Hello from the North Country-

Trust that the governor's interest in renewable energy projects will include a favorable review of the:

OLD FORGE ARTS AND SCIENCES PROJECT:

Geo-thermal heating and cooling

State of the art Storm Drain implementation Solar panels on roof of Studio Barn in

addition to:

Two free-standing photo-voltaic units that track the sun fronting the facility

An Ecology Gallery(in addition to three Fine arts galleries, theater and studios)

A Nature Walk through adjacent wetlands First private LEEDS SILVER-CERTIFIED

BUILDING IN THE ADIRONDACKS

Following the parameters of the United States Green Building Authority/2000

(Structure being built with recycled materials and approved timber etc.)

Other renewable construction visions are still in committee!!!

WE ARE UPBUT...not running!!!!We have raised more than half the 9 million projected costs in the private sector. In order to enclose the building for winter so that the interior work can be completed.....up and running and able to generate revenue to maintain.....the project must have another 2 million dollars. Our people have met with state representatives who appreciate the immediacy of our quest. We have followed the axiom that heaven helps those who help themselves...and we in the culture industry have been doing that very same thing for 55 years. We have provided the aesthetics and sweat.

Isn't it the public's turn to assist ? We hope heaven is listening as well.

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