



New York State Soil and Water Conservation Committee Meeting February 17, 2026

Public Location:

1. NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Albany – AGM Second Floor, Orchard Room (Visitors must check in at Security Desk) 10B Airline Drive, Albany 12235
2. NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets State Fairgrounds – Agriculture Office, 581 State Fair Blvd, Syracuse 13209
3. Meghan Hauser Location – 62 Dolbeer St., Perry, NY 14530
4. Darin Hickling Location - Hickling's Fish Farm Inc - 219 Pitts Rod, Edmeston, NY 13335

Virtual Option:

Meeting Link: <https://meetnygov.webex.com/meetnygov/j.php?MTID=m98db774b24319333a1fabab381635839>

Meeting call-in number: 415-527-5035

Meeting access code: 2828 957 2795

10:00 AM Call to order / Introductions

10:05 Review and approve minutes

10:10 Correspondence and EPF FY27 Budget Update – Bethany Bzduch

10:15 Annual Organizational Meeting

- Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice Chair (motion needed)
- Appointment of Voting Member Representatives (motion needed)
 - District Operations Sub-Committee
 - Municipal Assistance Sub-Committee
 - Technical Advisory Sub-Committee
 - State Programs Advisory Committee
- Establish Meeting Schedule for 2026
 - March, April, May, June, July, September, Nov, Dec

10:30 2025 A Year in Review, 2026 Priorities – SWCC Staff



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Agriculture and Markets**
Soil and Water
Conservation Committee

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

RICHARD A. BALL
Commissioner

MATT BROWER
Chair

- 11:30 Program Updates
- AEM Base Program – Chastity Miller
 - Program Update
 - Agricultural Non-Point Source Pollution Abatement and Control Program – Jason Kokkinos
 - Program Update
 - Amendments
 - Round 32 Timeline (motion needed)
 - Climate Resilient Farming Program – Jennifer Clifford
 - Program Update
 - Amendments
 - Round 10 Timeline (motion needed)
- 12:15 Oneida Lake Watershed Coalition Memorandum of Understanding Presentation and Approval (motion needed) – Steve Lorraine, Madison County SWCD
- 12:45 PM Voting / Advisory / Staff / Conservation District Reports / Public Comments – All
- At this point in the agenda, we will ask all SWCDs (except CDEA designated representative) and farmers to recuse from the Round 9 CRF ranked list discussions/motions by leaving the room, disconnecting from the WebEx or phone line.**
- 1:30 Round 9 Climate Resilient Farming Program Ranked List approval (Resolution 2026-01, motion needed)
- 2:00 PM Next Meeting – March 17, 2026
- Adjourn