

**Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program**  
**2024 Spring Partner Meeting**  
**April 25, 2024**  
**Whallonsburg, NY**

**Overview**

The APIPP 2024 Spring Partner Meeting was held at the Whallonsburg Grange in Essex County, NY. Participants were able to join in-person or via Zoom. The Zoom portion of the call was recorded, and the [recording](#) serves as the formal meeting minutes. The participant list is attached. After the formal meeting there was a partner roundtable, notes of which are below. Approximately 15 people attended a post-meeting field trip to the Essex Quarry Preserve owned by Champlain Area Trails to see the Adirondack Garden Club's project.

**Agenda**

10:00am	Welcome and Introductions
10:20am	2023 Adirondack PRISM Partner Accomplishments Dashboard
10:30am	APIPP 2024 Workplan
11:00am	APIPP AIS eDNA Research
11:20am	Featured Speaker! Nancy Budd from the Adirondack Garden Club Award Presentation to the Adirondack Garden Club
12:00pm	Adjourn Zoom Meeting
12:30pm	Partner Roundtable
2:00pm	Field Trip to Essex Quarry Preserve

**Roundtable**

- Bill Widrig: NYSHI plans to release HWA silver fly biological controls at the Paradise Bay site soon and he will assist with the release.
- Dom Peters: He has adapted a camera, light, and pole to survey for HWA higher in the canopy. He will experiment with a remote "vehicle" operated from a boat to survey aquatic invasive plants this summer. Contact him for more information.
- Steve Young: The Adirondack Botanical Society is hosting a variety of field days this summer. There will soon be a new plant checklist for Valcour Island. He asked people to look out for blooming Callery Pear and to enter observations into iMapInvasives.
- Aaron Ziemann: APA continues to review ProcettaCOR applications.
- Carrieann Pershyn: AsRA continues to install boot brush stations, including two new ones in High Peaks that are already installed and two more that will be installed this summer. They are now helping landowners with "Streamwise" assessments. They are excited to get the new native plant nursery up and running.
- Melinda Beuf: She is involved with the Jay Comprehensive Plan update. It would be good to include invasive species prevention language in the plan somewhere.

- Thom Allgaier: Ag and Markets is expanding the quarantine zone for Box Tree Moth. The moth can kill mature boxwoods, some of which can be over 100 years old, very quickly. He also provided an update on SLF tracking. Report any Part 575 garden store violations to him and he can route them to the right person in Ag and Markets.
- Erin Vennie-Vollrath: NEIWPC will hire a new round goby educator to replace Eric Reardon. The process to assess a permanent barrier on the canal system continues. DEC has hired a Region 5 aquatic invasives species coordinator. Grass carp was detected in the Richelieu River which is a concern for Lake Champlain. Three projects have been chosen for funding for the Champlain/Hudson Power Express mitigation fund, including invasive species reduction and an economic study of the impact of invasive species.
- Lauren Jenness: LCBP grants programs are ongoing. She is overseeing boat stewards on the Vermont side of the lake. She is also working with Streamwise. Streamwise assessments are entered in iMapInvasives. The LCBP Citizen Advisory Committee meets the last Monday of every month and is open to the public.
- Ev McNeil: ESSLA is gearing up for its summer lake monitoring program. It also has terrestrial invasive species scouts. Its big invasive species challenges are knotweed and wild parsnip.
- Rich Ross: He is absorbing information to write a newsletter article for the Black River Chapter of ADK. He thanked everyone for the information today and looks forward to more involvement with APIPP and SLELO.
- Caitlin Stewart: The District is planning for its summer water quality testing program. They have a new website [www.hamcoswcd.org](http://www.hamcoswcd.org). Check it out!
- Katie Whitkovits: Provided an update on summer HamCoSWCD programming and planned invasive species monitoring and management. She is a pesticide applicator and they have one other applicator on staff. The District is starting a knotweed injector loaner program based on APIPP's.
- Susan Clark: The Eagle Lake group formed last year and received a DEC grant for a lake management plan that APIPP will help with. Eventually they hope to do chemical management of milfoil; about 1/3 of the lake is infested and hand-harvesting is not feasible. Finding funding for full treatment will be a challenge.
- Matthew Sieber-Ford: He is from the Glens Falls area and is pleased to learn more about invasive species. He will be going to grad school in the fall.
- Alex von Bieberstein: Their unit at NYSDOT was renamed and is now the Landscape Ecology Unit. She was pleased to introduce their new Adirondack program manager, Mark Jakubiak.
- Mark Jakubiak: He is looking forward to his new role. He'll be working on controlling invasive species at their residences, at new construction sites, and for roadside maintenance. He is also pleased to be part of the SLF eDNA study work and efforts to provide monarch habitat.

## 2024 APIPP Spring Partner Meeting Attendance

Name		Organization	
Ari	Giller-Leinwohl	APIPP	In-Person
Aaron	Ziemann	Adirondack Park Agency	In-Person
Alexandra	von Bieberstein	NYSDOT	In-Person
Ana Maria	Moore	AGC	In-Person
Bill	Widrig	APIPP volunteer	In-Person
Brian	Greene	APIPP	In-Person
Caitlin	Stewart	Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District	In-Person
Carrie	Pershyn	Ausable River Association	In-Person
Chris	Maron	CATs	In-Person
Dom	Peters	APIPP volunteer	In-Person
Erin	Vennie-Vollrath	NYSDEC/NEIW/PCC	In-Person
Everett	McNeill	East Shore Schroon Lake Assoc	In-Person
Guy	Middleton	Upper Saranac Foundation	In-Person
Katie	Whitkovits	Hamilton County SWCD	In-Person
Laura	Lehtonen	Botany Visible	In-Person
Laura	Sells-Doyle	Adirondack Garden Club	In-Person
Lauren	Jeness	Lake Champlain Basin Program	In-Person
Mark	Jakubiak	New York State Department of Transportation	In-Person
Matthew	Sieber-Ford		In-Person
Melinda	Beuf	ADK Garden Club	In-Person
Nancy	Budd	Adirondack Garden Club	In-Person
Richard	Ross	Black River Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club	In-Person
Steve	Young	Botany Visible	In-Person
Susan	Clark	Eagle Lake	In-Person
Tammara	Van Ryn	APIPP	In-Person
Thom	Allgaier	NYS AGM	In-Person
Zack	Simek	APIPP	In-Person
Blake	Neumann	Adirondack Council	Zoom
Christine	Colley	NYSDOT	Zoom
Donna Marie	Baribeau	Adirondack Garden Club-	Zoom
Doug	Knopf	iMapInvasives	Zoom
Elizabeth	Lee	Cornell Cooperative Extension of Essex County	Zoom
Emily	Tyner	Lake Clear Association	Zoom
Jennifer	Lagor	Adirondack Garden club	Zoom
Jennifer	Dean	iMapInvasives	Zoom
Kristen	Wild	Warren County	Zoom
Lyn	Flynn	Adirondack Farden Club	Zoom
Lynn	Harrison		Zoom
Neil	Chippendale	Schroon Lake Association	Zoom
Patsy	Paine		Zoom
Tim	Rowland	Adirondack Garden Club	Zoom
William	Brosseau	Paul Smith's College Adirondack Watershed Institute	Zoom