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THE RELEASE

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Kevin Sullivan — Editor

Message from the Chair

Luke Donigan

Greetings,

This seems to happen often, but this year especially the time just flew by! We are already into May and our calendar year will be coming to a close in about another month. As we had anticipated, we were able to utilize both in-person and virtual meetings this year to put together programs that were interesting, timely, and informative for our members and guests. We had strong attendance at the few in-person dinner meetings we were fortunate to host, and our members generally have indicated that they prefer the chance to get together in person if able to safely do so.

I would like to thank all of the A&WMA - NFS board members, officers, and volunteers for running another successful year, and keeping the organization on track to continue moving forward under the difficult circumstances. This organization runs smoothly in large part due to the teamwork that I see displayed throughout the year, and it is a true group effort.

With that said, we are always looking to expand our member base and to get new faces involved at the board and officer level. Please reach out to me or any of the board members if you are interested in getting more involved.

Finally, I hope to see everyone at the next in-person monthly meeting!

Sincerely,

Luke Donigan

Monthly Meeting Schedule

MAY 2022 DINNER MEETING

The [A&WMA-NFS](#) May dinner meeting will feature a tour of the University at Buffalo's GRoW Clean Energy Center, followed by a presentation by Ryan McPherson and Carrie Zaenglein titled:

“Not Your Grammy's Climate Action Strategy”

The tour will begin at 5:00 pm at the SUNY Buffalo North Campus, Solar Strand along Flint Road near Maple Road—park at the Center for Tomorrow Building. The dinner and presentation will be held at Home 2 by Hilton, 3820 Ridge Lea Rd, Amherst, beginning at 6:30. Register [HERE](#).

[Mark Your Calendars](#) for the Upcoming Monthly Meetings:

- September 22, 2022—Dinner Meeting, TBD
- October 27, 2022— Dinner Meeting, TBD
- November 17, 2022 — Dinner Meeting, TBD
- December 15, 2022 — Awards Dinner, TBD

Please visit the website for updates on the Monthly Meeting schedule.

People on the Move

Mike Emery and Mark Hans

Recent changes in job status (that we are aware of) include:

- ⇒ **Taylor Monnin** is now a project manager in NYSDEC Department of Environmental Remediation working on different brownfield cleanup sites throughout Region 9.
- ⇒ **Christa Bucior** has moved to Geosyntec Consultants, a consulting and engineering firm that works with private and public sector clients to address new ventures and complex problems involving our environment, natural resources, and civil infrastructure. Christa will be focusing on EHS compliance and growing a local network of clients from the WNY Office.
- ⇒ **Lisa Perry** has joined DEC's Buffalo office as a Legal Assistant Trainee 1 with the Office of General Counsel. She will be assuming the primary duties of the Regional FOIL Coordinator, along with enforcement case tracking and various legal tasks.
- ⇒ **Gregory Scholand** has joined DEC's Buffalo office as an Assistant Regional Attorney. Greg comes to DEC from Harter Secrest and Emery, LLP, where he was a Senior Associate in the Environmental, Land Use, and Zoning Practice group. He will primarily be handling brownfields and superfund cases.

If you have changed jobs, gotten a promotion or retired, let us know. Information can be sent to Kevin Sullivan (newsletter editor) at ksullivan@trcsolutions.com.

New Members

Mark Hans

We would like to welcome or welcome back the following members to the A&WMA Niagara Frontier Section:

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| ◇ Mackensie Adamson – National Fuel | ◇ Alayna Pliszka – C&S Engineers |
| ◇ Haben Berhe – SUNY @ Buffalo | ◇ Sirgiane Vianna-Cardozo – ACETO US LLC |
| ◇ Josh Ennis - National Fuel | ◇ Mike Zarbo – Erie County DEP |
| ◇ Nicholas Luh – Golder Associates | |

If you see them at a future meeting, be sure to welcome them to the group.

Website

Mark Hans

Website – awmanfs.org

Our website has been a huge success, as many of you have registered and paid for memberships, meetings and the seminar since we put it up over 10 years ago. If you have any questions or changes you would like to see, please contact Mark Hans at (mjhans9@gmail.com).



Something that you may not know about our website is that we have a page dedicated to “Information of Interest”. This page contains information about regulatory updates as well as Job opportunities as well as resumes for people looking for jobs. To find this page, either [click here](#) or go to the website homepage, click on the three buttons on the right side of the blue bar and then click on Information of Interest.

