New York State Community Gardens Task Force

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 1, 2026
1:00pm – 4:00pm

Meeting Location:

1. Online at: https://meetny-gov.webex.com/meetny-gov/j.php?MTID=m38671b8cf3f3dd3bfe42b91325e9e936
    a. Meeting number (access code): 2819 587 9651
    b. Meeting password for panelist: Gardens26 (42733672 when dialing from a phone or video system)
    c. Meeting password for general webinar participants: SpringGardens26 (77746442 when dialing from a phone or video system)
    d. 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.

1:00 PM – Introductions

Delancey Nelson, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

1:05 PM – Opening Remarks

Deputy Commissioner Kelly Young, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

1:10 PM – Member Updates

Delancey Nelson, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

1:20 PM – State Program Updates

1. Cornell Cooperative Extension Harvest NY x AGM (10min)
   Kendall Hough, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

2. Community Gardens Leadership Program (4min)
   Makela Elvy, Cornell Cooperative Extension Harvest NY

   Soil Testing Program (4min)
   Mallory Hohl, *Cornell Cooperative Extension Harvest NY*

3. Urban Farms and Community Gardens Program (2min)
   Delancey Nelson, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

1:40 PM – Interim Report Sharing and Discussion

Delancey Nelson, *NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

2:10 PM - *10-minute break*

2:20 PM – Showcasing Collaboration in School Gardens

Sandi Brundage, *Salamanca City Central School District* (15min)

Sara McGraw*, City School District of Albany* (15min)

Laura Karlen, *Brooklyn Urban Garden Charter School* (15min)

Questions, Conversation, Connections (15min)

3:20 PM – Group Discussion

After-School Garden Programs and Senior Programming

3:40 PM – Next Steps and Closing Remarks

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