

**Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group (CPWG)  
Meeting Summary – February 27, 2024**

<b>CPWG Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Marianne Zwicklbauer	X		
Eric Sheffer		X	
Mark Surdam	X		
Rob Allen	X		
Pat Dailey	X		
David Lukas			X
Connor MacNeil			X
Jack Cavanaugh	X		
Jennifer Schuttig			X
Sean Nealon			X
Chris Bettis	X		
<b>Facilitator</b>			
Nancy Pattarini, The Paige Group	X		
Carrie McMurray, The Paige Group	X		
<b>Presenters</b>			
Dr. Erin Bell, University at Albany	X		
Dan Servetas, WSP	X		

**Note:** The February 27, 2024 public meeting of the CPWG was held at the Hoosick Town Hall & Court New York State Armory 80 Church Street Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. The meeting will be held in person, with a virtual option that was shared via the CPWG Listserv prior to the meeting. A press release was issued to local media and a meeting date reminder was also emailed to all community members that signed up on the CPWG Listserv. Meeting-related materials may be found on the Hoosick Area CPWG website [www.hoosickareacpwg.org](http://www.hoosickareacpwg.org) and on the NYSDEC website <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/108791.html>

**Discussion Summary:**

- I. Welcome – The Paige Group
  - a. Facilitator – The Paige Group
    - i. The Facilitator provided an overview of meeting protocol for online participation
    - ii. The Facilitator provided an overview of the meeting agenda
  
- II. Multi-community Health Study Update – Dr. Erin Bell, University at Albany
  - a. Recruitment for the Multi-Site PFAS Health is complete
    - i. 471 adults
    - ii. 44 children
    - iii. 71 moms (those that gave birth in NYS between 1998 and 2018)
  - b. Currently completing the abstraction and data entry for the medical and school record information (for those who consented to this process)
  - c. The laboratory of the analysis for the measurement of metals (e.g. lead) is commencing this spring and summer.
  - d. The lead researchers across all the sites are meeting to plan for the first statistical analyses of the core data

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- i. Information regarding the study plans for analyses will be presented to the CPWG in late spring/summer
- e. Currently recruiting mothers who gave birth in either Hoosick Falls or Newburgh in the past 20 years
  - i. Obtain permission to measure PFAS in the newborn bloodspots
  - ii. This will help us understand how infant concentrations related to maternal concentrations
- f. NYSDOH has also begun a next round of biomonitoring for:
  - i. Those who have not yet had the opportunity to know their PFAS concentrations
  - ii. Those who have previous measurements and want to know their updated concentration
- g. Currently examining the biomonitoring and health survey data from the 2016 biomonitoring effort in Hoosick Falls
  - i. Will present data to the CPWG in later this spring/summer

**III. Water Source Construction Update – Dan Servetas, WSP**

- a. The project has been approved by NYSDEC and NYSDOH
  - i. Individual Water Quality and Water Withdrawal Permits have been issued
- b. A DOT Permit for work on Rt. 22 is pending
  - i. Will include traffic control during construction in the Rt. 22 right-of-way
    - 1. Work will be in the right-of-way on east side of Rt. 22 (northbound side).
    - 2. A traffic control plan will be developed by the contractor and approved by DOT
    - 3. Once the traffic control plan is approved, we will share more details
    - 4. We will work with the school Superintendent on communications during construction along Rt. 22
- c. Land Remediation Inc. (LRI) has been selected as the contractor
  - i. LRI will install the 12" water line by horizontal directional drilling, a method which will limit extent of disturbances along Rt. 22 and allow for earlier construction completion
- d. Tree clearing, where necessary
  - i. Prior to construction, in easements between Rt. 22 and the Hoosic River where the water line will be installed
  - ii. Scheduled for late March/early April
- e. Water line and well field construction is scheduled to begin end of April
  - i. Substantial work completion anticipated by the end of October 2024
- f. Water line installation on Rt. 22 is scheduled for mid-May through end of June (approximately 7 weeks).
- g. NYSDEC will issue a fact sheet prior to start of work.

**IV. Oak Property and NY Forward Grant Update – Rob Allen, Village of Hoosick Falls Mayor**

- a. Oak Property
  - i. The village is in the process of negotiating acquisition of the property that would include being exempt from any liability related to the contamination

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- ii. NYSDEC is reviewing the final site plan
- iii. The property is part of the NY Forward Grant: site is planned for greenspace
- b. NY Forward Grant
  - i. A committee will be formed and have the responsibility of reviewing proposed projects to include in the final plan
  - ii. \$6m in projects is expected to be submitted to the state

V. Other Hoosick Area CPWG Business

- a. Meeting Summaries posted on [www.hoosickareacpwg.org](http://www.hoosickareacpwg.org)
- b. 2024 Public Meeting Schedule
  - i. Tuesday, April 23, 2024
  - ii. Tuesday, June 2, 2024
  - iii. Tuesday, August 20, 2024
  - iv. Tuesday, October 22, 2024
  - v. Tuesday, December 17, 2024