

New York State Wetlands Forum, Inc.
Annual Conference and Meeting
Syracuse, New York
The Marx Hotel
April 19 and 20, 2006

FROM WETLANDS TO WATERSHEDS: WATER QUALITY TO HABITAT

***Preliminary
Agenda***

April 19

- 6:30 - 7:30 Exhibitor/Poster Setup
- 7:30 - 5:00 Registration and Review of Exhibits and Posters
- 7:30 - 9:00 Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 - 8:35 **Opening Remarks: Kevin Bernstein, Esq., Acting Chair, New York State Wetlands Forum**
- 8:35 - 9:05 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Kenneth Lynch, Esq., Regional Director, NYSDEC, Region 7**
- 9:05 - 9:30 BREAK and Review of Exhibits/Posters
- 9:30 - 10:50 **CONCURRENT SESSION A**

1. The Role of Conservation Organizations in Wetland Protection

- **The Role of Not-For-Profits in Wetland Restoration -**
Mr. Michael Patane, Great Swamp Conservancy
- **In Lieu of Fee Wetland Mitigation; Experience with Camillus Valley Natural Area -**
Dr. Richard Smardon, Save the County
- **Title TBD -**
Mr. Andrew Zepp, Finger Lakes Land Trust

Moderator: Ms. Sandra L. Doran, Employed by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

2. Invasive Species: The Road to Restoration

- **Restoring Habitat for One of New York's Rarest Turtles -**
Ms. Molly Connerton, Mr. Michael Townsend, and Mr. Bruce Hammond, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- **Seneca Bluffs Restoration Project -**
Mr. Paul Fuhrmann, Ecology and Environment

- **Purple Loosestrife Biocontrol and Status of Native Phragmites in New York State** - *Dr. Bernd Blossey, Cornell University*

Moderator: Mr. Edward Frantz, NYS Department of Transportation

3. Wetland Identification, Protection, and Restoration

- **Soil Indicators in Onondaga Lake Wetlands** - *Mr. Stephen Mooney, O'Brien & Gere*
- **What is a Programmatic General Permit?** - *Ms. Melissa Toni, Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.*
- **Habitat Restoration Planning: Use of State Wildlife Strategies for Defining Wetland and Stream Restoration Needs** - *Ms. Tracey Tomajer, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation*

Moderator: Ms. Diane Kozlowski, Employed by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

10:50 - 11:10 BREAK and Review of Exhibits/Posters

11:10 - 12:30 **CONCURRENT SESSION B**

1. Great Lakes Wetland and Coastal Protection Activities

- **Faunal Linkages to Coastal Wetlands of the St. Lawrence River: Development of Performance Indicators for Water Levels Management** - *Dr. John Farrell, Mr. Jason Toner, Mr. Jerry Mead, Mr. Brent Murry, Ms. Alison Halpern, Ms. Molly Beland, and Dr. Donald Leopold, State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality*
- **Hydro Dams Relicensing and Small Non-Powered Barrier Removal** - *Mr. Christopher Stevens, New York Rivers United*
- **Surface Water - Groundwater Dynamics in a Palustrine, Typha-Species Dominated Marsh** - *Mr. Michael Traynor, Dr. Rebecca Schneider, and Mr. William Coon, Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., Cornell University, U.S. Geological Survey*

Moderator: Dr. Richard Smardon, State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry

2. Wetland Mitigation Successes and Failures

- **Missouri River Floodplain Restoration Using Innovative Precocious Oaks** - *Mr. PJ Marshall, RPM Systems*
- **Black Creek Park Wetland Creation** - *Ms. Rochelle Bell and*

Ms. Christine Vitt, Monroe County

- **Failures in Forested Wetland Mitigation: A Summary from Recent Publications and Observations and Current Approaches to Improve Mitigation Performance** - *Mr. Edward Samanns, The Louis Berger Group, Inc.*

Moderator: Ms. Paula S. Marshman, NYS Department of State

3. Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership

- **Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership, National Overview** - *Ms. Patmarie Nedelka, Coastal America*
- **Mid-Atlantic Review and Implementation Team Summaries** - *Mr. John Balletto and Mr. Mario Del Vicario, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*
- **The Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership in New York** - *Mr. Scott Shupe*
- **Vernal Pool Restoration** - *Ms. Sharon Anderson, Cayuga Lake Watershed Network*
- **Montezuma Dry Marsh Project** - *Mr. Thomas Jasikoff, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*

Moderator: Ms Barbara Beall, The Chazen Companies

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

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

1. Watershed Planning and Other Issues

- **Storm Water Management with Water Quality is Mandated, but is it Environmentally Sensitive?** - *Mr. Donald Ferlow, State University of New York, Environmental Science and Forestry, Department of Landscape Architecture; Stearns and Wheeler*
- **Title TBD** - *Mr. Kevin Oldney, Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association*
- **Watershed-Wetlands Interaction: It's Elementary** - *Dr. Peter Black, State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry*

