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Dear Oswego County Residents:

The County of Oswego is embarking on a community-wide energy usage study. Our primary goal is to identify conservation measures for our own internal operations as well as opportunities to offset our energy purchases through renewable generation technologies. At the end of this project, we hope to find cost effective solutions that will help to minimize our impact on the environment while reducing the cost of County government operations. To date, we have indentified and secured well over \$600,000 in grant funding for projects that will provide significant annual savings in our electric usage and costs.

This project is funded through one of the grants that we were awarded through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and will also be examining how our various constituents use energy including the types and amounts used throughout the residential, commercial and institutional sectors. To assist us in this effort we have selected the firm of O'Brien & Gere, an engineering solutions group from Onondaga County with significant experience in this field.

During the course of this project, you or somebody in your family, or business may be contacted by a representative of O'Brien & Gere seeking general information about your respective energy uses. We hope you will be kind enough to spend a minute to answer some questions as we seek to get a complete and comprehensive understanding of our countywide community energy profile.

Throughout the one year term of the study we will have a few public meetings to share with you our program and gather your thoughts and ideas as we move towards the eventual goal of providing all of our residents and businesses with information that they may use to become better stewards of the environment while also reducing the cost of running their homes, businesses and facilities. To follow our progress and learn about ways that you too can conserve energy and reduce your costs, visit our website www.renewoswegocounty.org.

Finally, as a County and perhaps as a community we can set some reasonable goals to reduce our collective impact on the magnificent natural resources that we enjoy here in Oswego County and leave our community a better place for the generations that follow. Thank you for your consideration!

Respectfully yours,

Barry D. Leemann
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