



# New York State Wetlands Forum, Inc. Annual Conference and Meeting

April 6 - 7, 2005 | Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls, NY

## April 6, 2005

6:30 - 7:30 **Exhibitor/Poster Setup**

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7:30AM - **Registration and Review of Exhibits and Posters**

5:00PM

7:30 - 9:30 **Continental Breakfast**

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8:30 - 8:35 **Opening Remarks**

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*Christine Delorier, Chair, New York State Wetlands Forum, Inc.*

8:35 - **Keynote Address**

9:05AM

*An Overview of Governor's NYS Invasive Species Task Force Activities-Kyle Williams, NYS Department of Transportation*

9:05 -

**BREAK and Review of Exhibits/Posters**

9:30AM

9:30 -

**CONCURRENT SESSION 1**

10:50AM

### **A. Wetland Restoration and Environmental Contamination Remediation**

*Moderator : Anne Secord, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Speakers :*  
Foundry Cove, an Overview and Update on the Conditions at a Small Tidal Bay and Superfund Site on the East Shore Hudson River, near Cold Spring, NY- *Eric Lind, National Audubon Society*  
Chevron Texaco Cincinnati Constructed Treatment Wetland Ecological Engineering and Performance Based Design for Groundwater Remediation at a Decommissioned Oil Refinery- *Kris Erickson and Paul Fuhrmann, Ecology and the Environment*  
Effective Integration of Site Remediation and Wetland Resoration at the Alcoa Massena, NY Site - *Dwight Dunk and Joseph Mihm, CDM*

### **B. Wetland Stream Assessment & SWANCC**

*Moderator : Diane Kozlowski, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*

*Speakers:*

Riverworks Rapid Stream Assessment, Michael C. Sprague, CEO  
THI RiverWorks, Inc.

Now You See It, Now You Don't - The Case of the Vanishing Nexus  
- Michael Fishman, Stearns and Wheler

### **C.Mitigation Tools**

Moderator: Sandra Doran, US 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 - **BREAK and Review of Exhibits/Posters**  
11:10AM **Sponsored by Bond, Schoeneck and King**  
11:10AM - **CONCURRENT SESSION 2**  
12:30PM

### **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 in New York? - Herb Bergquist, 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 Function and Value Assessment for Transportation Impacts: 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, New York State Department of State*

*Speakers: Beds, Biscuits and Birds: Balancing Development, Habitat and Wetlands in the Upper Hudson Valley - Rene' VanSchaak, Greene County Soil and 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 - **LUNCH and Membership Meeting**

2:30PM

2:30 - 3:50 **CONCURRENT SESSION 3**

PM

**A.Cultural Resources and Wetlands**

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

*Speakers :*

SHPO: Why We Care About Swamps, Mucklands, Black Dirt, Marshes, and Other Wetland Environments - *Doug Mackey, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation*

*Federal Section 106 Review Process - Nancy Brighton, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District*

**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 Spierto, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation*

Streambank/Streambed Erosion Control on Grout Brook – *Mark E. Burger, Skaneateles Lake Watershed Agricultural Program*

Restoring Aquatic Hazardous Waste Sites To Enhance FishHabitat - *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 : Rene' VanSchaack, Greene County Soil & Water Conservation District*

*Speakers:*

Rebecca Tobiasz and Ed Frantz, New York State Department of Transportation

3:50 - **BREAK and Review of Exhibits/Posters**

4:10PM

4:10 - **CONCURRENT SESSION 4**

5:30PM

**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, State University of New York,  
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-ESF*

A Feasibility Study on Applying Subsurface Flow Treatment  
Wetlands to Treat Combined Sewer Overflows - Phase I: CSO  
Water Quality Analysis - *Guihan Wu and Richard Smardon, Ph.D.,  
SUNY-ESF*

5:30 - 6:30 **COCKTAIL HOUR**  
*Sponsored by the Chazen Companies*

6:30PM **DINNER**

### **April 7, 2005**

7:30 - **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30AM

8:30 - **Announcements**

8:35AM

8:35 - **LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE PANEL SESSION**

10:15AM *Moderator:* Kathleen Bennett, Esq., Bond, Schoeneck and King

*Speakers :*

Pat Reixinger, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Dan Montella, Environmental Protection Agency

Mark Rooks, Adirondack Park Agency

10:15 - **Break**

10:30AM

10:30 - **PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL CHANGES: COMMENTARY ON  
PROPOSED WETLAND BILLS**

11:45AM *Moderator :* Teresa Bakner, Esq., Whiteman, Osterman and Hanna, LLP

*Panelists :*

Carl Patka, Governor's Office

John Stouffer and Sarah Kogel-Smucker, Sierra Club

Joseph M. McMullen, Terrestrial Environmental Specialists, Inc.

James Petreszyn, Madison County Planning Dept.

11:45AM - **Closing Remarks**

12:30PM Christine Delorier, Chair, New York State Wetlands

1:00 - **FIELD TRIPS**

5:00PM

**Bog Meadow Brook/Bear Swamp, Saratoga Springs**

Leader - Dr. Richard Futyma, The LA Group

**Woodlawn Section of the Western Pine Bush, Schenectady**

Leader - Dr. Steve Young, New York Heritage Program

**Ice Meadows of the Upper Hudson River, Warrensburg**

Leader - Evelyn Greene, Resident Committee to Protect the

Adirondacks