

# WHEN CLEAN ENERGY GETS STUCK, THIS IS WHO YOU CALL

**Behind every stalled climate project is a silent gap  
no one talks about. This team fills it.**

**The Pataki Cahill Group**  
Strategic Sustainability Advisors

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***“We don’t just advise. We align interests, open doors, and accelerate execution.”***

**— Pataki Cahill Group**

Clean energy isn’t failing because of a lack of ideas—it’s struggling because real-world systems slow it down.

A new technology can get stuck in the permitting process. A billion-dollar project might fall apart because too many people can’t agree. Government priorities shift, and vital funding disappears.

This is about how to change that. And the people who are doing it every day.



**George E. Pataki & John P. Cahill**

It’s a look inside the work of George E. Pataki and John P. Cahill—two republican leaders who brought environmental progress to government and now help businesses make real change in the world.

Together, they run the Pataki Cahill Group. Their team helps clean energy and sustainability projects go from idea to reality. In this story, you’ll learn how they help fix the “missing middle”—the gap where good ideas get lost—and what it takes to move from plans to progress.

They’ve seen this gap from both sides — the public and the private. As a governor and an environmental commissioner, they watched promising policies stall in the real world. As advisors, they’ve helped those same kinds of projects finally break through.

**That’s why they believe the “missing middle” — the space between ambition and execution — is the most urgent challenge in climate work today.**

## THE MISSING MIDDLE IN SUSTAINABILITY

We’re living in a time of big promises and big challenges. Some state and local governments—especially in places like New York—are still pushing forward with climate goals. But changes at the federal level have made things harder. Cuts to clean energy programs, more support for fossil fuels, and rising opposition are slowing things down.

Still, many companies are committing to net-zero goals. Investors are backing climate tech. Communities want resilience.

The drive to act is strong—but many projects still don’t get off the ground.

***“Between ambition and execution lies the missing middle — and that’s where real impact is either made or lost.” — Pataki Cahill Group***

Why? Because ideas and policy aren't enough. Just having the right technology or funding doesn't mean a project will succeed.

In between planning and action, there's what we call the "missing middle." That's where things break down: permits take too long, key people don't agree, or the rules keep changing.

Every project that stalls in red tape delays real emissions reductions. Every year of permitting gridlock pushes net-zero goals further out of reach.

The cost of delay isn't just financial — it's environmental, political, and generational. And in today's climate, we can't afford to wait.

Too many firms are chasing the next big innovation or drafting the next big policy. But not enough are doing the quiet, critical work of actually getting things built. The Pataki Cahill Group lives in that space — not talking about climate solutions but helping execute them.

That's where the Pataki Cahill Group comes in.

## HELPING CLEAN PROJECTS MOVE FORWARD

The Pataki Cahill Group is a small but powerful team. They work at the crossroads of clean energy, infrastructure, government, and business.

Founded by George E. Pataki, former Governor of New York, and John P. Cahill, his former Chief of Staff and Environmental Commissioner, the group brings deep experience and trusted relationships.

What makes them different is how they work: hands-on, fast-moving, and focused on results. They don't just give advice. They help build partnerships, solve problems, and push projects across the finish line.

Whether it's helping a new energy company get approvals, guiding a European EV charging firm into U.S. cities, or scaling a breakthrough water technology, their goal is simple: get good ideas moving.

## FROM IDEAS TO IMPACT: REAL WORLD EXAMPLES

### Water Reuse Innovation

When H<sub>2</sub>O Innovation sought to revolutionize wastewater treatment with a technology that slashed energy consumption by up to 80% compared to traditional methods, they faced the daunting task of moving from concept to market. The Pataki Cahill Group stepped in to navigate this journey, facilitating the transition from laboratory innovation to real-world application, thereby **advancing sustainable water solutions globally**.



H2O Innovations Wastewater Treatment Plant

### EV Charging Rollout

A European electric mobility company, Jolt Energy, aimed to introduce fast, curbside EV charging stations into major U.S. cities but lacked the local expertise to penetrate the market. The Pataki Cahill Group provided strategic guidance on site selection and fostered partnerships with city authorities, enabling the deployment of a network of charging stations. This initiative aligned with New York State's commitment to expanding EV infrastructure, as evidenced by Governor Kathy Hochul's announcement of a **\$60 million investment to accelerate EV charging infrastructure deployment across New York City**.



Jolt Energy Ribbon Cutting

# CASE STUDY



**Project:** Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE)

**Type:** Clean energy transmission

**Location:** Quebec, Canada to New York, New York

**Timeline:** 2008–2026

Back in 2008, the idea seemed almost too ambitious to be real: build a 339-mile power line stretching from Canada to the heart of New York City—mostly underwater and underground—to deliver enough clean hydropower to power over a million homes.

The project, called the Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE), promised massive carbon reductions and grid stability. But bold vision wasn't the hard part. It was everything that came after.

How do you move a project of that scale through layers of federal, state, and local approvals—across multiple jurisdictions, landowners, and political agendas? How do you calm fears, navigate permits, and align a dozen different stakeholders?

That's when the CHPE team brought in the Pataki Cahill Group.

With decades of experience in government, environmental law, and infrastructure, Pataki and Cahill knew exactly what it would take—not just to move the project forward, but to do it in a way that respected communities, policy, and the planet.

They aligned the plan with New York's climate goals. They worked with regulators, utilities, investors, and community groups. They didn't bulldoze obstacles—they built relationships around them.

In 2022, construction began. By 2026, CHPE will deliver 1,200 megawatts of clean energy straight into New York City—cutting 4 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> every year.

That's roughly equivalent to removing about 870,000 gasoline-powered passenger vehicles from the road annually.

What could've been a cautionary tale of red tape is now a flagship for what's possible when vision meets execution—and when the right partners are at the table.

## WHAT GREAT SUSTAINABILITY CONSULTING LOOKS LIKE

The next decade needs a different kind of advisor—someone who understands policy, business, and people.

Someone who knows how to untangle red tape, build trust, and keep things moving.

That's what the Pataki Cahill Group brings to the table.

They're not about show. They're about substance — and results.



### The bridge: Getting from Idea to Impact

The Pataki Cahill Group serves as a strategic advisor by providing stakeholder alignment, regulatory navigation, and public-private strategy.

## RESULTS

► **15 Min.**

Fast charging for Urban EV stations installed nationwide with Jolt Energy

► **80%**

Less energy consumption in wastewater treatment with H2O Innovations

► **1200MW**

Clean energy imported from Quebec, Canada to New York City

For the Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) once it is opened in 2026

► **870K**

The equivalent of Gas powered vehicles removed from the road

## THE BOTTOM LINE: IT'S TIME TO ACT

Climate change isn't waiting. And neither should we.

If you're trying to launch a cleantech idea, build new infrastructure, or bring public and private groups together—you don't just need advice.

You need a partner who knows how to get things done. The Pataki Cahill Group can help you turn your plans into real-world impact.

Because the future won't build itself. But with the right help—it gets built, block by block, deal by deal, decision by decision.

***"Infrastructure doesn't build itself. But with the right partner, it doesn't have to stall either."***

**— Pataki Cahill Group**

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