

43rd Annual Greater Buffalo Environmental Conference
March 18, 2025
Agenda

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| 8:00 – 8:45 | Registration/Breakfast/Exhibits | | |
| 8:45 – 9:00 | Welcome – Bill Davignon, WNYWEA Chair and Khris Dodson, NYWEA Executive Director | | |
| 9:00 – 9:15 | Intro to InFLOW Scholars - Lisa Derrigan, NYWEA Immediate Past President | | |
| 9:15 – 10:45 | Keynote Session – AI in the Water Sector ___ hours operator, ___ hours engineer <i>Moderated by Dan Rourke, NYWEA President</i> Jim Cooper, PE, CWO, ENV SP, Arcadis and Rob Henderson, YOURIKA | | |
| 10:45 – 11:15 | Coffee Break/Exhibits | | |
| | Breakout Session: WWTF Clarifiers ___ hours operator, ___ hours engineer Moderator: Ethan Smith & Jacob Dunn | Breakout Session: WWTF Biosolids ___ hours operator, ___ hours engineer Moderator: Camie Jarrell & Alexia Schlotterbeck | Breakout Session: Sewer Infrastructure Design ___ hours operator, ___ hours engineer Moderator: Nadia Mugisha and Katie Walsh |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | Clarifiers 101 and Case Studies Stacy Passaro, Passaro Engineering Corky Kelsey, MCDES Alex Emmerson, BSA | An Evaluation of Biosolids Management in Maine: Lessons for NY Bill Brower, Brown & Caldwell | Transit Road – How Sewers Could Shape the Future Joseph Fiegl, ECDSM |
| 11:45 – 12:15 | | Dewatering Technologies for Water/Wastewater Treatment Plants Dan Fronhauser, BDP Industries | Enhancing East Delavan: Sewer Improvements, Environmental Review, and Community Engagement Regina Harris, BSA Rebecca Carmine-Shaw, Hazen & Sawyer |
| 12:15 – 1:30 | Lunch & Awards – Dan Rourke, NYWEA President | | |
| | Breakout Session: Large WWTF Construction Updates ___ hours operator, ___ hours engineer Moderator: Sal Falzone & Alex Emmerson | Breakout Session: Utility Management ___ hours operator, ___ hours engineer Moderator: Stephen O’Connell & Ken Scherrieble | Breakout Session: Sewer Infrastructure Construction ___ hours operator, ___ hours engineer Moderator: John Story & Daniel O’Sullivan |
| 1:30 – 2:00 | The Dos and Don’ts of How to Tie into an Existing 66-Inch Diameter Outfall on an Active Wastewater Plant and Live to Tell About It! Josh Tingue, Arcadis Michael Terrana, PE Dick Roberts, Kandey Company | New York's Wastewater Operator Certification Program Samantha McCart, NYSDEC | Reflections: Seven Years after the Village of Sherman Eliminated their Lift Station Wet Well Brad Hitselberger and Daniel Madden, Industrial Flow Solutions Jay Irwin, Village of Sherman |
| 2:00 – 2:30 | BSA Bird Island WWTF: NFA Updates from the "Messy Middle" Tim Blake, BSA Emily Blanchard and Dan Casper, AECOM | Staffing challenges and initiatives through the years Richard Roll, PE DEE, NFWB | CSO Treatment and Storage: A Case Study of Projects in Ohio Mark Loria, Stantec |

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| 2:30 – 3:00 | Break/Exhibits | | |
| | Breakout Session: WWTF Process Upgrades ____ hours operator, ____ hours engineer | Breakout Session: Utility Efficiency ____ hours operator, ____ hours engineer | Breakout Session: Stormwater Management ____ hours operator, ____ hours engineer |
| | Moderator: Sal Falzone & Alex Emmerson | Moderator: Stephen O’Connell & Ken Scherrieble | Moderator: John Story & Daniel O’Sullivan |
| 3:00 – 3:30 | We Need New Screens! Southtowns AWTF's Journey to New Influent Screening Mary Plesh and Joe McDonald, ECDSM | BSA Queen City Clean Waters: Leveraging Infrastructure Projects into Community Investment Walt Walker, TYLin Rosaleen Nogle, BSA | Overview of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit, GP-0-24-001 Christina Chiappetta, NYSDEC Funding Stormwater Maintenance and EPA Stormwater Regulation Camie Jarrell, GHD Wayne Bieler, Town of Orchard Park |
| 3:30 – 4:00 | Gowanda WWTF Improvements Project Brian Sibiga, Wendel | Chemung County WRRF - Consolidation Program Allie Rennie, Chemung County Andrew Kuzio, Arcadis | |
| 4:00 – 4:30 | Transforming Wastewater Treatment: UV Disinfection Upgrades for the City of Lockport Michael Marino, Nussbaumer & Clark Michael Ademovic, Koester Associates | Thinking Big on Energy: Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District's Roadmap to 100% Renewable Energy Matt Pontikis, TYLin | |
| 3:00 – 4:30 | YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ____ hours operator, ____ hours engineer | | |
| | Moderator: | | |
| | Interactive Session: Self Branding Chad Smeltzer | | |
| 4:30 pm | Conference Reception | | |