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

**Fall Partner Meeting Notes**

**December 6, 2023 | 10:00am-2:30pm**

**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=6n4ff_Lck8U) **of the meeting posted on APIPP’s website.**

**Present for APIPP**

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

**Attendees**

See list last page.

**Speakers**

Hilary Smith, USFWS, Former APIPP Program Director

Brendan Quirion, NYSDEC, Former APIPP Program Director

Tammara Van Ryn, APIPP/TNC, Current APIPP Program Director

**Program**

10:00 Welcome

* + - Introductions
    - APIPP Anniversary Presentation (Hilary, Brendan, Tammara)
    - Participant Engagement (Participants added to the APIPP timeline and shared stories)

10:45 APIPP Volunteer Recognition

* + - APIPP Volunteer Achievement Award
      * 2023 award given to Debbie Schwarting and her family for 22 consecutive years of monitoring lakes for APIPP.
    - Remarks from Debbie.

11:05 2023 Season Highlights

* Terrestrial Invasive Species (Becca)
* Aquatic Invasive Species (Brian)
* Community Engagement (Shaun)
* Research and Innovation (Zack)
* Upcoming Events and Closing Remarks (Tammara)

12:05 Zoom Portion of Meeting Adjourned

12:30pm In-person Roundtable

* All in-person participants were invited to share season highlights, updates, or questions during a roundtable discussion.
* The session led with the Paul Smith’s College Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI) providing a summary of the Adirondack Boat Steward Program season results.
* Partners will be asked to share metrics from their season in the 2023 Adirondack PRISM Partner Data Dashboard.

2:00 pm In-Person Meeting Adjourned

**Attendees**

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| Present In-Person | Present on Zoom |
| Aaron Ziemann  Bill Brosseau  Bill Brown  Bill Widrig  Blake Neumann  Brett Wimsatt  Brian Greene (APIPP)  Dan Spada  Dave Wick  Dom Peters  Everett McNeill  Ezra Schwartzberg  Gary Clark  George Spak  Guy Middleton  Jackie Bowen  Jennifer Denny  Katie WhitKovits  Leah Smisloff  Mitch O’Neill  Robert Slocum  Debra Schwarting  Robert Schwarting  Scott Ireland  Shaun Kittle (APIPP)  Steve Young  Tammara Van Ryn (APIPP)  Zack Simek (APIPP) | Aude Lochet  Becca Bernacki (APIPP)  Kathy Welch  Brenda Episcopo  Brendan Quirion  Bruce Burditt  Bryan Ellis  Carrie Pershyn  Douglas Johnson  Emily Tyner  Hilary Smith  Jim Hollet  Kelly Easton  Mary Johnson  Sandy Bissell  Sue O'Reilly  Susann Smith  Thom Allgaier  Tom Parent  Tony Beane  william Thayer |