

Notice of formation of the Natural Gas Education Committee
of the Broome County Legislature (ad hoc)

Whereas, Broome County has witnessed significant natural gas exploration interest and activity in recent years through the offering and signing of leases by numerous coalitions with multiple natural gas companies, and

Whereas, the County has tracked the various environmental, legal and political issues attached to gas drilling and the Legislature and its various committees have received presentations pertaining to the anticipated expansion of gas drilling in New York state, and

Whereas, the County Executive has issued a Request for Proposals for the leasing of county owned land for natural gas exploration and the Legislature has considered and had public meetings pertaining to one offer, and

Whereas, the County Legislature finds it desirable to continue this dialogue and promote continued education on the issue for public officials and the public,

Therefore, in consideration of the above reasons and by powers granted in the County Charter, the Chairman of the Legislature hereby establishes an Ad Hoc Committee on Natural Gas Education as set forth herein.

1. The committee herein established shall be known as the Natural Gas Education Committee.
2. Said committee shall hold regular meetings at the County Office Building (or at such other place as agreed upon by committee members) on at least a monthly basis with notice of committee meetings given by the chair of the committee to all members of the committee and the legislature on seven days notice (except for an initial organizational meeting).
3. The committee shall host informational updates and presentations by various county, state and federal departments and agencies and discuss natural gas exploration issues. This committee will coordinate with the County Executive's Natural Gas Development Team. Meetings of this committee shall serve as an informational forum only and shall not require any votes or final recommendations.
4. The committee shall consist of three members of the legislature (the Majority and Minority Leaders and the chair of a standing committee having jurisdiction over this issue) and two members of the public selected by the Chairman of the Legislature. The Chairman of the Legislature will also serve as a member ex officio.
5. The following individuals are hereby appointed as the legislative representatives:

Gene LaBare (15th District) *Chair, Majority Leader
Jerry Marinich (10th District), Minority Leader
Steve Herz (9th District), Chair, Transportation and Rural Development Committee

6. The following individuals are hereby appointed as the public representatives:

Christopher W. Burger
Robert W. Williams

7. The committee shall take effect immediately and shall continue in existence until December 31, 2010.

Daniel D. Reynolds, Chairman
Broome County Legislature

Dated: August 31, 2010