



New York State Wetlands Forum, Inc.

2016 Annual Conference and Meeting Saratoga Springs, New York

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April 5 & 6, 2016

Wetland Policy - Conservation or Controversy?

April 5

- 6:30 - 7:30 Exhibitor/Poster Setup - *Win Room*
- 7:30 - 5:00 Registration and Review of Exhibits and Posters - *Sales Hallway and Win Room*
- 7:30 - 9:30 Continental Breakfast - *Win Room*
- 8:30 - 8:40 Opening Remarks: Ms. Johanna Duffy, Barton & Loguidice, DPC and Chair, New York State Wetlands Forum - *Daily Double Room*
- 8:40 - 8:45 Welcome to Saratoga Springs: Mayor Joanne Yepsen
- 8:45 - 9:20 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Mr. Chuck Marshall, Stewart's Shops Corp.
- 9:20 - 9:30 Break and Review of Exhibits/Posters - *Win Room*
- 9:30 - 10:50 CONCURRENT SESSION A
1. **Stream and Wetland Functions and Assessment - Daily Double Room**
Moderator: Mr. Tim Post, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
 - A Three-Tiered Approach to Quantifying Wetland Condition in New York State
Speaker: Ms. Laura Shappell, NY Natural Heritage
 - Eyes in the Sky, Boots on the Ground in the Fight Against Invasive Phragmites
Speaker: Mr. Jason Carlson and Mr. Ben Zimmerman, Applied Ecological Services, Inc.
 - Popular Wetland Functional Assessment Techniques and Critiques
Speaker: Mr. Kevin Bliss, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

2. **The Roles and Successes of Conservancy Groups - *Quinella/Exacta Rooms***

Moderator: Ms. Aimee Rutledge, McFarland-Johnson, Inc.

- Wetland Mitigation: Friend or Foe of the Land Protection Community
Speaker: Mr. Jamie Brown, Lake George Land Conservancy
- Environmental Education as a path to Conservation in the Saratoga Sandplains
Speaker: Ms. Margo Olsen, Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park
- Partnerships in Preservation: The Round Lake Preserve Story
Speaker: Ms. Jaclyn Hakes, MJ Engineering/Saratoga PLAN, and Partners Mr. Tim Larson, LA Group and Ms. Audrey Ball, Town of Malta

10:50 - 11:10 Break and Review of Exhibits/Posters - *Win Room*

11:10 - 12:30 CONCURRENT SESSION B

1. **Resilience and Climate Change - *Daily Double Room***

Moderator: Ms. Stephanie Wojtowicz, NYS Department of State

- Climate Projections for New York State
Speaker: Ms. Nancy Welsh, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Office of Climate Change
- The New York State Community Risk and Resilience Act: Mainstreaming Climate Change
Speaker: Mr. Mark Lowery, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Office of Climate Change
- Resilience, Migration and Long-Term Conservation of Hudson River Tidal Wetlands
Speaker: Ms. Nava Tabak, Scenic Hudson, Inc.

2. **Changing Landscapes - A Different Perspective - *Quinella/Exacta Rooms***

Moderator: Mr. Donald Lockwood, TRC Companies, Inc.

- Ducks Unlimited's In-Lieu Fee Program Progress and Challenges
Speaker: Mr. Peter Wyckoff, Ducks Unlimited
- The Wetland Trust's Susquehanna Basin Headwaters and Adjacent Basins In-Lieu Fee Program: Two and a half years in.
Speaker: Mr. Patrick Raney, Upper Susquehanna Coalition
- Drone Use as a Waters of the U.S. Assessment Tool
Speaker: Mr. Mark Kiburz, State University of New York College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill

12:30 - 2:00 Lunch, Membership Meeting, Research Grant Program Announcement, and Special Presentation - *Place/Show Rooms*

Presentation: *A Review of NYSDEC's Recently Passed Invasive Species Regulations*
Speaker: Mr. Joseph McMullen - Environmental Consultant

2:20 - 3:40 CONCURRENT SESSION C

1. Mitigation: Creation and Restoration - Daily Double Room

Moderator: Ms. Lauren Lyons-Swift, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Soil and Water Conservation Commission

- Creating Vernal Pools as Wetland Mitigation: How Well Are We Doing?
Speaker: Ms. Mary Beth Kolozsvary, Siena College
- Riparian and Wetlands Created With Stream Restoration in Essex County
Speaker: Mr. Dave Reckahn, Essex County Soil & Water Conservation District
- Establishment of Wetlands for Permit Mitigation: The Process and Lessons Learned
Speaker: Mr. Bruce Workman, Terrestrial Environmental Specialists, Inc.

