

# New York State Community Gardens Task Force

## Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, July 10, 2024  
1pm – 4pm

### **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 11217, Third Floor Conference Room
3. Online at:
  - a. <https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/j.php?MTID=m5942b53084ded72117c99cabfb4290d2>
  - b. Meeting number (access code): 1616 41 4904
  - c. Meeting password: 8gWkHpGti32
  - d. Tap to join from a mobile device:
    - a. [+1-518-549-0500](tel:+1-518-549-0500), [1612414904##](tel:+1-518-549-0500) US (English Menu)
    - b. [+1-518-549-0059](tel:+1-518-549-0059), [1612414904##](tel:+1-518-549-0059) US (Menú en Español)

***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.

### **1:00 PM - Welcome and Introductions**

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

### **1:20 PM – Member Updates**

Kendall Hough, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

### **1:40 PM – Growing Futures: Empowering Youth as Stewards of Community Gardens**

Iyeshima Harris-Ouedraogo, *Green Guerillas*

### **2:30 PM - 10-minute break**

### **2:40 PM – Group Discussion – Capacity Building**

Kendall Hough, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

### **3:30 PM - State Updates — Ongoing Projects**

Kendall Hough, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

- *Community Gardens Leadership Certificate Program*
- *Land Access Toolkit*
- *Outreach*

### **3:40 PM - State Updates — Action Items**

Megan Haggerty, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

- *NYS Fair – Community Gardens Task Force Booth*
- *NYS Community Garden Soil Testing Program*

### **3:50 PM – Next Steps and Closing Remarks**

Lauren Williams, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

*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.*