# Agenda

## New York State Community Gardens Task Force

## Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 6, 2025
12pm – 3pm

**Meeting Location:**

1. Online at: https://meetny-gov.webex.com/meetny-gov/j.php?MTID=m4872343b520d695cfbbd80a1a6c7b211
    a. Meeting number (access code): 2824 060 7195
    b. Meeting password: CGTF25 (248325 when dialing from a phone or video system)
    c. Join by phone
        a. +1-929-251-9612 United States Toll (New York City)
        b. +1-415-527-5035 United States Toll

***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 – Introductions**

Steven Affat, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

**12:05 PM – Opening Remarks**

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

**12:10 PM – Member Updates**

Delancey Nelson, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

**12:20 PM – State Program Updates**

1. Community Gardens Leadership Program

   Makela Elvy*, Cornell Cooperative Extension Harvest NY*

2. Soil Testing Program and Community Garden Workbook

Delancey Nelson and Steven Affat*, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

3. Urban Farms and Community Gardens Program & Metrics

   Delancey Nelson, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

**12:40 PM – CUNY LaGuardia Urban Agriculture Program**

Chelsea Encababian, *Lecturer of Natural Sciences for the Sustainable Urban Agriculture Program at CUNY LaGuardia*

**1:00 PM** *- 15-minute break*

**1:15 PM – AgriMAPS**

Angela Trude and Anne-Laure White, *NYU Steinhardt Department of Nutrition and Food Studies.*

**2:00 PM – Group Discussion**

Steven Affat, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

**2:45 PM – Next Steps and Closing Remarks**

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