

**Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group (CPWG)
Meeting Summary – March 18, 2026**

CPWG Member	Present	Excused	Absent
Marianne Zwicklbauer	X		
Eric Sheffer	X		
Michael Hickey	X		
Pat Dailey	X		
David Lukas		X	
Sean Nealon	X		
Chris Bettis	X		
Facilitator			
Nancy Pattarini, The Paige Group	X		
Carrie McMurray, The Paige Group	X		
Presenters			
Ian Beilby, NYSDEC	X		
Steve Schwarz, Esq., Faraci Lange	X		

Note: The March 18, 2026, public meeting of the CPWG was held in person at the Hoosick Falls High School 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 and on the NYSDEC website <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/regional-remediation-project-information/region-4/hoosick-falls-area>

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 – Ian Beilby, 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.

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- c. Former Columbia Corporation (former paper mill)
 - 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 at the end of the Summer or early Fall
 - 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 <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/per-and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas> serving as a one-stop resource about PFAS-related initiatives and information
 - iii. 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: Are there contaminants that continue to drain into the river from the landfill?
A: There are no contaminants from the landfill entering the river.
- III. DuPont Settlement Update – Steve Schwarz, Esq., Faraci Lange
- a. Terms of the DuPont Settlement
 - i. \$21,000,000 to be paid for Property Devaluation Class Members, litigation costs, and attorneys’ fees

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- ii. \$6,000,000 to be paid in installments of \$1,000,000 per year to add to Medical Monitoring Program that began in 2022 and will end in 2031
- iii. Payments of total amount to the Settlement Administrator to be made 45 days after Final Approval by the Court
- iv. Final Approval Fairness Hearing Set by the Court for April 29, 2026
- v. Claims had to be filed by 2/11/26
- vi. Payments to class members anticipated by September 2026
- b. Property Devaluation Class member
 - i. The approximately \$14.5 million allocated to the two Property Settlement Classes will be divided proportionally between all eligible class members.
 - ii. Each Eligible Property's fair market value, as determined by the 2015 Town of Hoosick Tax Roll, will form the numerator of a fraction.
 - iii. The sum of the fair market value for all Eligible Properties from the Tax Roll will form the denominator of the fraction.
 - iv. Each property owner's fraction will then be multiplied by the total fund of approximately \$14.5 million to calculate an amount for each Eligible Property.
 - v. Class Counsel estimates that total payments to each Eligible Property will be approximately 5-7%
 - vi. The actual percentages can only be determined after all claims have been filed.
- c. Property Ownership
 - i. If a property is co-owned by two or more people, each can file a claim and the benefit amount will be divided equally between them. Alternatively, one person can file a claim and the entire benefit will be paid to that person.
 - ii. If you own two or more eligible properties, you must file a Claim Form for each property.
- d. Contact information
 - i. For more information, please visit <https://hoosickfallspfoasettlement.com/>

IV. 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 and include the following information:
 - i. Name
 - 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
- c. 2026 Public Meeting Schedule (updated)
 - i. Wednesday, March 18, 2026
 - ii. Wednesday, May 20, 2026

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- iii. Wednesday, July 15, 2026
- iv. Wednesday, September 16, 2026
- v. Wednesday, November 18, 2026