

## Community Ideas are Part of the Plan

Cricket Valley Energy (CVE) continues to incorporate ideas suggested by the public into its plans for a state-of-the-art combined cycle power plant planned for an inactive industrial site off Route 22. Among the ideas in place or under consideration as a direct result of community input include:

- CVE funding has helped the Town of Dover hire its own independent expert to review air quality analyses
- An additional temporary parking site for workers, immediately adjacent to the CVE site, is being assessed
- A stream gauging station is being planned in the Swamp River

Suggestions and ideas generated and explored in detail during CVE Advisory Working Group Meetings and throughout the public involvement process are greatly appreciated. CVE continues to seek comments to help make this project the right fit for Dover.

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## Public Service Commission (PSC) reviews CVE application

CVE has filed a petition with New York State's Public Service Commission requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct and operate its facility. CVE's application discusses its ability to privately finance, construct and operate this project and describes additional benefits including:

- Displacing higher emitting energy generators—CVE will reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions by hundreds of thousands of tons



Dover residents drive the holiday season in with style for the 2011 tree lighting festivities.

- Providing electric system capacity for the long term
- Improving grid reliability in the short term
- Restoring an abandoned site to productive use
- Preserving wetland habitats
- Creating up to 750 jobs during peak construction and 28 permanent jobs during operation
- Contributing significantly to Dover's tax base

CVE's CPCN application is available for review on the CVE Website at [www.cricketvalley.com](http://www.cricketvalley.com) and at the PSC Website [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov). Comments on the petition will be accepted in writing by the Public Service Commission and can be submitted to

**Hon. Jaclyn A. Brillong, Secretary,  
Public Service Commission  
by email at [secretary@dps.ny.gov](mailto:secretary@dps.ny.gov),  
or via postal mail at the  
Public Service Commission,  
Building Three, Empire State Plaza,  
Albany, New York 12223-1350**

The PSC is expected to decide on the petition early next year.

## What is a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN)?

A CPCN, issued by the Public Service Commission (PSC), is needed to construct any new power plant in New York State. The filing of a petition for a CPCN initiates a PSC review to determine whether the power plant supports PSC's mission of ensuring a safe, secure and reliable electric grid in New York State. As part of its review, the PSC considers whether the project is in the public interest and economically feasible and reviews the developer's ability to finance and service the project, along with environmental and economic impacts and benefits. The CPCN and SEQR are two separate processes and do not affect each other.

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### Air Quality

During a public comment session on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, hosted by the Town of Dover on Saturday, July 9, air quality was a topic frequently raised by those in attendance. Among the comments was the suggestion that the town hire an air quality expert to review CVE's findings as they relate to air quality. The Town recently hired Dr. Bruce Egan to complete the analysis, with CVE providing funding. Dr. Egan's work in air quality in the region includes a 1999 report that found a site in New Milford, CT was inappropriate for development of a power plant. He also conducted a review of air quality modeling for the Indian Point Energy Center in Buchanan, NY.

### Temporary Parking

A member of CVE's Traffic & Safety Advisory Working Group asked CVE to explore alternative locations for temporary parking for workers during the construction phase of the plant. During the group's October 13th meeting, Associate Project Manager Matt Martin announced that CVE has optioned an industrial site adjacent to its current site, and is in the process of analyzing the site as a low impact solution for part, or all, of the project's parking requirement. CVE will take ownership of the adjacent property once the CVE

project has been approved for construction.

In addition to providing a location for all or some of the construction parking, the addition of this site would provide:

- Site remediation for the adjacent parcel
- Additional wetland preservation
- Reduced traffic along Route 22, including fewer cars passing the Dover Middle/High School entrance

### Phase II Environmental Site Investigation and Pre-Demolition Assessment

CVE is conducting a Phase II Investigation of its 131-acre parcel and the newly optioned 62-acre parcel, which may be used as a temporary parking site. CVE is conducting a robust analysis of soil, sediment, groundwater, and building materials to classify existing site conditions and develop a clean-up plan.

The Phase II work includes the development of a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) to identify procedures for demolition, clean-up and disposal activities associated with the project construction. It will also identify the presence of hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead paint in the existing structures on the site, along with a plan for their safe removal.

## ISSUES & TOPICS

In each Update, CVE examines a question raised by a local resident. This issue, we consider the effect of CVE and other projects proposed for the area.

*I know CVE will hire about 750 local workers during construction –how can I submit a resume?*

CVE has added a Jobs & Contracting Employment section to its Website, [www.CricketValley.com](http://www.CricketValley.com), to provide a preview of positions and business services associated with the construction of this project. CVE will collect resumes for job applications, and qualifications for subcontractors, and will forward them to the Construction Management firm when the construction contract for the facility is awarded in 2012.



A list of skills, jobs and services needed to support construction and operation of CVE is included at the Website. CVE will require approximately 750 local construction workers during a three-year construction period, with annual salaries totaling more than \$50 million. When operational, the plant will employ 25-30 highly-skilled permanent employees, with salaries totaling approximately \$2 million annually. CVE will source materials and services from the local area whenever possible so that local workers and business owners will benefit from the increased economic activities associated with this \$1 billion privately-financed facility.



Russell Urban-Mead discusses the stream gauging with CVE's Advisory Working Group Wildlife project at CVE's office.

