

**NEW YORK STATE WETLANDS FORUM, INC.
2005 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

AND MEETING

THE QUEENSBURY HOTEL | GLENS FALLS, NEW YORK

APRIL 6 - 7, 2005



**HOTEL
INFORMATION**

The Queensbury Hotel is conveniently located off Exit 18 of the Adirondack Northway (I-87). Please contact the hotel by March 15th to receive the reduced rate of \$82 per night.

Reservations can be made by calling (518) 792-1121 and referencing the NYS Wetlands Forum conference. For more hotel information visit www.queensburyhotel.com.



DIRECTIONS

Take Exit 18 off the Adirondack Northway (I-87); go east off of the exit onto Broad Street; follow signs to and past the Glens Falls Hospital, at 5-way intersection, bear left onto Ridge Street; the hotel is on Ridge Street, 1 block up on left side of road.

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ATTENDEE REGISTRATION (Pre-registration must be postmarked prior to March 30, **All on-site registration is \$125.**)

Registration fee includes: continental breakfast, breaks, lunch, mixer (Wednesday, April 6), workshop materials, and field trips.

- Full Time Student (with valid School ID) - **\$45** \$ _____
- Speakers - **\$95** or NYS Wetlands Forum Members - **\$95** \$ _____
- All Others - **\$110** \$ _____

DINNER April 6 Evening Dinner (check if vegetarian meal requested) - **\$30** \$ _____

NYSWF 2005 MEMBERSHIP

(Membership benefits include: conference discounts, free annual NYSWF newsletter subscription, personal invites to meetings and member-only events.)

- One-Year Forum Membership - **\$35** \$ _____

EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION (Exhibitors should contact Kevin Bernstein at (315) 218-8329.)

- Exhibitor (postmarked prior to March 11) includes one free registration - **\$200** \$ _____
- Exhibitor (postmarked after March 11) includes one free registration - **\$250** \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please make checks payable to the New York State Wetlands Forum, Inc. EIN# 14-1723859. Mail checks and this form to New York State Wetlands Forum, Inc., PO Box 1351, Latham, NY 12110 or fax to (518) 783-1258.

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Dear Friends:

The New York State Wetlands Forum, Inc., would like to invite you to participate in our annual conference and meeting, to be held on **April 6 and 7, 2005, at the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls, New York**. Our enclosed agenda is close to being finalized and we have a diverse array of speakers lined up to inform you and stimulate your thinking about wetland issues.

We will reprise popular sessions that discuss the latest in State and Federal wetland legislation, wetland mapping and assessment, mitigation and stream restoration.

The Forum is also sponsoring sessions on emerging issues such as the current efforts to understand and protect the endangered Indiana bat and how hazardous waste clean-up can be accomplished to protect and enhance wetlands. Since we will be in the backyard of the State's largest park, an entire session will be devoted to Adirondack issues. We also hope to learn more about the cultural significance of wetlands, with a presentation by the State Historic Preservation Office.

Our keynote speaker, Mr. Kyle Williams, with the New York State Department of Transportation, will present an overview of invasive species concerns and control from the perspective of the New York State Invasive Species Task Force.

The Forum is excited to be hosting this year's meeting at the historic Queensbury Hotel. This hotel, built in the 1920's, has charm that can sometimes be lacking in more modern hotels. They are welcoming the Forum and promising great accommodations and great food.

Please take a moment to glance at our agenda and visit our website (www.wetlandsforum.org) for updates. Registration information can also be found on our website. We hope you can join us at the upcoming meeting. See you there.

Sincerely,

Christine Delorier
Chair

NEW YORK STATE WETLANDS FORUM 2005 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

2:30 - 3:50 PM

April 6, 2005

6:30 - 7:30 AM **Exhibitor/Poster Setup**
7:30 - 5:00PM **Registration and Review of Exhibits and Posters**
7:30 - 9:30 PM **Continental Breakfast**
8:30 - 8:35AM **Opening Remarks**
Christine Delorier, Chair, New York State Wetlands Forum, Inc.

8:35 - 9:05AM **Keynote Address**
An Overview of Governor's NYS Invasive Species Task Force Activities
- *Kyle Williams, NYS Department of Transportation*

9:05 - 9:30AM **BREAK and Review of Exhibits/Posters**
9:30 - 10:50AM **CONCURRENT SESSION 1**

A. Environmental Contaminants and Wetlands
Moderator: Anne Secord, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Speakers: Legacy of Foundry Cove
- *Eric Lind, National Audubon Society*
Wetland Restoration at a Chevron/Texaco Refinery
- *Kris Erickson and Paul Fuhrmann, Ecology and the Environment*

B. Wetland Stream Assessment & SWANCC
Moderator: Diane Kozlowski, U.S Army Corps of Engineers
Speakers: Riverworks Rapid Assessment, Speaker to be determined
Now You See It, Now You Don't - The Case of the Vanishing Nexus
- *Michael Fishman, Stearns and Wheeler*

C. Mitigation Tools
Moderator: Sandra Doran, U.S Army Corps of Engineers
Speakers: Soil and Water Conservation Districts as a Partner in Wetland Mitigation
- *Mark E. Burger, Skaneateles Lake Watershed Agricultural Program*
When Does Mitigation in the Mid-Atlantic Work? And If Not, Why Not?
- *Mary Anne Thiesing, Ph.D., US Environmental Protection Agency*

