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Building a BIOPLASTIC Industry

Exciting opportunities are on the horizon for Beaver County – Join Us Tonight!

Beaver, Pa. – Earlier this month, a panel of experts discussed whether bioplastics have a viable economic future in SWPA. Join us TONIGHT for the second part of this discussion and learn about plans that are percolating for a green, manufacturing eco-industrial park to provide clean jobs and economic development initiatives that advance sustainable solutions in the region.

More than 260 people have signed up to attend, the fourth of a series that is expanding the economic vision of our region beyond petrochemical-based development in Appalachia and the Ohio River Valley.

“Imagine if Beaver County could translate the region’s industrial history of environmental degradation to becoming the leader in developing and producing eco-friendly alternatives to plastics,” says Joanne Martin, co-founder of Reimagine Beaver County. “The resources are here to build a local legacy of sustainable economic growth and environmental health. People are mobilizing to do this!”

“Within the year, Beaver County will be looking at a massive layoff when the Shell plant goes into operation and some 7,000 construction workers leave,” says Bob Schmetzer, co-chair of Beaver County Marcellus Awareness Community (BCMAC). “The opportunity to develop new, clean industries will position us to be the dominant voice on jobs.”

In addition to Martin, the panel includes: Kristen Olmi of K.O. Consulting, Sam Donato of Ecovative and Eric Hurlock of the Industrial Hemp Podcast.

The event will be streamed live on Zoom and [BCMAC’s Facebook](#) page. A discussion and Q+A will follow the speakers. Media are invited to join.

To Register: bit.ly/bioplastics_BC

To Attend the Zoom Event:

<https://bluelens.zoom.us/j/94921274179?pwd=MkZLYjdMcWJObUdJSnlCRkgxQnpQZz09>

Further Resources

[Downstream Strategies: Advancing Budding Projects in SWPA](#)

[Reimagine! Beaver County](#)

[Impacts of the Reimagine Appalachia & Clean Energy Transition Programs for Pennsylvania](#)

The Beaver Event Series is sponsored by: Beaver County Marcellus Awareness Community (BCMAC), Reimagine Beaver County, Breathe Project, League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh and Climate Reality Project.