Membership

Mark Hans

Currently we have over 81 members in the Air & Waste Management's Niagara Frontier Section with roughly a 45/55 split between international and local affiliates. To check membership status, please log onto the [AWMA-NFS Website](#).

Corporate memberships are valid for one year from the date of renewal while local memberships expire on August 31st annually. New members and renewal applications can be found on our website. Payment can be made either through the website or via mail. Membership categories and dues are as follows:

Local Affiliate Member	\$36	* Corporate Sponsor includes an International Membership for one person and a local affiliate membership for a second person.
Local Affiliate Member [Full-Time College Student]	\$11	
International Member	\$195	** Web Sponsor includes an International Membership for one person and a local affiliate membership for a second person. In addition, the corporate logo of a website sponsor will be displayed on the home page of the AWMA website.
International Member [Young Professional - 35 or younger]	\$98	
International Member [Full-Time College Student]	\$35	
Corporate Sponsor*	\$325	
Web Sponsor**	\$500	

If you have any questions about becoming a member or renewing your membership please contact Mark Hans at awmanfsmembership@gmail.com. A list of current membership can be found on the [AWMS-NFS website](#).

A&WMA's 115th Annual Conference & Exhibition

Mark Hans

The A&WMA's 115th Annual Conference & Exhibition entitled "Science & Sustainable Global Communities" will be held in San Francisco, California on June 27-30, 2022. They have a full schedule of programs and courses available. For more information, you can check out the [conference website](#).

NYSDEC Region 9 Office Relocation

Mike Emery

The Buffalo Office of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has been at its current location for about 30 years and will be relocating to [700 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14209](#). If remodeling of the new office continues on schedule, DEC plans to be operating at the new location by May 16, 2022. Staff emails and phone numbers will not change.



Chain Gang Workers from the Peppermint Road Earth Day Event

Earth Day Grants

Peter Grasso

The Air & Waste Management Association – Niagara Frontier Section (A&WMA-NFS) awarded 6 Earth Day grants this year. These grants are used to promote environmental awareness through creative and impactful educational activities and community engagement efforts. Each of the grants was funded at \$500, for a total amount of \$3,000 going back out into the community. For more information on each project, please visit our website at <https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org/2020-Earth-Day-Grant-Winners>.

This years' awardees are:

Erie County Soil & Water Conservation District - The grant helped fund the Erie County Envirothon, a hands-on environmental program open to all high school students in Erie County. The Envirothon is a unique outdoor competition that challenges students in topics of forestry, wildlife, aquatics, soils, and the 2022 current issue topic, "Waste to Resources." Students learn about each of the Envirothon topics by attending workshops presented by local natural resources and environmental field professionals, including biologists, ecologists, foresters, soil scientists and field technicians. The Envirothon is being held on March 31st and April 28th at Village Green Park in Elma, New York. The Envirothon provides guidance on good conservation habits to our youth.

Wild Spirit Education, Inc. - Wild Spirit intends to create a better understanding of the world of insects and other invertebrates for youth and seniors across Western New York by enhancing their knowledge of these species. The grant will help to cover expenses to purchase a variety of invertebrates, habitats for the invertebrates, a teacher's resource page, programs at various schools in Western New York as well as a program at an eldercare facility.

Kenmore West Environmental Club - The objecting of the Cafeteria Recycling Initiative Project is to encourage and educate students at Kenmore West High School on recycling where a lack recycling is a recurring – in the school cafeteria. The \$500 grant will be used to invest in recycling units for the school. The high school environmental club plans to bring returnable containers to recycling centers in exchange for money to fund future recycling initiatives at the school.

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Wild Spirit Education

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Dear Sirs,

Thank you for the generous grant funding for our Nature Scavenger hunt proposal. We have completed the parts of the grant and feel that it was a great success. We couldn't have done it without the generosity of the funds you granted to our organization. We look forward to working with you again in the future.

In the spring of 2021 we created a scavenger hunt at Erie County Forestry in Sardinia and created a webpage for the scavenger hunt. Throughout the summer we created 3 more scavenger hunts at other local parks.

All the scavenger hunts were accessible through the web page that we created. Each one was created to get the participants to explore the nature in the park and to get outside.

Due to the setup of the host for the scavenger hunts, it was not possible to determine how many individuals participated in the scavenger hunts but we do know that there were approximately 40 individuals or teams that took part. We are assuming that the participants were family teams.