10:50 - 11:10AM **BREAK and Review of Exhibits/Posters**
11:10AM - 12:30PM **CONCURRENT SESSION 2**

A. Wetlands Mapping
Moderator: Virginia Ursitti, Watts Engineers
Speakers: Common Misinterpretations of Wetlands and Other Natural Resource Maps
- *Joseph M. McMullen, Terrestrial Environmental Specialists, Inc.*
National Wetlands Inventory - What's New?
- *Ralph W. Tiner, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*
NYS DEC Map Amendments in the New York City Watershed
- *Norbert Quenzer and Peter Feinberg, Bagdon Environmental Associates*

B. Adirondack Update
Moderator: Ed Frantz, NYS Department of Transportation
Speakers: Adirondack Park Wetlands Program: 30 Year Retrospective
- *Mark Rooks, Adirondack Park Agency*
Roadside Wetlands Functions and Values Assessment for Transportation Impacts: An Adirondack Park, NYS Route 30 Case Study
- *John M. Falge, NYS Department of Transportation*
Vegetative Management of the Adirondack Wild, Scenic and Recreational Railroad
- *Ed Frantz, NYS Department of Transportation*

C. 'Smart' Planning & Wetlands
Moderator: Paula S. Marshman, NYS Department of State
Speakers: Beds, Biscuits and Birds: Balancing Development, Habitat and Wetlands in the Upper Hudson Valley
- *Rene' VanSchaak, Green County Soil & Water Conservation District*
Coastal America, Corporate Wetlands Program
- *Scott Shupe, Niagara Mohawk*
Developing Tools to Guide Wetland Restoration and Protection for Waterfowl in the Great Lakes Watershed
- *Ray Whittemore and Robb Macleod, Ducks Unlimited*

12:30 - 2:30PM **LUNCH and Membership Meeting**

3:50 - 4:10PM

4:10 - 5:30PM

5:30 - 6:30

6:30PM

April 7, 2005

7:30 - 8:30AM

8:30 - 8:35AM

8:35 - 10:15AM

10:15 - 10:30AM

10:30 - 11:45AM

11:45AM - 12:30PM **Closing Remarks**

1:00 - 5:00PM

CONCURRENT SESSION 3

A. Cultural Resources and Wetlands

Moderator: Christine Delorier, U.S Army Corps of Engineers

Speakers: Wetlands & Archeology

- *Art Cohn, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, invited*

SHPO: Why We Care About Swamps, Mucklands, Black Dirt, Marshes, and Other Wetland Environments

- *Doug Mackey, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation*

B. Stream Restoration

Moderator: Sandra Doran, U.S Army Corps of Engineers

Speakers: Build It and They Will Come - An Overview of Innovative In-Stream Habitat Features

- *Timothy Spierito, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation*

Streambank/Streambed Erosion Control on Grout Brook - Lessons Learned

- *Mark E. Burger, Skaneateles Lake Watershed Agricultural Program*

Restoring Aquatic Hazardous Waste Sites To Enhance Fish Habitat

- *Anthony Esposito, Blasland, Bouck & Lee, Inc.*

C. The Judd Road Connector Project - A Case Study on Environmental Lessons Learned (wildlife crossings, stormwater treatments, wetland/stream creation)

Moderator: To be determined

Speakers: Rebecca Tobiasz and Ed Frantz, NYS Department of Transportation

BREAK and Review of Exhibits/Posters

CONCURRENT SESSION 4

A. Indiana Bats

Moderator: Barbara B. Beall, PWS: The Chazen Companies

Speakers: Al Hicks, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Michael Fishman, Stearns and Wheeler

Robyn Niver, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

B. Student Session

Moderator: Dr. Richard Smardon, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Speakers: The Effects of Logarithmic and Hyperbolic Sine Algorithms of Digital Color Infrared Imagery on Wetland Delineation

- *Mehmet Yavuz, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry*

Additional Speakers to be Determined

COCKTAIL HOUR DINNER

Registration and Continental Breakfast Announcements

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE PANEL SESSION

Moderator: Kathleen Bennett, Esq., Bond, Schoeneck and King

Speakers: Pat Reixinger, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Dan Montella, Environmental Protection Agency

George Nieves, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, invited

Mark Rooks, Adirondack Park Agency

Break

PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL CHANGES: COMMENTARY ON PROPOSED WETLAND BILLS

Moderator: Teresa Bakner, Esq., Whiteman, Osterman and Hanna, LLP

Panelists: Carl Patka or Jim Austin, Governor's Office

John Stouffer and Sarah Kogel-Smucker, Sierra Club

John Connell, US Army Corps of Engineers

Joseph M. McMullen, Terrestrial Environmental Specialists, Inc.

James Petreszyn, Madison County Planning Dept.

FIELD TRIPS

A. Bog Meadow Brook/Bear Swamp, Saratoga Springs

Leader - Dr. Richard Futyma, The LA Group

B. Woodlawn Section of the Western Pine Bush, Schenectady

Leader - Dr. Steve Young, New York Heritage Program