



New York State Wetlands Forum, Inc.

2020 Annual Conference and Meeting

Clayton, New York

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April 28 & 29, 2020

Rising Waters: Issues Facing the Great Lakes & Other New York Waters

April 28

- 6:30 - 7:30 Exhibitor/Poster Setup - *Prefunction Area*
- 7:30 - 5:00 Registration and Review of Exhibits and Posters - *Prefunction Area*
- 7:30 - 9:30 Continental Breakfast - *Full Ballroom (Combined Grindstone, Calumet, Round & Murray)*
- 8:30 - 8:40 Opening Remarks: Mr. Brad Sherwood, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Chair, New York State Wetlands Forum - *Full Ballroom*
- 8:40 - 9:10 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: High Waters in the Great Lakes: Issues Facing Wetlands and Lake Ontario, Dr. Douglas A. Wilcox, Ph.D., Department of Environmental Science and Ecology, The College at Brockport, State University of New York
- 9:10 - 9:20 Break and Review of Exhibits/Posters - *Prefunction Area*
- 9:20 - 10:40 CONCURRENT SESSION A
1. **Strategies for Addressing Great Lakes Issues - Grindstone/Round Rooms**
Moderator: Ms. Stephanie Wojtowicz, NYS Department of State
- LOSLR Coastal Wetland Atlas
Speaker: Dr. Richard Smardon, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
 - Lake Ontario Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative (REDI)
Speaker: Mr. Kyle W. Buelow, Ramboll
 - CLEAR: Coastal Lakeshore Economy and Resiliency Initiative- Finding resilience in regional and local strategies
Speaker: Ms. Karen Catcher and Ms. Nancy Martel, NYS Department of State- Office of Planning, Development, and Community Infrastructure

2. **Addressing Pollutants in Wetlands - Calumet/Murray Rooms**

Moderator: Ms. Aimee Viens Rutledge, McFarland Johnson

- Silver Impacts on Wetlands in the Lower Genesee River
Speaker: Mr. Steve Mooney, Ramboll
- Mercury Hotspot Determination Using Ground-dwelling Organisms in an Upper St. Lawrence River Wetland
Speaker: Ms. Evie S. Brahmstedt, Clarkson University
- Methane Emissions and Carbon Storage at the Braddock Bay Wildlife Management Area
Speaker: Ms. Courtney Scoles, The College at Brockport, State University of New York

10:40 - 11:00 Break and Review of Exhibits/Posters - *Prefunction Area*

11:00 - 12:20 CONCURRENT SESSION B

1. **Resources for Our Natural Resources - Grindstone/Round Rooms**

Moderator: Ms. Amelia Leonard, Federal Emergency Management Agency

- Making Pollinator Observations During Wetland Sampling Contributes to a Statewide Survey
Speaker: Ms. Lydia Sweeney, New York Natural Heritage Program
- How Can iMapInvasives Version 3 Help You
Speaker: Ms. Meg Wilkinson, New York Natural Heritage Program - iMapInvasives Project Team
- Guidelines for Identifying Important Vernal Pools
Speaker: Dr. Laura Shappell, New York Natural Heritage Program

2. **Wetland Mitigation - Calumet/Murray Rooms**

Moderator: Ms. Johanna Duffy, Barton & Loguidice, DPC

- Seneca Meadows Wetland Preserve - 10 Years Later
Speaker: Mr. Michael McGraw, Applied Ecological Services, Inc.
- Ducks Unlimited's In-Lieu Fee Program
Speaker: Dr. Patrick A. Raney, Ph.D., Ducks Unlimited
- The Wetland Trust Updates
Speaker: Mr. Jeremy Waddell, Upper Susquehanna Coalition

12:20 - 1:40 Lunch and Membership Meetings - *Full Ballroom*

2:00 - 3:20 CONCURRENT SESSION C

1. **Invasive Species - Grindstone/Round Rooms**

Moderator: Mr. David MacDougall, The Chazen Companies

- Using Mechanical and Chemical Control to Remove the Invasive Grass, Slender Falsebrome (*Brachypodium sylvaticum*), from a Western New York Wetland Complex
Speaker: Ms. Andie Graham, The College at Brockport, State University of New York
- Changes to wetland structure and function following plant community restoration at Braddock Bay Wildlife Management Area, NY
Speaker: Dr. Rachel Schultz, Ph.D., The College at Brockport, State University of New York
- Use of Drones in Wetland Restoration Planning and Monitoring on Lake Ontario
Speaker: Mr. Gregory J. Lawrence, The College at Brockport, State University of New York

2. **Wetland Restoration Strategies - Calumet/Murray Rooms**
Moderator: Ms. Charlotte Brett, Empire Environmental Partners

- Beneficial Use of Dredged Materials for Wetland Creation and Enhancement
Speaker: Mr. Trey M. Smith, Cardno Inc.
- Ecological Returns on Post-Construction Management of Restored Wetlands
Speaker: Mr. Edward B. Farley, Ducks Unlimited
- Establishing Submerged Aquatic Vegetation
Speaker: Mr. Ryan Allison, Cardno

3:20 - 3:40 Break and Review of Exhibits/Posters - *Prefunction Area*

3:40 - 4:30 CONCURRENT SESSION D

1. **Green Energy - Grindstone/Round Rooms**
Moderator: Dr. Kevin Bliss, Ph.D., PWS, TRC Companies, Inc.

- Solar Energy Development and Impact Avoidance
Speaker: Schuyler Cornell, Cypress Creek Renewables
- Green Energy Siting and Wetlands - A Regulatory/Private Sector Perspective
Speaker: Mr. David Morrell, Senior Compliance Specialist, TRC Companies, Inc.

2. **Know Your Veg - Calumet/Murray Rooms**
Moderator: Ms. Andie Graham, The College at Brockport, State University of New York

- Identifying Ferns
Speaker: Joseph McMullen,
- Awareness of Flowering Rush (*Butomus umbellatus*)
Speaker: Mr. Ryan Greer, Cardno, Inc.

4:30 - 5:00 Technical Poster Review - *Prefunction Area*

April 29

7:30 - 8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast - *Prefunction Area and Full Ballroom*

8:30 - 8:35 Announcements - Mr. Brad Sherwood, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Chair, New York State Wetlands Forum - *Full Ballroom*

8:40 - 9:40

1. **Legislative and Regulatory Discussion - Full Ballroom**

Moderators: Ms. Melissa Toni, Federal Highway Administration and Ms. Kathleen Bennett, Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC

- DEC Regulatory Updates & Initiatives
Speaker: TBA
- Navigable Waters Protection Rule: Agency Update
Speaker: Ms. Diane Kozlowski, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District
- Navigable Waters Protection Rule: A Private Sector Interpretation
Speaker: Ms. Barbara Beall, The Chazen Companies

9:40 - 10:00 Break and Review of Exhibits/Posters - *Prefunction Area*

10:00 - 11:30

2. **Legislative and Regulatory Discussion (Cont.) - Full Ballroom**

Moderators: Ms. Melissa Toni, Federal Highway Administration and Ms. Kathleen Bennett, Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC

- Endangered Species Act Amendments: Agency Update
Speaker: TBA
- Endangered Species Act Amendments: A Private Sector Interpretation
Speaker: TBA
- National Environmental Policy Act Amendments: Agency Update
Speaker: TBA
- National Environmental Policy Act Amendments: A Private Sector Interpretation
Speaker: Ms. Terresa M. Bakner, Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP

11:30 - 12:00 Closing Remarks - Mr. Brad Sherwood, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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.

- *TBD*