



The City Club of Cleveland

Green Jobs

Speakers: **Courtney DeOreo**, President, Common Wealth Services, Program Consultant, Pathways to Green Jobs, Green Academy and Center for Sustainability at Tri-C

David Rinebolt, Executive Director, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy

Carl Scheutzow, IBEW-certified electrician and NABCEP-certified solar installer and trainer

Moderated by: **Amy Hanauer**, Executive Director, Policy Matters Ohio



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Date: Wednesday, April 29

Time: 12 p.m.

Place: The City Club of Cleveland
850 Euclid Avenue, 2nd Floor

Price: \$15 - Members; \$25 - Non-members

\$280/350 - Corporate table of eight/ten

\$200/250 - Nonprofit table of eight/ten

Several decades of deindustrialization have left Ohio struggling to retain and create jobs, even before the current economic crisis. The state's median wage in 2007 was lower than in 1979. At the same time, Americans now spend more than 6 percent of their household budgets on energy – the highest level since 1985. For low-income families, the burden is higher – an average of 16 percent of their budget, according to the Department of Energy; the numbers are even higher for seniors and those on fixed incomes.

The green jobs movement offers potential solutions to the problems of both high unemployment and high energy costs. Green-collar jobs can be a way to reduce energy costs for families and businesses by spurring investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy while creating – and retaining – the jobs necessary to produce, install and maintain those systems. For the most part, these jobs require skills and industrial infrastructure that already exist in the region.

Amy Hanauer, Executive Director of Policy Matters Ohio, will moderate a panel in an interactive conversation about the potential for green jobs in our region and the infrastructure that already exists to train workers for green-collar jobs. Panelists will discuss emerging trends and what Northeast Ohio can do to capitalize on and expand resources already in the region.

All prices include lunch. Reservations and cancellations are required at least 24 hours in advance of the event.

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