



**Basil Seggos**

Basil Seggos was appointed DEC Commissioner by Governor Andrew Cuomo, and has served in this role since October 2015, leading an agency of over 3,000 professionals. As Commissioner, he oversees programs that promote a clean, healthy and accessible environment, including: protecting and restoring New York's air, lands and waters, combatting climate change, enforcing State environmental laws and regulations, responding to natural and man-made disasters, and supporting outdoor recreation on state lands and waters.

Basil was instrumental in the passage of the state's nation-leading climate change law, the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, and now serves as the co-chair for the Climate Action Council. He also devised and is responsible for the \$2.5 billion Clean Water Infrastructure Act and spearheaded the reauthorization of the State's Superfund law and reforms of the Brownfield Tax Credit program. As co-chair of the State's Drinking Water Quality Council, Basil oversaw the establishment of the most protective water quality standards for PFOA/PFOS and 1,4-dioxane.

In addition to leading DEC, Commissioner Seggos advises the Governor on environmental policy and issues. He also serves on a variety of boards, including as chair of the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), chair of the Hudson River Park Trust, the Adirondack Park Agency (APA), Delaware River Basin Commission, the Great Lakes Commission, the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority (NYSERDA), the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA), the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, NYS Energy Planning Board, and others.

Prior to becoming DEC Commissioner, Commissioner Seggos served as the Deputy Secretary for the Environment for the Governor. Before his career in State government, Basil

served as Vice President of Business Development at Hugo Neu Corporation, a clean tech private equity company, was Chief Investigator and Attorney for Riverkeeper, and was legal clerk at the President's Council on Environmental Quality. He began his career as an Associate at the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC).

Basil Seggos holds a B.A. from Trinity College and JD from Pace School of Law University, where he received the Environmental Law award and Alumni Achievement award. He is also an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve.