

**Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group (CPWG)  
Meeting Summary – December 16, 2025**

<b>CPWG Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Marianne Zwicklbauer	X		
Eric Sheffer			X
Mark Surdam	X		X
Michael Hickey		X	
Pat Dailey	X		
David Lukas			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>			
Barbara Firebaugh, NYSDEC	X		

**Note:** The December 16, 2025, public meeting of the CPWG was held virtually and a link 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 and CPWG Co-Chairs
  - a. Facilitator – The Paige Group
    - i. The Facilitator provided an overview of the meeting format and Q&A opportunities for community attendees, including protocol for online participation.
    - ii. CPWG Co-Chairs provided an overview of the meeting agenda.
  
- II. Site Remediation Update – Barbara Firebaugh, NYSDEC
  - a. McCaffrey Street
    - i. OU1 (onsite)
      1. Remedial Investigation Report under review
      2. Human health and ecological risk assessments
      3. Technical submittals are under review by DEC/DOH/EPA.
    - ii. OU2 (new water source)
      1. Complete and online March 31, 2025.
    - iii. OU3 (offsite)
      1. Additional work is being planned for 2026
  - b. Liberty Street
    - i. Draft Remedial Investigation Report is in review
    - ii. Next phase is scoping and conducting a feasibility study to address site contaminants of concern.
  - c. Former Columbia Corporation

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- i. Revised Site Characterization Report is complete and is available online.
    - ii. Remedial Investigation underway
  - d. Hoosick Falls Landfill
    - i. A draft Remedial Investigation (RI) Report has been submitted and is under review
    - ii. Leachate IRMs are ongoing
  - e. River Road
    - i. Remedial Investigation Report is complete
    - ii. Remedial Action is anticipated to start in 2026 under an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM)
  - f. John Street
    - i. Remedial Investigation Report is complete
    - ii. Feasibility Study is being revised
    - iii. Proposed Remedial Action Plan will be prepared in 2026
    - iv. Public meeting regarding the selected remedy will follow
  - g. Additional “P” sites – preliminary information suggesting contamination, requiring further investigation (Site Characterization)
    - i. Former Dodge Machine
    - ii. Dolan Ave.
    - iii. Junction Road
    - iv. Sunrise Quarry
    - v. Kokley Ave.
  - h. Additional information and resources
    - i. [\*A Decade of Progress on PFAS\*](#) – a report summarizing New York State’s response to PFAS since contamination was first confirmed in the drinking water of the Village of Hoosick Falls in 2015
    - ii. A new [DEC PFAS webpage](#) serving as a one-stop resource about PFAS-related initiatives and information
    - iii. Recently released press release describing new actions and helpful resources to protect, educate, and assist New York communities in addressing the ubiquitous threat of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination. LINK: <https://dec.ny.gov/news/press-releases/2025/12/dec-issues-suite-of-pfas-response-actions-and-resources-to-protect-communities>
  - i. Questions/Comments
    - i. Q: What is NYSDEC looking for at the Columbia site?  
A: Potential contamination is not related to McCaffrey Street but metals found in the area.
    - ii. Q: What will be the format of the John Street public meeting?
    - iii. C: NYSDEC will present information on the site and the recommended remedy, and gather feedback and answer questions from the community.
- III. Other Hoosick Area CPWG Business
  - a. Residents, community or business leaders, or other local community stakeholders interested in becoming a CPWG member should submit a one-page letter of interest to [hoosickfallscpwg@paigegroup.com](mailto:hoosickfallscpwg@paigegroup.com) and include the following information:
    - i. Name

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- ii. Address, email, and phone number
- iii. Reason for interest in participating
- iv. Particular topics of interest
- v. Other information or qualifications, such as areas of expertise or experience
- vi. Any potential conflict of interest
- b. Meeting Summaries posted on [www.hoosickareacpwg.org](http://www.hoosickareacpwg.org)
- c. 2026 Public Meeting Schedule (subject to change)
  - i. PUBLIC Tuesday, February 24, 2026
  - ii. PUBLIC Tuesday, April 28, 2026
  - iii. PUBLIC Tuesday, June 23, 2026
  - iv. PUBLIC Tuesday, August 25, 2026
  - v. PUBLIC Tuesday, October 27, 2026
  - vi. PUBLIC Tuesday, December 15, 2026