

## **New Paltz advances sustainable community initiative**

NEW PALTZ – New Paltz is one of 13 communities nationwide to be chosen by the Environmental Protection Agency as part of their Sustainable Materials Management program.

Under the initiative, the New Paltz Recycling Center, operated jointly by the town and village, will receive technical assistance from the EPA. The assistance advances principles toward zero waste or find ways to reduce waste through recycling.



Enck: "... waste more, pay more"

"I know that communities around the state look at New Paltz for leadership," said Judith Enck, EPA regional administrator, during a forum Thursday night at SUNY New Paltz.

"Places like Cortland and New Paltz are revealing the true costs," she said. "Those who want to waste more, pay more. If you're a careful consumer, you pay less for garbage disposal," she said.

But Enck said slowing the waste stream flow can begin with consumers aware of what they are buying and the future implications of those purchases.

During the forum, workshops were conducted to help with creation of a zero waste action plan for New Paltz.