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

2. Threatened and Endangered Wetland Species

- **Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnakes in New York State: Past, Present, and Future** - *Dr. Glenn Johnson, State University of New York, Potsdam*
- **Evidence of Decline of Spruce Grouse in Low Elevation Boreal**

Peatlands of the Adirondack Region of New York State -

Ms. Angelena Ross and Dr. Glenn Johnson, State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry, and State University of New York, Potsdam

- **Bog Turtle Habitat Characteristics, Site Protection & Site Stewardship Activities in the Lake Plains-Prairie Peninsula Recovery Unit -** *Dr. Peter Rosenbaum, State University of New York, Oswego*

Moderator: Ms. Anne Secord, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

3. Stream and River Restoration

- **New York State Stream Restoration Guidelines -** *Ms. Amy Filipowicz, New York State Department of State*
- **Restoring Rivers, Removing Dams: An Overview of Approaches -** *Ms. Stephanie D. Lindloff, American Rivers*
- **The Complete Stream Realignment of McKinstry Creek at McKinstry Road -** *Mr. Dave Derrick, Research Hydraulic Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineer Research and Development Center*

Moderator: Mr. Rene VanSchaack, Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District

3:50 - 4:10 BREAK and Review of Exhibits/Posters

4:10 - 5:30 **CONCURRENT SESSION D**

1. Recreational Benefits of Wetlands

- **Recreation - It's Good for Wetlands -** *Ms. Sheila Hess, Ducks Unlimited*
- **A View from the Federation of Sportsmen -** *Mr. Les Monostory, Onondaga County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs*
- **Birds and Birding in New York's Wetlands -** *Mr. Michael Morgan, Audubon New York*

Moderator: Mr. Kevin Bliss, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

2. Legal Mechanisms for Protecting Wetlands

- **Title TBD -** *James G. Palmer, Esq., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, invited*
- **Conservation Easements -** *Jonathan Kaledin, Esq., The Nature Conservancy*
- **Title TBD -** *Scott Abrahamson, Esq., NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Office of General Counsel*

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

3. Stream and River Restoration

- **Ninemile Creek Restoration Project** - *Mr. Timothy L. Baker, Mr. Dave Lemon, and Mr. Carl Schwartz, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*
- **Stream Enhancement Evaluation for Morgan Creek; Implications for Restoring Gravel Streams** - *Ms. Jennifer Brunton and Mr. Edward Samanns, The Louis Berger Group*
- **Peconic River Wetland Remediation** - *Ms. Kathryn Huhn¹, Ms. Amanda Ludlow, Mr. William Medeiros, and Mr. Timothy Green, Roux Associates and Brookhaven National Laboratory*

Moderator: Ms. Virginia Ursitti, Watts Engineers

5:30 - 6:30 **COCKTAIL HOUR**

6:30 **DINNER**

April 20

7:30 - 8:30 **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30 - 8:35 **Announcements**

Kevin Bernstein, Esq., Acting Chair, New York State Wetlands Forum

8:35 - 10:15 **Legislative and Regulatory Panel Session**

- Ms. Robyn Niver, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Ms. Mary O'Dell, Adirondack Park Agency
- Mr. Daniel Montella, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Peggy Price, Esq., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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

10:15 - 10:30 **BREAK and Review of Exhibits/Posters**

10:30 - 11:45 **Wetlands and Property Development**

- **New Paltz Wetland Regulations** - *Michael Sterthous, Esq., Whiteman, Osterman and Hanna, (invited)*
- **Builders' and Developers' Perspective of Wetlands Regulations** - *Mr. Philip Larocque, Executive Vice President, New York State Builders Association*

- **Landfills and Wetlands - Collision Course or Opportunity? -**
Mr. Jeffrey Sama, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Moderator: Mr. Joseph McMullen, Terrestrial Environmental Specialists, Inc.

11:45 - 12:00 **Closing Remarks:** Kevin Bernstein, Acting Chair, New York State Wetlands Forum

1:00 - 5:00 **FIELD TRIPS (Joe McMullen)**

Great Swamp Conservancy, Canastota, New York

Leader: Mr. Michael Patane, Great Swamp Conservancy Director

Ninemile Creek Stream Restoration Techniques and Fish Habitat Enhancement, Marcellus, NY

Leader: Mr. Carl Schwartz, Branch Chief, Partners for Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Salt Marsh and Fen Species Test Plots at the Solvay Waste Beds, Geddes, NY

Leaders: Dr. Donald Leopold and Mr. Anthony Eallonardo, Professor and Graduate Student, State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Onondaga Creek - Restoration Efforts of an Urban Stream, Syracuse, NY

Leaders: Dr. Richard Smardon, State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry and Mr. David Derrick, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers