

4th Annual Upper Susquehanna Watershed Forum
Binghamton University – Center of Excellence
October 1, 2019

8:00-9:00am - Registration, Review of Exhibits and Posters

9:00 – 10:30 – Welcome to the 4th Annual Upper Susquehanna Watershed Forum

Symposium Hall

Joe Graney, Binghamton University

Leslie Orzetti, Otsego County Conservation Association, NY Outreach Lead Choose Clean Water Coalition

Kristin Reilly, Director, Choose Clean Water Coalition

Faith Vavra, Staff Member for Anthony Brindisi, Congressman, New York 22nd Congressional District

Donna Lupardo, New York State Assembly Woman, 123rd District

Wendy Walsh, Watershed Coordinator, Upper Susquehanna Coalition

Keynote: Jim Tierney, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Water Resources, New York State DEC

10:30 – 10:45 Break and Review of Exhibits and Posters

10:45 – 12:15 – Morning Session

Session A: Walking Tour of Fuller Hollow Creek*

Registration Area

(*Please note - preregistration is required for this selection)

- a. View stream erosion impacts and constructed wetland solutions - Joe Graney - Binghamton University

Session B: Water Quality Conservation Takes Us All: Partnership Highlights and Strategies

Symposium Hall

Moderator: Lydia Brinkley, Upper Susquehanna Coalition

- a. *Partners in Perpetual Conservation* - Kris West, Finger Lakes Land Trust
- b. *Developing Partnerships with Four Kettle Lakes in Central NY* - Tarki Health, Cortland – Onondaga Federation of Kettle Lakes Associations
- c. *Partnering for PA's Dirt and Gravel Road Program* - Joe Quatrini, Bradford Conservation District
- d. *The I-4 Program- Building Watershed Community Partnerships, Capacity and Ownership*, Mike Lovegreen, Upper Susquehanna Coalition

Session C: Research in the Susquehanna River Basin

Room # 2011

Moderator: Les Hasbargen, SUNY Oneonta & Weixing Zhu, Binghamton University

- a. *Exploring Community-based Monitoring Resources* - Helen Schlimm, ALLARM
- b. *Re-introduction of American eels to Upper Susquehanna* - Sarah Coney, SUNY Oneonta
- c. *Aquatic Ecology in New York* - LuAnne Steffy, Susquehanna River Basin Commission
- d. *Landuse History Impacts on Ant-Mediated Seed Dispersal* - Carmela Buono, Department of Biological Sciences Binghamton University
- e. *The Importance of Targeting Sediment Sources and Monitoring Management Actions to Improve the Health of our Streams* – Allen Gellis, United States Geological Survey

12:15 – 1:45 – Lunch Break and Review of Exhibits and Posters

1:45 – 3:15 – Afternoon Session

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Session B: Innovative Best Management Practices to Improve Water Quality

Symposium Hall

Moderator: Emily Dekar, Upper Susquehanna Coalition

- a. *Wood Chip Surface Barnyard for Concentrated Livestock Areas*, Nate Dewing - Bradford Conservation District
- b. *Conservation Projects on Plain Sect Farms* - Tom Eskildsen, Yates County Soil and Water Conservation District
- c. *Botanical Survey Methods and Successful Volunteer Recruitment* - Brittany Lagaly, Finger Lakes Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (FL-PRISM)
- d. *Innovative and Sustainable Planning* - Shelly Johnson-Bennet, Delaware County Planning Department
- e. *Septic System Maintenance Program* - Amanda Barber, Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District

Session C: Communicating the Importance of Watershed Conservation

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Moderator: Jim Pfiffer, Chemung River Friends

- a. *Educate them: How individuals, neighborhoods and communities can protect clean water* - Jim Pfiffer, Chemung River Friends
- b. *Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan: Raising awareness of Chesapeake Bay water quality issues* - Lauren Townley, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- c. *Meeting TDML Limits: Success stories in wastewater treatment* - Jimmie Joe Carl, Chemung Stormwater Coalition
- d. *The Right Message: Communicating Clean Water* - Kristin Reilly, Choose Clean Water Coalition

3:15 – 3:30 Break and Review of Exhibits and Posters

3:30 – 5:00 - Final Session

Symposium Hall

Remarks: Dr Harvey Stenger, President, Binghamton University

Joint Session: Funding Mechanisms regarding Chesapeake Bay Phase III WIP

Moderator: Leslie Orzetti, Otsego County Conservation Association

- a. Liz Feinberg, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- b. Carin Bisland, EPA – Chesapeake Bay Program Office
- c. Lauren Townley, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- d. Scott Fickbohm New York State Ag and Markets

* Please join us for a brief wrap up immediately following the final session, and feel free to meet us for Happy Hour at Tully's Good Time Restaurant!

5:15 – Happy Hour – Tully's Good Times Vestal – 4700 Vestal Parkway E, Vestal, New York