

New York State Community Gardens Task Force

Meeting Agenda

November 1, 2023

12:00 – 3:00 PM

Meeting Locations:

1. 10B Airline Drive, Albany NY 12235, Apple Orchard Empire Conference Room
2. Shirley A. Chisholm State Office Building, 55 Hanson Place, Brooklyn NY
3. Bronxville Library, 201 Pondfield Rd, Bronxville, NY 10708
4. Elaine M. Panty Branch Library, 820 Tonawanda St, Buffalo, NY 14207
5. 57 Myrtle Hill Park, Rochester, New York 14606
6. 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233
7. 144 Eggers Hall, Syracuse, NY 13244
8. 389 Broadway St., Buffalo, NY, 14204
9. Online at:
 - a. <https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/j.php?MTID=m4ac2c5c750846d62013c8fba5aee52e>
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Community Gardens Task Force Mission: To identify and develop ways to encourage state agencies, municipalities and private parties to establish and expand community gardens and the activities conducted by such gardens.

12:00 PM - Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner Richard Ball, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

12:10 PM – Public Comment Period

We will offer a 10-minute public comment period for members of the public to address the Task Force. Please identify your name and affiliation, and please limit your comment to no more than 3 minutes.

12:20 PM - State Updates

Kendall Hough, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

12:25 PM - Review of Meeting 3 Minutes

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12:35 PM - Land Trust Models

Catherine Hall, *New York Restoration Project*

1:05 PM - Conservation Easements

David Behm, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

1: 35 PM - Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Brian Steinmuller, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

Nick Rowell, *Warren County SWCD*

2:05 PM - Break

Light refreshments will be served. To reduce single-use materials, we will no longer provide water bottles, so please bring a refillable glass or bottle for beverages.

2:20 PM - All Group Discussion

Taylor Goodell, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

2:50 - Next Steps

Taylor Goodell, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

2:55 - Closing Remarks

Commissioner Richard Ball, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*