



## **Lewis County Soil and Water Conservation District**

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April 21, 2022

Dear Black River Watershed Stakeholder;

The Black River Watershed Steering Committee proudly invites you to the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Black River Watershed Conference on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the 3 Willows Event Center in Lyons Falls, NY.

As a local leaders and stakeholders in the 5-County Black River Watershed, we share an interest in decision-making that protects our environment and enhances recreational opportunities. This conference is part of an outreach effort originating from the development of the Black River Watershed Management Plan. The goal of our conference is to reach out to decision makers, citizens and other interested agencies that live and work in our watershed and inform them on issues the watershed is facing, demonstrate the latest research findings, as well as highlight projects that are underway to protect the resource we value so highly.

The Black River Watershed includes over 60 communities in Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, and Oneida counties. While each community's character is unique, and has its own diverse needs, we all share the Black River and the desire to keep it, its tributaries and its watershed healthy and vibrant. You are invited to learn about how local history, recent efforts and policies that are impacting water quality in the Black River Watershed and the Great Lakes.

Enclosed you will find the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Black River Watershed Agenda and Registration Form. Please fill out the registration and return to the Lewis County Soil and Water Conservation District along with your \$30 registration by May16, 2022. Your registration will include a continental breakfast and lunch, presentations, a conference handout and refreshments. Exhibitors will also be there for you to discuss issues and solutions for your community.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (315)376-6122 or Jennifer Harvill (NYS Tug Hill Commission) at (315)785-2392 for more information.

Sincerely,

Nichelle L. Swisher  
District Manager

# 12th Annual Black River Watershed Conference

Sponsored by the  
Black River Advisory Council

Wednesday, JUNE 8, 2022    ♣   3 Willows Event Center   ♣   Lyons Fall, NY

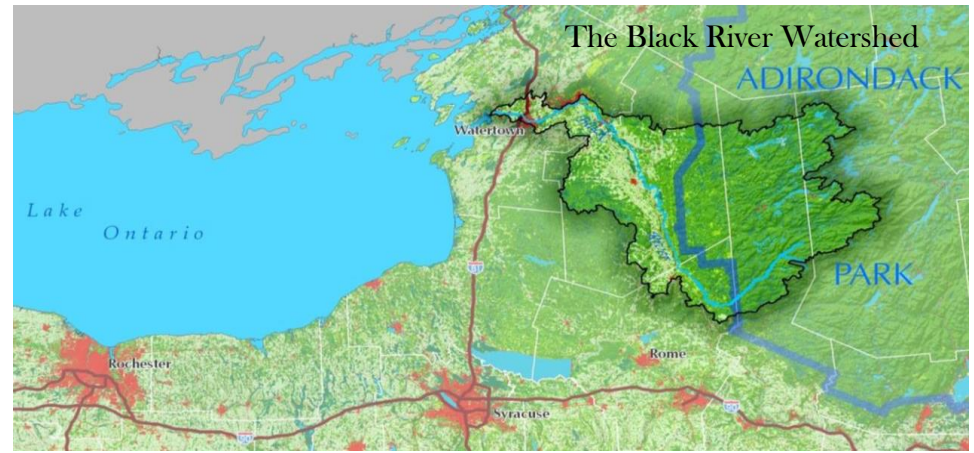
8:00 am - 9:00 am	<b>Registration and Breakfast</b>
9:00 am - 9:15 am	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> ( <i>Black River Watershed Steering Committee</i> )
9:15 am - 10:35 am	<b>Black River Watershed Soil and Water Conservation District Project Updates</b> <i>Lewis County –Japanese Knotweed Control Demonstration, Green Infrastructure</i> <i>Jefferson County –Stormwater Coalition, Forestry and Invasive Species Grant</i> <i>Hamilton County –Limekiln Lake Monitoring</i>
10:35 am - 11:05 am	<b>Break</b>
11:05 am - 11:35 am	<b>Community Updates</b> <i>Friends of the Black River</i> <i>Black River Trash Bash (Jennifer Harvill)</i> <i>Salt Task Force (Nichelle Swisher)</i> <i>Beaver River Septic Replacement Program (Casandra Buell, Lewis County Planning)</i>
11:35 am - 12:05 am	<b>Open Forum Discussion – Current Issues, Question and Answer Session</b>
12:05 am - 1:05 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1:05 pm - 1:35 pm	<b>Municipal Culvert Replacement Using the North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative (NAACC)</b> ( <i>Jo-Anne Humphries, Trout Unlimited</i> )
1:35 pm - 2:20 pm	<b>Citizen Science</b> ( <i>Kayleigh Reynolds, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation</i> )
2:20 pm - 2:35 pm	<b>Break</b>
2:35 pm - 3:05 pm	<b>Underwater Camera and Environmental DNA</b> ( <i>Megan Pistolese, St. Lawrence Eastern Lake Ontario PRISM, The Nature Conservancy</i> )
3:05 pm - 3:35 pm	<b>Drinking Water Source Protection</b> ( <i>Abby Schmekel, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation</i> )
3:35 pm - 3:50 pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b>

The Black River Watershed Conference is  
brought to you by:

Lewis, Oneida Hamilton, Jefferson and  
Herkimer County Soil & Water Conservation  
Districts

NYS Tug Hill Commission

NYS Department of Environmental  
Conservation Region 6



The Black River Watershed is 1.2 million acres in size and covers  
parts of Hamilton, Herkimer Jefferson, Lewis and Oneida  
Counties, and contains 1 City 37 Towns and 18 Villages.

Please note that your \$30 Registration Includes:

Full Day Conference  
Continental Breakfast  
Lunch  
Breaks

Registration is non-refundable.

Conference Payment is Due:

May 16, 2021

To inquire about the conference, please email

Nichelle Swisher at

[nichelleswisher@lewiscounty.ny.gov](mailto:nichelleswisher@lewiscounty.ny.gov)

To register, please fill out the attached form. We  
are accepting credit card payments or checks.  
Please make checks payable to:

**Lewis County SWCD.**

Please send the attached form to:

**Lewis County Soil and Water  
Conservation District  
5274 Outer Stowe Street, Suite #1  
Lowville, NY 13367**

Registrations can be accepted via email:

**[carlawaw@lewiscounty.ny.gov](mailto:carlawaw@lewiscounty.ny.gov)**

# Black River Watershed Conference Registration

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Organization:</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Street Address:</b>	
<b>City, State &amp; Zip:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>Amount Enclosed:</b>	

## CONFERENCE NETWORKING

I would like to share my contact information with all  
conference attendees and vendors/exhibitors?

\_\_\_\_\_YES    or    \_\_\_\_\_NO

## SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

Please list special dietary needs that we will try to accommodate:

## Payment Information

<b>Payment Type:</b>	_____ <b>Check</b> _____ <b>Credit Card</b>
<b>Credit Card or Check Number:</b>	
<b>Cardholder Name:</b>	
<b>Expiration Date:</b>	
<b>CVV Code:</b>	
<b>Billing Zip Code:</b>	

