

Getting to Zero Waste Through Recycling:  
Forum at Westfield High School March 7

The director of Rutgers' nationally recognized EcoComplex, a center of innovation that moves clean energy inventions from the lab to the marketplace, will speak on how to develop a zero waste economy at an environmental forum at Westfield High School on Thursday, March 7.

Sophisticated recycling programs can begin to reduce the monumental amount of waste produced by our American culture and lead us toward a "Circular Carbon Economy," in which carbon is reused or reabsorbed, and zero trash is sent to incinerators and landfills.

Dr. Serpil Guran, director of the EcoComplex, is one of three experts who will participate in the forum at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 7, at Westfield High School (Cafeteria B), 550 Dorian Road in Westfield.

Other speakers will be Matthew Civello, a member of the Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board, and Amanda Nesheiwat, environmental director and recycling coordinator for the town of Secaucus, who will serve as moderator.

The forum is open free to the public and is cosponsored by the high school and the Network for Responsible Public Policy. The suggested donation is \$10 (tax-deductible). Please RSVP at [www.nfrpp.org](http://www.nfrpp.org).

Dr. Guran specializes in research, development and assessment of sustainable biofuel and recycling technologies, and life cycle analysis of alternative fuel production systems. At Rutgers, she also manages the new RutgersX Ecolgnite: Clean Energy Proof of Concept Center and Accelerator.

In his role with the Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board, Civello advises the Manhattan Borough President and other city officials on how to further the city's waste-prevention, reuse and recycling programs. He is also a director of the non-profit Earth Matter NY, which accepts and processes food waste as part of the NYC Sanitation Department's compost project.

The Network for Responsible Public Policy is a non-partisan 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides authoritative information on key public policy issues to foster informed citizenry and civic engagement. It is based in Ridgewood, New Jersey.

For further information on the program, contact the Network through its website, [www.nfrpp.org](http://www.nfrpp.org).