



AI and Sustainability: Considerations for Rural Communities, Energy, and the Environment

Wednesday, September 16, 2026
The Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls, NY

Participants will explore how artificial intelligence can support rural communities and environmental sustainability while examining the opportunities, challenges, and ethical considerations of data center development. The workshop will provide practical insights to help community leaders make informed decisions about emerging technologies, energy, and future planning.

Summary Agenda

Time	Program
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration, Coffee & Networking
9:00 – 9:20 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks, Statewide and Regional Perspectives, Senator Dan Stec
9:20 – 10:05 a.m.	Keynote Presentation: Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for Sustainable Rural Communities
10:05 – 10:20 a.m.	Break
10:20 – 11:20 a.m.	Panel Discussion: AI Applications for Rural Communities, Workforce Development, Public Health, Education, and Community Resilience
11:20 – 11:45 a.m.	Facilitated Small-Group Discussion
11:45 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.	Lunch & Networking
12:40 – 1:40 p.m.	Panel Discussion: Data Centers, Community Planning, Energy Infrastructure, and Economic Development
1:40 – 1:50 p.m.	Break
1:50 – 2:20 p.m.	Community Perspectives on Data Center Development
2:20 – 2:50 p.m.	Ethical Considerations Surrounding Artificial Intelligence and Data Centers
2:50 – 3:20 p.m.	Facilitated Small-Group Discussion
3:20 – 3:30 p.m.	Closing Discussion and Next Steps

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