



## **New York State Soil and Water Conservation Committee Meeting April 21, 2026**

### Public Location:

1. NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 7 Office – Ontario Room: 5786 Widewaters Parkway, Syracuse, NY 13214  
- **Visitors will need to sign in to the Visitors Log upon entering the building.**
2. Darin Hickling Location - Hickling's Fish Farm Inc - 219 Pitts Rod, Edmeston, NY 13335

### Virtual Option:

Meeting Link: <https://meetny-gov.webex.com/meetny-gov/j.php?MTID=m6f3b9076560b9397f689b420a3bf10dc>

Meeting call-in number: 415-527-5035

Meeting access code: 2826 901 0626

### **10:00 AM Call to order / Introductions**

10:05 Review and approve minutes

10:10 Correspondence and Budget Update – Bethany Bzduch

- NYS Envirothon Donation (motion needed)

10:15 NYS SWCC Voting Member and Advisory Member Updates

10:45 Program Updates

- Agricultural Non-Point Source Pollution Abatement and Control Program – Greg Albrecht
  - Program Update
  - Amendments
- Climate Resilient Farming Program – Jennifer Clifford
  - Program Update
  - Amendments

11:00 Soil and Water Conservation District Led Watershed Coalition Presentations

- Eastern Finger Lakes Watershed Coalition – Kerry McElroy, Watershed Coordinator
- Black River Watershed Coalition – Nichelle Swisher, Lewis County SWCD District Manager



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**KATHY HOCHUL**  
Governor

**RICHARD A. BALL**  
Commissioner

**MATT BROWER**  
Chair

- St. Lawrence Watershed Restoration Program and Upper Hudson Watershed Coalition – Caitlin Stewart, Hamilton County SWCD District Manager
- Champlain Watershed Improvement Coalition of New York – Alice Halloran, Essex County SWCD District Manager
- Clean Water Planning and DEC Coalition Partnerships – Tony Prestigiacomo, NYS DEC Section Chief

12:30 PM Break

1:00 PM Upper Susquehanna Coalition Watershed Forestry Team – Lydia Brinkley, USC Watershed Forestry Coordinator

1:45 PM Staff / Conservation District Reports / Public Comments – All

2:15 PM Next Meeting – May 19, 2026

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