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**SUSTAINABLE WESTCHESTER LAUNCHES GEOTHERMAL HEATING AND COOLING PROGRAM, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DANDELION**

*Program Intends to Provide Savings with Renewable Heating and Cooling Energy*

**Mount Kisco, NY, May 30, 2018**--Sustainable Westchester, in partnership with Dandelion, is launching the first geothermal program available to Sustainable Westchester's 43 member municipalities. Geothermal heating/cooling systems utilize the constant temperatures of the earth to achieve higher efficiencies than traditional heating and air conditioning systems.

Sustainable Westchester's partnership with Dandelion will make use of the new Dandelion Air, a system over four times more efficient than any furnace on the market and twice as efficient as any air conditioning system currently available.

"Geothermal heating and cooling is the latest in our portfolio offerings designed to make greater strides in achieving a 100% renewable energy environment in Westchester," said Bob Elliott, Executive Director of Sustainable Westchester.

This program is available immediately to all qualifying residents countywide. It is anticipated that a typical homeowner in the Hudson Valley who switches from heating oil to the Dandelion Air system will begin to save 20% annually right away, at no upfront cost. To see if a homeowner is eligible and how much they would save by converting from traditional oil, gas or propane, go to <http://www.sustainablewestchester.org/dandelion/>

Sustainable Westchester adds this latest offer in renewable energy options to already established programs including Westchester Power, the first community choice aggregation (CCA) in NYS; Solarize campaigns that enable homeowners and commercial property owners to install solar panels; the Clean Transportation Program, which provides aggregation discounts for zero-emission electric vehicles; and the most recently launched Community Solar program to allow residents and small businesses to take advantage of solar energy even if they dwell in shaded homes, are renters or live in apartments or buildings not permitting solar array installations. Dandelion, a startup that spun out of Google X's research & development lab last year, makes state-of-the-art home geothermal heating and cooling technology accessible for homeowners.

For more general information about geothermal heating and cooling, go to <https://www.nrel.gov/workingwithus/re-geo-heat-pumps.html>.

### **About Sustainable Westchester**

Sustainable Westchester ([www.sustainablewestchester.org](http://www.sustainablewestchester.org)) is a collaboration of Westchester County local governments that empower sustainability initiatives and share tools, resources, and incentives for healthy, vibrant and attractive communities, now and in the future. Focus areas include energy with programs including The Westchester Power program (CCA) serving 21 municipalities, Solarize Westchester and the Community Solar programs in collaboration with Abundant Efficiency, and the Geothermal Heating/Cooling program; transportation and land use with the Clean Transportation program (EVs and charging stations), waste management and materials, food and water.

### **About Dandelion**

Dandelion's mission is to provide earth-powered heating to every home. Its geothermal marketplace connects homeowners looking for cleaner, more affordable heating with local companies selected to install Dandelion home geothermal. Dandelion began at Google parent company Alphabet's X lab before launching as an independent company in May 2017. Dandelion now operates out of New York City. To learn more about the Sustainable Westchester/Dandelion program, visit <http://www.sustainablewestchester.org/dandelion/>

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