The scavenger hunts are still active and available to all ages, bringing even more people into nature.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Paul Fehringer
Executive Director

Earth Day Grants (Cont'd)

Peter Grasso

Peppermint Road Neighbors, Lancaster, NY - Each year for the past 10 years, the Zack family (specifically students Colton and Carly Zack) organize a community roadside garbage pickup on Earth Day. The garbage pickup route includes Peppermint Road, sections of the adjacent Ransom Road and Pavement Road, the residential walking path to Walden Ponds Park and the main entrance of the park. The grant funds will be used to purchase gloves and high-visibility vests for the volunteers, contractor grade garbage bags and a garden cart to safely transporting refuse and recyclables to collection areas. Supplies remaining after this event will be used for future events. The year's event is being held on April 24th.



Youths from the Peppermint Road area participate in making this year's Earth Day an active one. From left: Dakota Marino, Oakley Marino, Carly Zack, and Cooper Henderson are posed next to some of the items purchased with the A&WMA grant award of \$500.



Green Springville, Inc. This project is a community family-friendly, outdoor Earth Day celebration in Springville to be held on April 23rd. Green Springville is planning an even bigger Springville's Earth Day celebration than last year. This year's event will draw attention to the restoration of the historic Springville Community Trout Pond. The grant will help Green Springville raise money and awareness for the Trout Pond project.

Friends of Broderick Park – Brush Up Broderick Project, an annual beautification event, will be

held on April 30th. Friends of Broderick Park's mission is to secure Broderick Park's recognition as a historical landmark and destination of the Underground Railroad, to enhance utilization of the park for recreational, cultural, and educational activities, and to ensure the longevity of the park through stewardship and necessary improvements.

(See additional Earth Day Event photos on p. 10)



Envirun 2022

Mary Padasak

Envirun 5k was able to celebrate it's 30th running on April 23rd! The race was held on Goat Island for the first time since construction had been completed. There were 115 runners, which is a great turnout in these unpredictable times. The fastest female, Lillie Bogdan, finished with a time of 19:07, and the fastest male, Cameron Bogdan, finished with a time of 16:55. The post-race party was well attended and hotdogs, snacks, and live music compliments of Paul Krantz's band!

Many thanks to our sponsors for this year, including: Linde, Allied Environmental, Knoer Group, Dival, Empire Stack Testing, Modern Disposal, Iyer Environmental,



Covanta Niagara, General Mills, and Waste Technology Services. We are thankful for the support of our dedicated runners, and generous sponsors. We are especially thankful for our partnership with NYS Parks for allowing us to return to Goat Island! The revenue generated from this event will ensure continued support for environmental scholarships and grants for the region.

For next year, we are looking for people interested in assisting with Envirun and being part of the committee. We need succession planning to ensure that Envirun can go on for 30 years more! Whether you're a runner, party planner, or just want to help us succeed, we welcome all new interested individuals! Send your contact information to awmaenvirun5k@gmail.com and I will loop you in to the committee and look forward to seeing you at planning next fall! (Plus breakfast is included at all planning meetings!)

Below: **Cameron Bogdan**, the fastest male, finished with at time of 16:55.



Above: **Lillie Bogdan**, fastest female, finished with a time of 19:07.

NYSDEC Division of Air Resources Update**Mike Emery**

While working on an air permit recently I advised a consultant that not all the DEC regulations accessed on Westlaw, which is where the DEC website sends you to, are up to date. After I explained that the current version of the necessary regulation was available elsewhere on the website, they thanked me for sharing that secret information. Obviously, this should not be a secret and was the impetus for this article which also covers some common permitting and modeling issues, electronic reporting, CLPCA, and Division of Environmental Remediation air emission guidance.

When you access [DEC regulations](#) you'll be brought to a Westlaw website, which, unfortunately, is not necessarily up to date. For example, the Air Permitting regulation, Part 201, was reissued after undergoing significant revisions in February of 2021 and still is not available on Westlaw. However, the revised Part 201 along with all recently adopted DEC regulations are available on the Proposed, [Emergency, and Recently Adopted Regulations page](#), as noted at the top of the webpage listing the air regulations. Part 212 was updated slightly when Part 201 was revised and is not up to date on Westlaw but is also available at the above link. Policy memo [DAR-1, Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Ambient Air Contaminants Under 6NYCRR Part 212](#), was updated and is available on the public DEC website (not Westlaw). Please visit the [Proposed, Emergency, and Recently Adopted Regulations webpage](#) to see what other DEC regulations have changed.

