

# Protecting Communities from Fracking's Collateral Damage

**Nov. 15, 2014: 9 AM to 5 PM, Textor Hall  
Ithaca College Campus, Ithaca NY**

## Conference Agenda

- 8:15 AM** Breakfast & Check-in
- 9:00 AM** Welcome and Overview of Issues
- Welcome:** **Ellen Harrison**, Chair of Coalition to Protect Communities from Fracking's Collateral Damage
- Opening Remarks:** **David Slottje, Esq.**, Community Environmental Defense Council  
*The "big picture" and what is at stake; the role citizen groups and local governments can play in protecting communities*
- "You Are Here" Infrastructure Map:** **Maura Stephens**, Co-founder, Coalition to Protect NY  
*Overview of infrastructure build-out and export plans; demonstration of map as an awareness tool*
- Question & Answer Session**
- 10:00 AM** Pipelines Session
- Bill Podulka**, Conference Planning Committee and Chair of ROUSE  
*FERC, PSC, DEC: Who regulates what with respect to pipelines; how to insert yourself into the process*
- Mary Menapace**, Stop the I-81 Pipeline  
*The I-81 Pipeline campaign: effective and ineffective tactics*
- Maya van Rossum**, Delaware Riverkeeper  
*A successful legal challenge of FERC based on project segmentation*
- Discussion**
- 10:45 AM** Break: Networking & Tables with Information, including "You Are Here" Map
- 11:15 AM** Storage, CNG, LNG, & LPG Session
- Bill Podulka**, Conference Planning Committee and Chair of ROUSE  
*FERC, PSC, DEC: Who regulates what with respect to storage, CNG, LNG, & LPG; how to insert yourself into the process*
- Robert Nied**, Center for Sustainable Rural Communities  
*Duanesburg CNG Processing and Refueling Station Success; local police powers as a tool*
- Yvonne Taylor & Joe Campbell**, Gas Free Seneca  
*What has worked fighting the Seneca Lake Gas Storage Project; enlisting the business community to make the economic argument; enlisting communities*

**Reed Steberger**, Direct Action Trainer who has worked with 350.org and others  
*Civil disobedience as a tool: goals and effectiveness*

**Discussion**

**12:15 PM** Lunch: Networking: What activities and actions do participants want to see/organize for moving forward?

**1:35 PM** Air Pollution & Compressor Stations Session

**Bill Podulka**, Conference Planning Committee and Chair of ROUSE  
*FERC, PSC, DEC: Who regulates what with respect to air pollution & compressor stations; how to insert yourself into the process*

**Dan Raichel, Esq.**, NRDC's Community Fracking Defense Project  
*The legal authority of municipalities to protect air quality*

**Pramilla Malik**, Stop the Minisink Compressor Station  
*Lessons learned in Minisink*

**Liz Haskins**, Madison County Neighbors for Environmental Preservation  
*Enlisting the county in protecting health*

**Nadia Steinzor**, Earthworks  
*Air monitoring; collecting data and using them to make political changes*

**Discussion**

**2:55 PM** Break: Tables with materials

**3:25 PM** Waste Disposal Session

**Bill Podulka**, Conference Planning Committee and Chair of ROUSE  
*FERC, PSC, DEC: Who regulates what with respect to waste disposal; how to insert yourself into the process*

**Karen Edelstein**, GIS Expert with FracTracker  
*FracTracker maps and resources on waste*

**Gary Abraham, Esq.**, Attorney representing citizens opposing the Chemung County landfill expansion  
*Radiation in landfill wastes; what can municipalities do to get valid monitoring? Can counties and towns pass waste bans?*

**Julie Huntsman**, Otsego Town Council Member  
*Working locally for a total waste ban*

**Discussion**

**4:30 PM** Where to go from here?

**Ellen Harrison**, Conference Chair  
*Reports from lunchtime discussions; planning next steps*

**5:00 PM** Adjourn