



WNY PRISM Spring Partner Meeting
Thursday, April 21; 1:00 – 3:30 pm
Jacqueline Vito LoRusso (Buffalo State)
Alumni and Visitor Center
663 Grant St., Buffalo, NY 14213
In-person/virtual (Zoom)



Join WNY PRISM for our Spring Partner Meeting being held on Thursday, April 21 from 1:00 – 3:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Buffalo State Alumni and Visitor Center with a remote attendance option via Zoom.

Free parking during the meeting is available in Lots R-14 and G-21, please see [campus map](#).

1:00 – 1:20 Introduction & Welcome: WNY PRISM News and Updates

1:20 – 2:00 **New York's Ecosystem-based Approach to Great Lakes Restoration & Protection**
Presented by Shannon Dougherty & Ryan Elliott, NYS DEC

This presentation will provide an overview of NY's Great Lakes Action Agenda, supporting partnerships and projects, and how ecosystem-based management (EBM) has been applied to address complex environmental challenges, with a focus on the new ecosystem-based Integrated Watershed Action Plan that is being developed for the Cattaraugus Creek watershed.

2:00 – 2:30 **New York State Swallow-wort Biocontrol (*Hypena opulenta*) Update**
Presented by Dr. Dylan Parry, SUNY ESF (Joining via Zoom)

*Dr. Dylan Parry will provide an update on the New York State releases of the biological control agent *Hypena opulenta* in 2020 and 2021 and highlight some of the successes as well as challenges with establishing this species as part of this ongoing project.*

2:30 – 2:55 **Improved *Phragmites* Management through Collective Learning**
Presented by Samantha Tank, Great Lakes Commission (Joining via Zoom)

*Samantha Tank will discuss some of the lessons learned from facilitating an adaptive management program and how the *Phragmites* Adaptive Management Framework (PAMF) has improved – and will continue to improve – our understanding of *Phragmites* management. PAMF is a collective learning program that utilizes adaptive management to reduce uncertainty in the management of non-native *Phragmites australis* throughout the Great Lakes basin.*

2:55 – 3:15 Program & Partner Updates (Zoom meeting will end after partner updates)

3:15 – 3:30 Wrap-up and Networking