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Evelyn Wright is an economist, energy analyst, meeting facilitator, and longtime cooperative enthusiast. At her company, Sustainable Energy Economics, she consults on energy policy for local, state, and national governments, international agencies, and environmental organizations. She has a wealth of experience with climate and energy issues around the globe.

Her consulting work focuses on developing and visualizing strategies for transitions to a low carbon economy. Recent projects include assisting a group of utility, environmental, and state regulator stakeholders to develop decarbonization roadmaps for the Midcontinent region; support for the development of the Dane County, Wisconsin Climate Action Plan; and analysis of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and carbon tax policies for the state of Vermont. Dr. Wright has also been active in local energy policy, working with Citizens for Local Power to educate and support local communities and municipal officials regarding the impacts of state and federal policy on our communities and to develop a local clean energy economy, and helping the Mid-Hudson Streetlight Consortium to support the conversion of streetlights to LEDs.

Dr. Wright is the founder of Commonwealth Hudson Valley, promoting a more just, democratic, and sustainable economy in the Hudson Valley and beyond. The Commonwealth Hudson Valley website provides information and analysis on worker ownership, community investment funds, cooperative conversions, and other strategies for broad-based community wealth building, as well as a long-term view of how we can rethink what economic development means. She also serves on the board of the multi-stakeholder start-up Kingston Food Coop.

Dr. Wright has taught economics and environmental policy at Franklin and Marshall College, Towson University, and The Washington Center and has served as a reviewer to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. She has a Ph.D. in ecological economics, with a focus on climate economics and sustainability, from Rensselaer.