# CVE Celebrates its Second Anniversary in Dover

It's been two years since CVE opened its Community Outreach Office, in December 2009, becoming a member of the Dover Community. And, as a good neighbor, CVE has supported a variety of community projects. Here are just a few:

CVE is sponsoring 10 backpacks as part of the Center of Compassion's "backpack program" to deliver week-end meals to underprivileged children



The Center of Compassion's Hope Chest Thrift Store and food pantry.

in the Dover community. The Center of Compassion, our neighbor on Market Street, fills the packs each Friday to provide healthy meals during the weekend. The CVE backpack sponsorships will continue throughout 2012. If you are interested in donating to this cause please contact Suzanne Bernard Martinez at the Center of Compassion, 845-877-9076 or visit their Website [www.thecenterofcompassion.org](http://www.thecenterofcompassion.org).

For the second year, CVE helped sponsor the Dover-Wingdale Chamber of Commerce's annual tree lighting festivities at the Tabor Wing House in Dover Plains. The November 27th ceremony had a great turn out and CVE is pleased to help energize this Dover tradition.

CVE continues to support Dover students with a \$3,000 scholarship

awarded to a graduating DHS senior interested in pursuing a degree in engineering or environmental science. Last year's recipient, Breanna Puleo, is currently attending SUNY Maritime, where she majors in Electrical Engineering. The deadline for scholarship applications is April 30, 2012—students interested in applying should speak to their guidance counselor.

CVE helped to sponsor this year's annual tree lighting ceremony.



## CVE Stream Gauging Project

In consultation with Russell Urban-Mead, a senior hydrogeologist with the Chazen Companies and consultant to CVE, the Water, Wetlands & Wildlife Advisory Working Group (AWG) discussed the importance of establishing a stream gauging station (to monitor water flow and quality) downstream of the CVE site on the Swamp River. The AWG collaboratively identified the Route 22 Bridge, site of a former United States Geological Service (USGS) water gauging station, as the best location for a new station to be funded by CVE.

Re-establishing a gauging station at the former USGS site would provide information about the Swamp River's water flow, including depth and speed, with the added benefit of having USGS historical records available for comparison. Measuring temperature and conductivity (the ability of water to conduct electricity) are relatively easy and can also be monitored at the Route 22 site.

These data points will provide information about the water's quality.

To ensure its impact on the Swamp River and the aquifer is insignificant, CVE has integrated the following features in its design:

- 74 acres of wetlands west of the railroad tracks will remain untouched;
- A stormwater management system will be implemented to filter rainwater including existing runoff from Route 22;
- Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) ensures no impact on water temperature or quality as no process water is discharged from the site;
- State-of-the-art technology, including air cooling, will minimize the amount of water required; and
- Existing damaged wetlands on the site will be restored.

The Water, Wetlands & Wildlife AWG

will continue its discussion on the gauging station to specify a process for installation and data collection. Check the CVE Website for the next set of Advisory Working Group meetings or sign up for automatic notifications by emailing [info@cricketvalley.com](mailto:info@cricketvalley.com).

### Recent Outreach

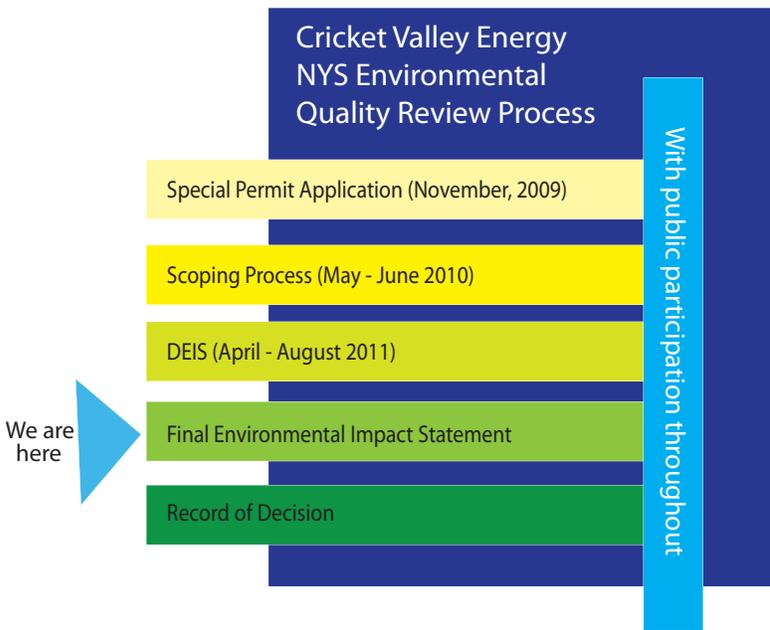
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### SCHEDULE A MEETING

Contact us to schedule a meeting for your organization or neighborhood group:

Email [info@cricketvalley.com](mailto:info@cricketvalley.com) or call (845) 877-0596

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*CVE is currently undergoing the SEQR approval process. The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) is expected to be submitted early next year for decision by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The DEC will review the FEIS for completeness and accuracy before they file a Notice of Completion. Once filed, each agency involved in the process, including the Town of Dover, will review the FEIS and prepare a findings statement for final determination of permit requirements. Once approved, the Town of Dover will review CVE's Special Permit application, which was filed by CVE in November 2009 to initiate the SEQR process.*

## LEARN MORE

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