; creation of recycling strategies for several major industries; 7 years leading non-profit programs; and 10 years in development of specialized recovery systems for difficult materials like plastics and scrap tires. She was instrumental in building recycling programs in Chicago, Massachusetts, California and New Mexico, and authored the *Plastics Recycling Action Plan for MA*. She helped Webster Industries (MA) launch the first plant in the US making 100% recycled plastic trash bags, has advised recycling entrepreneurs and invented a few recycled products, and has published extensively on recycling technology and infrastructure development. Brewer also recently re-opened her consultancy, Earth Circle Conservation & Recycling.

Warren Leon, Ph.D., is an adjunct professor at Brandeis University's International Business School, teaching courses on Nonmarket Strategy (relationships with governments, activists, the media, and NGOs). He is also an independent consultant and co-author of *The Consumer's Guide to Effective Environmental Choices*. He served from 2006 to 2008 as director of the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust, a public agency that funds and advances clean energy technologies.

Christopher J. Ryan, AICP, is a professional urban planner with 24 years of experience in state and local government and the private sector. He is principal of a planning consulting firm, RELOCALIZATIONS, and Planning Director for the Town of Dedham, MA. He also teaches Land Use and Community Planning at Antioch University New England and is currently ABD at Antioch University seeking a doctorate in Environmental Studies. Ryan lives with his family in Concord.