DEC requires an issued permit or registration **before construction starts** on any project or facility if a permit or registration is required by [6 NYCRR Part 201](#). Construction is defined in [Part 200.1](#), and basically, is considered any permanent work. So, earthwork can be performed (however, a water permit may be necessary) and a footer can be dug, but an issued registration or permit is needed to pour the footer. Similarly, facility modifications need to be properly permitted before any construction work is performed. There are exceptions to this and can be found in the [Part 201](#) subparts for Air State Facility (ASF) permits ([Part 201-5](#)) and Title V Air Permits (201-6). Please consider this as projects are planned. If construction commences before the project or modification is properly permitted, the facility will be in violation and subject to enforcement.

Emission impact modeling is frequently required to evaluate compliance with the regulations such as [Part 212](#). Whether AERSCEEN or AERMOD are used, downwash must be considered, as well as background concentrations of Criteria Pollutants when they are modeled. AERMOD protocols must be submitted and approved before the AERMOD report can be submitted. These protocols should be submitted to regional staff who will then submit them to the air modeling staff in Albany. Regional staff and modeling staff review different portions of the protocol. The modeling staff has set up a general email box if you want to contact them directly – dec.sm.DAR.Meteorology@dec.ny.gov.

We request that all submissions be made electronically if you can. Granted, Title V and ASF compliance certifications should already be submitted electronically through DEC's Air Compliance and Emission (ACE) Reporting system. If you don't use ACE, I encourage you to learn more and register for an account [here](#). Most of the regional air programs have set up general email boxes. The one for the Region 9 Air Resources program is dec.sm.RAPCE.R9@dec.ny.gov. This general mailbox is accessible by all Region 9

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NYSDEC Division of Air Resources Update (cont'd)**Mike Emery**

Division of Air Resources (DAR) staff and is ideal for submitting permit applications, protocols, reports, letters, and the like. We are expecting some staff changes this year, so if you are not sure who to contact or where to submit an electronic report, please use this mailbox.

All state agencies are required to consider conformity with New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) when approving projects. DAR requires a CLCPA conformity evaluation for new Title V and Air State Facility Permits, significant modifications at each, and permits associated with fossil fuel usage or infrastructure, among others. The proposed [DAR-21 The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and Air Permit Applications](#) is a good document to consider. When calculating Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions use the 20-year Global Warming Potentials (GWP) in 6 NYCRR 496.5 (Part 496), not the 100-yr GWP's in EPA's Part 98 Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Reporting.

DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) and Division of Air Resources worked together to develop a guidance document for air emissions from remediation projects. The goal of the guidance is to ensure that remediation activities meet the substantive requirements of DAR regulations and don't adversely impact the surrounding areas. I couldn't find the guidance on the public DEC website, so I saved a copy on the NFS-AWMA Information of Interest webpage ([click here](#)). Any questions should be directed to DER staff.

Corporate Sponsors**Mark Hans**

We would like to thank our Corporate Sponsors for their continued support of our organization. The money provided through our prorated sponsorship program is used to help fund our various scholarships. A list of our current Corporate Sponsors follows:

- ⇒ **Alpha Analytical** (<https://alphalab.com>) is a full service analytical laboratory with offices located throughout the Northeast. The local office is in Tonawanda. For more information, please contact Pat Filey (pfiley@alphalab.com).
- ⇒ **Benchmark Civil/Environmental Engineering & Geology, PLLC** (<http://www.benchmarkturnkey.com/>) is a licensed professional engineering company that provides comprehensive civil and environmental engineering services. Turnkey Environmental Restoration, LLC is a sister company that provides site investigations, remediation and infrastructure construction, and environmental and site management services. They are located in Lackawanna. For more information, please contact Lori Riker (lriker@bm-tk.com).
- ⇒ **Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.** (<https://www.cecinc.com/>) is an engineering and environmental consulting firm located throughout the US. Their local office is in North Tonawanda. For more information, please visit the contact page on the website.
- ⇒ **Golder Associates** (<https://www.golder.com/>) is a worldwide consulting firm that is now a part of WSP. Their local office is in Amherst. For more information, please contact Patrick Martin (pmartin@golder.com).

