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April 11 and 12, 2001**

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## A CONFERENCE MESSAGE

— Jennifer Brady-Connor, Chair, NYSWF



Welcome to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting and conference of the New York State Wetlands Forum, Inc. We hope you take advantage of opportunities to meet the

creative men and women working both behind and in front of the scenes on wetland science, policy and academics in New York. Also, please take advantage of the unique line-up of field trips we have scheduled for Thursday afternoon. Not only is this a chance to visit local wetlands but to also catch up on old friendships and perhaps begin new ones.

This meeting and conference would not have been possible without the assistance of so many individuals from both within and outside the Forum. First thanks go to the Meeting Chairs: Kevin Bernstein (Exhibitors and Sponsors, Logistics), Beth Gelber and Anne Secord (Program and Posters), and Sally Daly (Field Trips). These four people have devoted countless hours to developing the very strong agenda, poster session, exhibitor session, and field trips. Using gentle nudging (almost always), they have managed to organize this seamless event and coordinate the activities of the many people involved. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Thanks also to the remaining Board members, who graciously accept almost any task they are offered, and Michael Corey, who has spent hours refurbishing our display. Other people who have contributed their time and energy to this meeting include the speakers, moderators, and poster session people. Please be certain to thank them for their efforts in being with us and sharing their work.

Finally, a hearty "THANK YOU" to the individuals, organizations, and agencies who support this organization financially through membership contributions, grants, and donations. Without you, we wouldn't exist in the capacity we do today. Thank you.

Please enjoy these two days of learning and sharing, fill out and turn in your evaluation form and, of course, please become a member!

## AGENDA NEW YORK STATE WETLANDS FORUM APRIL 11TH AND 12TH, 2001 ALBANY, NEW YORK

### APRIL 11

**7:00-8:30**

**Registration – Mezzanine and Exhibitor Set-Up – Stonehenge B**

**8:30-8:35**

**Opening Remarks – Stonehenge A/D**  
*Jennifer Brady-Connor, Chair, NYSWF*

**8:35-9:05**

**Keynote Address: A Watershed View of Wetlands**  
*Ralph Tiner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*

**Stonehenge A/D**

**9:05-9:20**

**Break**

**9:20-10:50**

**Concurrent Sessions – Session A**

**Stonehenge D**

**Wetlands in the Courtroom: An Update on Judicial and Administrative Decisions**

*Moderator, Teresa Bakner, Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna*  
The Supreme Court Wades in on Isolated Wetlands and Other Recent Cases – *Jamie Woods, U.S. Attorney's Office*  
New Administrative Enforcement Procedures at EPA – *Teresa Bakner, Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna and Dan Montella, USEPA*

Does Anyone Ever Win a Takings Case: an Update – *Kevin Bernstein, Bond Schoeneck, and King*

**Stonehenge A**

**NYSDOT: A Shift Towards Environmental Stewardship**

*Moderator, Kyle Williams, NYSDOT*  
NYSDOT Environmental Initiative – *Kurt Weiskotten, NYSDOT*  
A NYSDOT Culture Shift in Wetland Mitigation: Utica Rome Expressway - A Case Study – *Edward Frantz, NYSDOT*  
Adirondack Park Non-Native Invasive Plant Species Project – *John Falge, NYSDOT*  
Spooner Creek Restoration and Fish Ladder – *Tom Moore, NYSDOT*

**Stonehenge C**

**Vegetation Sampling**

*Moderator, Joe McMullen, Terrestrial Environmental Specialists, Inc.*

Vegetation Sampling: An Overview of Field Techniques, Applications, and Data Analysis Pitfalls – *Joe McMullen, Terrestrial Environmental Specialists, Inc.*

Sampling of Aquatic Vascular Plants – *Bruce Gilman, College of the Finger Lakes*

Vegetation Sampling Using Importance Values and Prevalence Indices – *Richard Futyma, LA Group*

Classification and Mapping of New York's Calcareous Fens – *Adele Olivero, NYS Natural Heritage Program*

**10:50-11:00**

**Break – Stonehenge B**

**11:00-12:15**

**Concurrent Sessions – Session B**

**Stonehenge D**

**Wetland Values & Mitigation**

*Moderator, Christine Delorier, USACOE*  
Values of Urban Wetlands – *Donald Ferlow and Michael Fishman, Stearns & Wheeler, LLC*  
Rochester Cornerstone Group Mitigation Bank – *Charles Rosenburg and Rosty Caryk, Beak Consultants*  
Question and Answer Session on Mitigation in New York – *George Nieves, USACOE; Maynard Vance, NYSDEC; Dan Montella, USEPA; Anne Secord, USFWS*

**Stonehenge A**

**Hudson River Issues**

*Moderator, Dr. Gary S. Kleppel, University at Albany*  
Ecosystem Approach to Restoration Applied at a Local Level: A Strategy for Hudson River Restoration Planning – *Dan Miller, NYSDEC*

Mapping of Submerged Aquatic Vegetation in the Hudson River – *Eugenia Barnaba, Cornell University and Elizabeth Blair, Hudson River National Estuary Research Reserve*  
Bald Eagles and Wetland Management/Restoration – *Pete Nye, NYSDEC*

