

**Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group (CPWG)  
Meeting Summary – June 26, 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	
Sean Nealon	X		
Chris Bettis	X		
<b>Facilitator</b>			
Nancy Pattarini, The Paige Group	X		
Carrie McMurray, The Paige Group	X		
<b>Presenters</b>			
Rob Allen, Mayor of Hoosick Falls			
Dan Servetas, WSP	X		
Barbara Firebaugh, NYSDEC			

**Note:** The June 26, 2024 public meeting of the CPWG was held at the Hoosick Falls High School in the cafeteria, 21187 NY 22, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. The meeting was 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 who 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 format and Q&A opportunities for community attendees, including protocol for online participation.
    - ii. The Facilitator provided an overview of the meeting agenda.
  
- II. Village of Hoosick Falls Update – Mayor Rob Allen
  - a. A draft agreement is in place for the village to take ownership of the Oak Mitsui property.
  - b. The draft agreement outlines maintenance responsibilities for both the current owner and the village going forward.
  - c. The village will follow the site management plan regarding potential future use.
  - d. This property has been identified as a component of a local redevelopment plan. The Village of Hoosick Falls (along with the Village of Schuylerville) has been awarded a New York Forward grant of \$4.5 million that will be used toward redevelopment projects in the area.

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e. Comments/Questions

- i. Q: How big is the site and does the village have the resources to maintain the site?  
A: The site is approximately 7.5 acres. The village is currently maintaining the property with existing resources and will include future maintenance in upcoming fiscal year budgets.
- ii. C: Brownfields make it possible to move on from the past and make use of sites like Oak Mitsui. Under the site management plan, environmental studies will determine potential uses of the site and help guide design options.

III. Water Source Construction Update – Dan Servetas, WSP

a. Traffic Control Plan Update

- i. The Traffic Control Plan has been updated to reflect a new North to South construction route to minimize traffic impacts. The plan is also intended to help protect the public and workers during construction of a water line in the right-of-way of the northbound lane of Route 22.
- ii. Signage will advise of construction ahead; barriers will be around work zone; construction sign will show ‘closed’ at end of construction zone; work zone will also work around driveways.
- iii. Two-person flag crew will direct traffic to allow construction equipment to enter/exit the zone safely.
- iv. Any changes will be communicated to the town and school district within 48 hours.
- v. The updated plan will be posted on the CPWG website.

b. Construction Status

- i. Construction on Rt. 22 is expected to take place from July 8, 2024 to August 16, 2024, Monday through Friday between the hours of 7am and 5pm. Project is expected to be complete in October of 2024.
- ii. Drilling under the Hoosic River is complete.
- iii. Construction at the water treatment plant is complete and tie-in to the exiting village infrastructure is expected within the next 2 weeks.

c. Comments/Questions

- i. Q: How deep is the water line?  
A: The water line will be a minimum of 5 feet below the surface.

IV. Site Remediation Update – Co-chairs

a. McCaffrey Street Site

- i. The OU1 draft remedial investigative report is complete; the OU1 human health ecological risk assessments are substantially complete; technical submittals are under review by DEC/DOH/EPA.
- ii. The OU2 construction of the new water transmission lines was started in May.
- iii. The OU3 remedial investigation is substantially complete; final soil sample collection is in progress.

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- b. Liberty Street
  - i. Draft remedial investigative report is in review.
  - ii. The next phase is scoping and a feasibility study to address site contaminants of concern.
- c. Former Columbia Corporation
  - i. Revised site characterization report is complete and available online at Report.HW.442005.2022-04-29. Former Columbia Corp Site Characterization Report-04292022.
  - ii. Site has been reclassified as a class 2; remedial investigation phase will begin.
- d. Hoosick Falls Landfill
  - i. Draft Remedial Investigation (RI) Report has been submitted and is under review.
  - ii. Leachate IRMs are ongoing.
- e. River Road
  - i. Determined to be a significant threat (Class 2) due to site Contaminants of Concern (COCs) in bedrock fractures.
  - ii. The Bedrock Groundwater IRM (interim remedial measure) pre-design investigation is complete.
  - iii. Remedial Investigation Report is complete.
  - iv. Optimization testing of the proposed treatment train concept is ongoing; the approach for treatment of contaminants of concern is being refined.

**V. Other Hoosick Area CPWG Business**

- a. NYSDOH Notice
  - i. NYSDOH released its final health consultation.
  - ii. This health consultation provides information about health risks posed by exposure to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the Hoosick Falls public drinking water system prior to additional drinking water filtration systems installed in 2016.
  - iii. More information may be found at:  
[https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/investigations/saint\\_gobain](https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/investigations/saint_gobain)
- b. Meeting Summaries posted on [www.hoosickareacpwg.org](http://www.hoosickareacpwg.org)
- c. 2024 Public Meeting Schedule
  - i. Tuesday, August 20, 2024
  - ii. Tuesday, October 22, 2024
  - iii. Tuesday, December 17, 2024