**Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP)**

**Spring Partner Meeting Notes**

**April 27, 2023 | 10:00am-1:30pm**

**Zoom (virtual) and Keene Valley (in-person)**

**Meeting Notes**

**For a complete record of the meeting, please refer to the** [recording](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2jML5aG6o-I) **of the meeting posted on APIPP’s website.**

**Present for APIPP**

* Becca Bernacki, Terrestrial Invasive Species Coordinator
* Brian Greene, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator
* Megan Grega, Seasonal Invasive Species Assistant
* Shaun Kittle, Communications Coordinator
* Tammara Van Ryn, Program Director
* Zack Simek, Conservation and GIS Analyst

**Speakers**

* Brian Greene, APIPP
* Zack Simek, APIPP
* Molly Hassett, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

**Attendees**

* Alex Novick, Lake George Land Conservancy
* Alexandra von Bieberstein, NYS Dept. of Transportation (NYSDOT)
* Barbara Mcilroy, Piseco Lake Association
* Barbara Taylor, Long Lake Association
* Bob Hauserman, Paradox Lake Association
* Brett Wimsatt, Paul Smith’s College Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI)
* Caitlin Stewart, Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)
* Carol Jones, Lake Clear Association
* Christine Colley, NYSDOT
* Derek Rosney, NYSDOT
* Dick Jones, Lake Clear
* Donna Coffey, Peck Lake Preservation Association
* Emily Tyner, Lake Clear Association
* Erin Vennie-Vollrath, NYSDEC/NEIWPCC
* Ev McNeill, East Shore Schroon Lake Assoc.
* Ezra Schwartzberg, Adirondack Research
* Gail Morehouse, Raquette Lake Preservation Foundation
* Heather Pritchard, NYSDOT
* Jaimi DeFeo, Lake George Association
* James Pinheiro, Adirondack Park Agency
* Jennifer Denny, Adirondack Watershed Institute
* Kathy Welch, Chateaugay Lake
* Katie WhitKovits, Hamilton County SWCD
* Kenneth Hawks, Raquette Lake Preservation Foundation
* Kristen Wilde, Up Yonda Farm
* Liz Metzger, Ausable River Association
* Lorrie Mott, CLCA
* Marcus Harazin, Canada Lakes Conservation Association
* Mary Johnson, Chateaugay Lake Foundation
* Michael Horn, Lake George Land Conservancy
* Michael Smith, Brookfield Renewable
* Michelle Stevens, NPS
* Mitchell O’Neill, New York Natural Heritage Program
* Molly Hassett, NYSDEC
* Natalee Wrege, Paul Smith's College VIC
* Neil Chippendale, Schroon Lake Association
* Peg Olsen, TNC
* Randy Fredlund, Canada Lake Conservation Association
* Robert Slocum, NYSDEC
* Steve Young, Botany Visible
* Susan Smith, Volunteer
* Susan Whitehurst, Rainbow Lake Association
* Thom Allgaier, NYSAGM
* Walter Hogan, Town of Caroga
* William Brosseau, AWI

Participants who called in and were not identified on the Zoom log may not be included in the list above.

**Meeting Presentation**

10:00am: Welcome and Introductions

* Tammara Van Ryn welcomed participants and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.
* Tammara provided an overview of APIPP’s upcoming summer 2022 workplan and highlighted several upcoming events.

10:30am: APIPP Research Highlight—Within Lake Vulnerability Prediction Tools

* APIPP’s Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, Brian Greene, provided a two-part presentation showcasing new tools to predict where aquatic invasive species (AIS) may be present.
* Brian first demonstrated the tool recently released by the New York Natural Heritage Program which helps predict which lakes and ponds are most vulnerable to AIS invasion. The tool can be accessed here: [Aquatic Invasive Species Pond and Lake Vulnerability Prioritization for New York.](https://www.nynhp.org/projects/aquatic-invasive-prioritization/)
* Next Brian provided a demonstration of a new tool APIPP is developing to predict where AIS are most likely to be found within a specific lake. The within-lake prediction tool is in the final stages of development and will be released later this summer.
* There was a brief question and answer period.

11:00am: APIPP Research Highlight—Alternatives for the Control of Japanese Knotweed, and Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) Update

* APIPP’s Conservation and GIS Analyst, Zack Simek, shared the first year of results from a new study being implemented by APIPP to evaluate alternatives glyphosate for the treatment of knotweed. The study evaluated three chemical alternatives and two treatment techniques.
* Zack, who leads APIPP’s HWA treatment efforts, also provided an update on the extent of the HWA infestation in the Lake George region.
* There was a brief question and answer period.

11:30am: The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and Invasive Species

* Molly Hassett, from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, provided an informative and engaging presentation about NY’s climate law.
* Molly focused on the opportunity for NY’s forests to sequester carbon to help the state meets its net-zero climate goals and also highlighted some of the challenges facing our forests—including threats from invasive species and forest pests and pathogens.

12:00pm: Electronic Presentation Adjourned

**Informal Roundtable**

Participants who attended the meeting in Keene Valley were invited to stay for an informal roundtable. Approximately 10 organizations stayed for informal conversation and networking.