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Corporate Sponsors (Cont'd)**Mark Hans**

- ⇒ **Hodgson Russ LLP** (<https://www.hodgsonruss.com/>) is a legal firm with offices along the eastern seaboard. Their local office is in Buffalo. For more information, please contact Michael Hecker (mhecker@hodgsonruss.com).
- ⇒ **The Knoer Group** (<http://knoergroup.com/>) is a local law firm located in Buffalo. For more information, please contact Robert Knoer (rknoer@knoergroup.com).
- ⇒ **Linde, PLC** (<https://www.linde.com/>) is a leading global industrial gases and engineering company. They have a local office in Tonawanda. For more information, please contact David Copeland (dave.copeland@linde.com).
- ⇒ **Modern Corporation** (<https://www.moderncorporation.com/>) is a local waste and recycling management company. They are located in Model City. For more information, please contact Krysta Cione (kcione@modern-corp.com).
- ⇒ **OXY Chem** (<https://www.oxy.com/>) is a worldwide manufacturing company. They have a local plant in Niagara Falls. For more information, please contact Timothy Bathory (timothy.bathory@oxy.com).
- ⇒ **Phillips Lytle LLP** (<https://phillipslytle.com/>) is a legal firm with offices along the eastern seaboard. Their local office is in Buffalo. For more information, please contact Luke Donigan (ldonigan@phillipslytle.com).
- ⇒ **Trinity Consultants** (<https://www.trinityconsultants.com/>) is a worldwide environmental consulting firm. Even though their closest office is in Albany, NY, they have a growing list of clients in WNY. For further information, please contact Brian Noel (bnoel@trinityconsultants.com).
- ⇒ **Watts Architecture & Engineers** (<https://watts-ae.com/>) offers a wide range of architecture and engineering services. They are located in Buffalo. For more information, please contact Kevin Janik (kjanik@watts-ae.com).



Photographs from the **Green Springville Earth Day Event 2022**—Horse cart rides, tables of local vendors and organizations, multiple speakers from the community, and a trout pond.



Employment Opportunities**Mike Emery****The Department of Environmental Conservation is Hiring**

DEC has been hiring new staff to fill vacant positions and to staff for new initiatives. Unfortunately, DEC cannot just post a position and interview those who are interested, we can only interview those who are on a civil service list and respond to a job posting. The first step is to create an NY.gov ID to apply any examination(s). If you do not have an NY.gov ID, you can create one by clicking on ["Don't have an Account"](#).

Some exams are what you are thinking, questions and answers, but other exams just require you to fill out and submit a questionnaire with a resume. These are called [Continuous Recruitment Examinations](#) and includes Environmental Engineering positions. Information on how to complete the Civil Service 'exam' for an Environmental Engineering position can be found here:

<https://www.cs.ny.gov/engineering/oc/>.

If you are not an engineer, the [Professional Careers Opportunities](#) (PCO) examination is one that you can consider. It is used by state agencies to fill more than 100 different entry-level professional job types. Environmental Program Specialists positions, among others at DEC are filled from this exam.

To view current [examination announcements](#) and to keep informed, visit the Department of Civil Service website. If you sign up for the Department of Civil Service free [examination notification service](#), you will receive an email whenever new examination announcements are issued.

There is and will be a need to hire engineers for NYS.



Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District's ENVIROTHON event held in observance of Earth Day 2022.

The Envirothon is a fun, positive program that fosters development of students' research, presentation, and professional skills. Most importantly, it's a team-building experience where student cooperation and teamwork are essential to succeed.

A \$500 Earth Day Grant was provided by A&WMA-NFS to support the 2022 Erie County Envirothon event.

Monthly Meeting Announcement

Christa Bucior



MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT Thursday May 19, 2022



TOUR OF UNIVERSITY at BUFFALO'S GRoW CLEAN ENERGY CENTER

**Followed by a Presentation: Not Your Grammy's Climate Action Strategy
Presented by Ryan Mcpherson and Carrie Zaenglein**

Honoring Scholarship Winners During Dinner

Tour Location: North Campus at the Solar Strand along Flint Road near
Maple Road – Park at the Center for Tomorrow Building

Dinner/Presentation Location: Home 2 by Hilton, 3820 Ridge Lea Rd,
Amherst, NY 14228

Tour: 5:00 – 6:00 pm Dinner & Speaker: 6:30 pm

\$25 – A&WMA International Members
\$25 – Young Professional A&WMA-NFS Members (35 or younger)
\$30 – A&WMA-NFS Local Members
\$35 – Non-Members
\$10 – Full-Time Students
\$10 – PDH Credits (approval pending)

Reservations due no later than Monday, May 16, 2022
(No cancellations accepted after this date)

RESERVATIONS: www.awmanfs.wildapricot.org awmanfs.reservations1@gmail.com

*If you have questions about reservations, please contact Taylor Monnin at (716) 803-7938

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