**Stonehenge C**

**Wetland Monitoring**

*Moderator, Jennifer Brady-Connor, Association of State Wetland Managers*

Monitoring Restoration Efforts at Montezuma Wetlands Complex – *Sheila Sleggs and Cindy Patterson, Ducks Unlimited*  
Right of Way Monitoring – *Stephen Compton, Northern Ecological Assoc.*

Wetland Landscapes: Integrating Approaches to Evaluating Landscape Data For Effective Wetland Monitoring – *MaryAnne Thiesing, USEPA*

**12:15-2:00**

**Lunch and Annual Meeting**

**2:00-3:15**

**Concurrent Sessions – Session C**

**Stonehenge C**

**Stream Restoration**

*Moderator, Beth Gelber, NYCDEP*  
Facilitating Stakeholder Collaboration in Stream Management Planning – *Mark Vian and Phillip Eskeli, NYCDEP, Stream Management Program*  
Stream Restoration in the Catskills - The Broadstreet Hollow Project – *Rene Van Schaack, Greene Co. SWCD*  
Fisheries Monitoring for Restoration Projects in Catskill Streams – *Barry Baldigo, USGS*

**Stonehenge D**

**Wetland Regulatory Issues**

*Moderator, Dean Long, The LA Group*  
New York State Wetlands Permitting: Landowner Views – *Noel Gurwick and Barbara Knuth, Cornell University*  
Alternative Analysis Policy Review - A Panel Discussion – *Bernie Goode, former Chief, Regulatory Branch, USACOE (sponsored by The LA Group and Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna)*  
Alternatives Analysis: Case Studies and Practical Tips – *Barbara Beall, The Chazen Cos.*  
Regulatory Perspective – *Diane Kozlowski, USACOE*

**Stonehenge A**

**Wetland Potpourri**

*Moderator, Robert Dunn, NYSOGS*  
Small Mammal Trapping at Burnt Swamp – *Myra Fedyniak, Ulster Co. EMC*  
Monitoring Wetland Changes at Whitney Point Reservoir – *Jeff Trulick, USACOE*  
Railyard Constructed Wetlands Treatment System: A Cost Effective Stormwater Management Alternative – *Charles McGuckin, Roux Assoc.*

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3:15-3:30

**Break – Stonehenge B**

3:30-4:45

**Concurrent Sessions – Session D**

Stonehenge D

**Advanced Planning for Capitol Region**

**Mitigation: A Panel Discussion**

*Moderator, Barbara Beall, The Chazen Cos.  
Panel – Karl Parker, NYSDEC; Dan Driscoll,  
Albany County Land Conservancy; Al  
Briesch, NYSDEC; William Janeway, Hudson  
River Greenway Conservancy; Christopher  
Hawver, Albany Pine Bush Commission*

Stonehenge A

**Tidal Wetlands in NYS**

*Moderator, Franco Montalto, Cornell  
University*

*Jamaica Bay Tidal Wetlands Losses 1857-1999 – Dave Fallon, Fred Mushacke and  
Evan Picard, NYSDEC*

*Hudson River Tidal Wetland Mapper – Evan Picard, NYSDEC*

*Tidal Wetland Restoration – John Roebig, Ecologic*

Stonehenge C

**Municipal Planning for Wetlands Protection**

*Moderator, Diane Kozlowski, USACOE*

*Erie County: Using a Watershed Approach to Wetland Management and Protection –  
Jill Jedlicka, Erie County Dept. of Environment and Planning*

5:00-6:15

**Cocktail Hour – in Exhibitor Hall –  
Stonehenge B**

6:30

**Dinner**

**APRIL 12**

8:30-8:45

**Announcements – Stonehenge A/D**

8:45-10:15

**Legislative and Regulatory Sessions**

Stonehenge A/D

*Moderator, Kevin Bernstein, Bond,  
Schoeneck & King  
Dan Montella, USEPA  
Patricia Riexinger, NYSDEC  
Rich Tomer, USACOE*

10:15-11:30

**Implications of the Supreme Court Decision in  
SWANCC A Panel Discussion**

Stonehenge A/D

*Moderator, Jon Kusler, Association of State Wetland Managers  
Dan Montella, USEPA  
Rich Tomer, USACOE  
Bernie Goode, former Chief, Regulatory Branch, USACOE  
Jonathan Kaledin, The Nature Conservancy*

11:30

**Field Trips – Mezzanine Area**

*Coordinator, Jennifer Brady-Connor  
Schodack Island State Park Freshwater Tidal Mitigation Site – Steve McCorkell, NYSOPRHP and Bernie Carr,  
Terrestrial Environmental Specialists, Inc.  
Albany Pine Bush – Christopher Hawver,  
Albany Pine Bush Commission  
Catskill Stream Restoration – Sarah Miller,  
NYCDEP  
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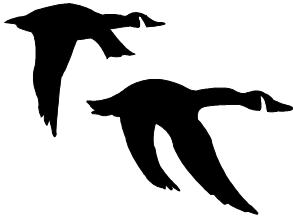
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