

Black River Watershed Wednesday Webinars



Black River Trail Extension, Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Connectivity and The OUTSTEPS.org Research Network: A Community Platform for Stakeholders and Universities in the Lower Great Lakes



The Watertown-Jefferson County Area Transportation Council (WJCTC) is exploring various alternatives for extending the Black River Trail to Fort Drum as well as identifying gaps in the regional network for active transportation modes. This is an interactive presentation as the WJCTC is actively seeking public input as part of the planning process. Come see how this project and OUTSTEPS.org, a regional research network of eight founding universities, a diverse group of urban and rural stakeholder and indigenous rights-holder groups, can work together to support transformative and collaborative science to address regional sustainability and community resilience challenges in the Lower Great Lakes basins, including Lake Erie and Ontario.

May 12 at 3:00 pm

Weather Resilience: Tips for Improving Your Community's Ability to Respond to Severe Weather



Extreme weather events such as floods, heat waves, changing precipitation patterns and storms are increasing in frequency and severity. The ability of local communities to cope with the immediate impact and recover from the aftermath is critical to the continued well-being of the affected community. In this session, Mary Austerman, New York Sea Grant and Khristopher Dodson, Environmental Finance Center, will look at tools communities can use to be better adapted to these conditions, funding programs to support related planning processes and project implementation, and hear about other community experiences that can be replicated in the Black River Watershed and beyond.

June 2 at 3:00 pm

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Hemlock Woolly Adelgid in a Changing Climate: Changing Forests and Identification and Management of HWA

Dr. Lindsey Rustad, USDA Forest Service Center for Research on Ecosystem Change, will provide an overview of her 30 plus years of research in the White Mountains of New Hampshire about how climate is altering the composition of our northeastern forests from a global perspective to local impacts. Ms. Caroline Marschner, Cornell University, will discuss eastern hemlock, its role in New York ecosystems, hemlock woolly adelgid identification and management, and implications of climate change on this aggressive forest pest.



May 19 at 3:00 pm

Soil and Water Conservation District Municipal Assistance Programming – Presentation and Panel Discussion

Brian Steinmuller, Assistant Director of the NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee will discuss County SWCD municipal assistance programs including stormwater pollution prevention, green infrastructure, North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative (NAAC), stream corridor and floodplain management, forestry management and more. Brian will also discuss how SWCDs and municipalities can cooperate and coordinate programs through Intermunicipal Agreements (IMAs).



June 9 at 3:00 pm

[Register here](#)

Ice and Snow Best Practices: Communication and Consensus

Ice and snow removal must balance cost, public safety and environmental considerations. Having a clear consensus on the expected level of service allows everyone a basis to communicate. Join Tim Hunt, Highway Superintendent at the Lewis County Highway Department, for this diverse and balanced approach to a shared north-country highway management and environmental issue.



May 26 at 3:00 pm

[Register here](#)

Hamilton and Herkimer County Conservation Initiatives



Jaime Parslow, of the Hamilton County SWCD, will provide an overview of a green infrastructure project in Inlet's Arrowhead Park and an update on the county's lake monitoring efforts. Katherine Whitcomb and Robert Tilbe of the Herkimer County SWCD will present *Streambank Stabilization – Stake Your Bank*, an overview of a partnered project with the Herkimer County BOCES Conservation Class, Herkimer County Highway Department, and the Herkimer County SWCD. This project utilizes streamco willow stakes as part of a larger streambank stabilization project.

June 16 at 3:00 pm

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Organized by the NYS Tug Hill Commission, the Lewis, Jefferson, Hamilton, Oneida and Herkimer County Soil and Water Conservation Districts and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Region 6.

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