2. State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) - Quinella/Exacta Rooms

Moderator: Mr. Chris Einstein, CHA Consulting, Inc.

- The SEQRA Statute & Regulations
Speaker: Ms. Teresa Bakner, Whiteman Osterman & Hanna, LLP
- Town-Wide Resource Planning and Protection - How To Use the Generic EIS - Case Study Examples
Speaker: Mr. John Behan, Behan Planning and Design

3:40 - 4:00 Break and Review of Exhibits/Posters - Win Room

4:00 - 5:20 CONCURRENT SESSION D

1. Stream Restoration and Floodplain Connectivity - Daily Double Room

Moderator: Mr. Ed Frantz, NYS Department of Transportation

- Enhancing Floodplain Connectivity to Stream Channels in the Upper Susquehanna River Watershed
Speaker: Mr. Jeremy Waddell, Upper Susquehanna Coalition
- Local Flood Mitigation Techniques - Using a Local Flood Analysis to Create Long Term Flood Mitigation Options
Speaker: Mr. Graydon Dutcher, Delaware County Soil & Water Conservation District
- Meeting Performance Goals in Stream Restoration Projects
Speaker: Mr. Josh Thiel, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

2. Habitat Studies - Quinella/Exacta Rooms

Moderator: Mr. Kurt Weiskotten, Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.

- Anthropogenic Disturbance Effects on Bird and Amphibian Communities in Lake Ontario Coastal Wetlands
Speaker: Mr. Jon Podoliak, The College at Brockport: State University of New York
- Reptile and Amphibian Species Richness Along a 17-mile Transmission Line Corridor: Public vs. Private Lands
Speaker: Mr. David MacDougall, Kleinfelder, Inc.
- A Long-Term Study of Woody Vegetation in Bergen Swamp: Building a Baseline
Speaker: Ms. Andie Graham, The College at Brockport: State University of New York

April 6

7:30 - 8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast - *Sales Hallway and Win Room*

8:30 - 8:35 Announcements - Ms. Johanna Duffy, Barton & Loguidice, DPC and Chair, New York State Wetlands Forum - *Daily Double Room*

8:35 - 9:40

Going Batty - Daily Double Room

Moderator: Ms. Barbara Beall, The Chazen Companies

- 2016 USFWS Indiana Bat and Northern Long-Eared Bat Updates
Speaker: Ms. Robyn Niver, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Addressing Impacts to Northern Long-Eared Bat Within the ACOE Regulatory Program in New York State
Speaker: Mr. John Connell, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- A Streamlined Process Tool: Endangered Species Act Consultation Process for FHWA-Funded Projects
Speaker: Ms. Melissa Toni, Federal Highway Administration

9:40 - 9:55 Break and Review of Exhibits/Posters - *Win Room*

10:00 - 11:50

Legislative and Regulatory Updates - Daily Double Room

Moderator: Ms. Kathleen Bennett, Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC

- Federal and State Coastal Consistency Review
Speaker: Mr. Matthew Maraglio, NYS Department of State
- Wildlife and Energy
Speaker: Mr. Tim Sullivan, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- NYSDEC Bureaucratic Feats in 2015
Speaker: Mr. Roy "JR" Jacobson, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Updates
Speaker: Mr. Daniel Montella, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Regulatory Updates
Speaker: Mr. Stephan Ryba, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

11:50 - 12:00

Closing Remarks and New Chair Introduction - Ms. Johanna Duffy, Barton & Loguidice, DPC and Chair, New York State Wetlands Forum

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (On Your Own)

1:00 - 4:00 Field Trips - Mr. Kurt Weiskotten, Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.

- *Habitat Management and Restoration at the Albany Pine Bush*
- *NYSDEC Saratoga Tree Nursery Tour*

POSTER SESSION

- The spatial relationship of non-native flora to public trails within Bergen Swamp, Bergen, NY
Presented by Mr. Taylor Listowski, The College at Brockport: State University of New York
- Year-1 Post-Restoration Assessment of Coastal Sedge/Meadow Recovery
Presented by Ms. Eli Polzer, The College at Brockport: State University of New York
- Targeting Amphibians: Created Wetlands Designed With Amphibians in Mind!
Presented by Mr. Steve Mooney, O'Brien & Gere