



Let's Talk Trash
A fresh look at Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
Wednesday, October 14, 7pm
Concord Academy Chapel

Panelists' Biographical Information

Rep. Cory Atkins represents the 14th Middlesex District (Carlisle, Concord and precincts in Acton and Chelmsford) in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. http://www.mass.gov/legis/member/c_a1.htm

Ann Dorfman has been working in the recycling field since 1989 when she served as Vice President of Newton's Recycling Committee. In 1990 she was hired by the City of Newton to design and implement the education campaign for one of the first comprehensive curbside recycling programs in the Boston area, expanding this work to eight other communities. Ann worked briefly at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection where the project she is most proud of was developing the municipal recycling education grant program that designed community-specific recycling information mailed annually to households across the state. In 1998, Ann became Concord's Recycling and Waste Management Program Administrator, a position she held and enjoyed until 2007. Since then she has been working as a recycling consultant. Ann has been an active member of MassRecycle, the statewide Recycling Coalition, and is currently Vice President.

Brooke Nash is Branch Chief of the Municipal Waste Reduction Program of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Amy Perlmutter has worked in the environmental field for close to 30 years, with the last twelve focused on the intersection of environmental protection and economic development. Amy has her own consulting practice focusing on strategy, communications, and partnership building around clean technologies. One of her current projects is Clean Tech: An Agenda for a Healthy Economy, for the Lowell Center for Sustainable Production at the University of Massachusetts, where she is also a Fellow. This project seeks to propose a pathway to reorient Massachusetts' economy around technologies, products and processes that are less harmful to public health and the environment.

Amy served as the first Director of Solid Waste for Passaic County, New Jersey, where she was responsible for solid waste planning and activities for 16 communities; the Recycling Program Manager for the City of San Francisco where, under her leadership, the recycling rate was increased by 70%; and the founding director of the Chelsea Center for Recycling and Economic Development, which worked with manufacturers, researchers, government, and communities to enhance the infrastructure for the use of secondary materials in Massachusetts. Amy also served on Massachusetts Governor Patrick's Transition Team on Energy and Environment, and is on the board of Giving Green, a new non-profit entity that facilitates on line donations to environmental projects throughout the world.