

Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group (CPWG) Meeting Summary – August 26, 2026

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

Note: The August 26, 2026, public meeting of the CPWG was held in person at 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 – Barbara Firebaugh, NYSDEC
 - a. McCaffrey Street
 - i. OU1 (onsite)
 1. Remedial Investigation Report under review
 2. Human health and ecological risk assessments
 - a. Technical submittals are under review by DEC/DOH/EPA
 - ii. OU2 (new water source)
 1. Complete and online March 31, 2025
 2. Year 1 monitoring report in review
 - iii. OU3 (offsite)
 1. Sewer investigation work plan is approved and in progress
 - 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. Remedial Investigation underway
- d. Hoosick Falls Landfill
 - i. A draft Remedial Investigation (RI) Report has been submitted and is under review by the village
 - ii. Leachate IRMs are ongoing
- e. River Road
 - i. Remedial Investigation Report is complete
 - ii. Remedial Action is anticipated to start in 2027 under an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM)
 - 1. Design phase is currently in progress
- 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. Questions/Comments
 - i. Q: Will any of the current P-sites be reclassified to a Superfund site?
A: Their status will be determined once the investigations are complete

III. DuPont Settlement Update – Steve Schwarz, Esq., Faraci Lange

- a. Payments will go out in the mail on 9/8
 - i. Contact the administrator if you don't get your check by 9/28
- b. MM Program
 - i. Individuals who filed new claims for medical monitoring who were not already participants in the MM Program and who have not submitted blood test results with their Claim Forms to the Claims Administrator must do so by October 26, 2026
- c. Contact information
 - i. For more information, please visit <https://hoosickfallspfoasettlement.com/>

IV. Other Hoosick Area CPWG Business

- a. A.8634-B (Lee) / S.3207-B (Kavanagh) legislation
 - i. Maintains health-protective drinking water limits on toxic PFAS chemicals in NYS that are being rolled back by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
 - ii. The facilitator will draft a letter of support for the co-chairs to sign
 - iii. Due 9/7/26
- b. CPWG bylaws update and approved

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- c. 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
- d. Meeting Summaries posted on www.hoosickareacpwg.org
- e. 2026 Public Meeting Schedule (TBD)