Amazing New Projects in the Hudson Valley

More than 95% of business in the Hudson Valley is comprised of small businesses and ventures and for the 12-month period ending August 2018, private sector jobs in the Hudson Valley increased by 11,300; growth second only to that of New York City. The Hudson Valley is welcoming a new age of development that includes industrial conversions, groundbreakings, and more.

At the Amazing New Projects session, you’ll have an opportunity to learn about the diversity of incredible new and developing ventures happening in our region. Find out what’s attracting entrepreneurs and their inventive and innovative ventures to the Hudson Valley.

**Blacc Vanilla**
Blacc Vanilla, the unique and immensely popular café, opened in 2017 to anchor the revitalization of the Newburgh neighborhood around North Miller and South Streets. It is a coffee lounge experience served with old world passion evoking a strong sense of community and thoughts of meeting new people. Arts, music, and good vibes.
**Speaker:** Melanie Collins, Co-Founder

**Amy’s Kitchen**
Petaluma, California-based organic-and-vegetarian meals manufacturing firm, is building a $95 million, 369,000-square-foot plant on its 395-acre site off Route 17M. It is expected to employ about 680 people, working in three shifts, and produce about 640,000 meals a day in Orange County. The target date for opening is sometime in 2020.
**Speaker:** Maureen Halahan, President and CEO of Orange County Partnership

**City Winery**
In Montgomery County, plans to convert a former local knitting factory into a winery, restaurant, music space and hotel are in the works. Pending planning board approval and the sale’s closure, the $5 million plan would transform the mill into City Winery’s only non-urban winery, restaurant and tasting room by fall 2019.
**Speaker:** Michael Dorf, Founder and CEO

**Del’s Dairy Farm**
Van Lamprou purchased Del's Dairy Creme in 2017 along with farmland from the original owner. With his land in Red Hook, Van decided to build a state of the art dairy farm. Prior to this, Van started a shoe business, Dolce Vita, and recently sold his business to Steve Madden. The farm uses incredible technology along with the utmost care to ensure the finest quality milk products.
**Speaker:** Van Lamprou, Owner
Denizen Theatre
This new 50 to 70 seat theatre opening at Waterstreet Market in New Paltz in New Paltz will allow audiences to experience this compelling actor-driven live theatre with a season of plays that focuses on new works, emerging playwrights and powerful themes.

Speakers:
Harry Lipstein, Producing Artistic Director and owner, Waterstreet Market
Brittany Proia, Co-Artistic Director
Ben Williamson, Co-Artistic Director

LEGOLAND® New York Resort
Merlin Entertainments Group
LEGOLAND® New York Resort, currently under construction in Goshen, New York, will be the largest LEGOLAND theme park ever built by Merlin Entertainments. When it opens in spring 2020, it will have more than 50 interactive rides, shows and attractions, as well as a 250-room LEGOLAND Hotel – all built around LEGO® bricks.

Speaker: Matt Besterman, Public Relations Manager

Mid-Hudson Children’s Museum
The Mid-Hudson Children’s Museum is expanding on the Poughkeepsie Waterfront. The Museum is currently planning how to re-purpose two historically significant but vacant buildings into two new museums next door in Upper Landing Park. Together with the Museum’s current building and waterfront pavilion, this new museum campus will feature four museums in total, plus a public park. This new educational center aims to advance regional STEM education; inspire the next generation of critical thinkers, problem solvers and innovators; and create excitement among local youth for pursuing STEM careers.

Speaker: Lara Litchfield-Kimber, Executive Director

NRG Community Solar
NRG Community Solar develops solar farms in the Hudson Valley, empowering individuals in the region to shape a sustainable future together, as a community. With over 15 solar farms in development throughout the Hudson Valley, residents, businesses, schools, hospitals, and municipalities can now be part of a clean energy future by going solar without any panel installation on their property.

Speaker: Josh Feldman, Senior Manager, Community Solar Business Development