WNYEA Habitat and Natural Resources Work Group
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 10, 2013

4-5pm at the Community Foundation
726 Larkin Exchange Building, Suite 525
http://www.growwny.org/calendar/event/3708

Final Agenda
-Provided by Jay Burney, Chair

Old Business
Status update, 2014 Action Agenda “Ban Fracking in New York State”
Invasive Species Update, Land Use Update, Climate Change Update

New Business
Setting a 2014 Action Agenda
We have a variety of issues and projects focused on Land, Water, Habitat and Wildlife,
Climate Change, and Policy issues to discuss. How do we package, organize, and arrange
an appropriate Habitat and Natural resources Agenda?

Issues and Items

Fracking (WNYEA Feedback on the Action Agenda Comment letters attached)

Climate Change/Habitat/Threat and Risk Assessments

Water:
Great Lakes/Lake Erie/Algae/CSO/Niagara River
Buffalo Outer Harbor Development
Gallagher Beach
SEQRA
Niagara River IBA Conservation Plan/BirdSmart Development/FLAP (Fatal
Light Awareness Program)

Urban Land Use
Threats to Times Beach
Larkin GreenWay Proposal- UB Professor Hiro Hata and Professor Harry Warren

Media and Resources
GROW
Great Lakes Sustainability Center/GreenWatch

-Habitat Meeting Schedule and Locations
November 14/December 12/January 9/Feb 13/march 13/ April 10
-WNYEA Annual Congress
Wednesday November 6 5pm (See special announcements below)

Important Links:

Birdsmart-Fatal Light Awareness Program (FLAP)
http://www.flap.org/

Investigative Post (Tevlock)
**Troubled Waters at Gallagher Beach**
http://www.investigativepost.org/2013/10/03/troubled-waters-at-gallagher-beach/

**What is this Stuff in Union Ship Canal?**
http://www.investigativepost.org/2013/10/08/what-is-this-stuff-at-union-ship-canal/

Buffalo Rising
**Stop the Reindustrialization of our Waterfront**

Cuomo/ECHDC/Buffalo Billion
**Gracious Living on the Outer Harbor**
http://www.governor.ny.gov/press/09262013-gracious-living-location-buffalo

**The Return of Thirty Days of Fracking Regulations** (Steingrabber)
October 6- November 4
http://www.thirtydaysoffrackingregs.com/index.php

**Lake Erie’s Growing Toxic Algae Zone**

**Lake Erie’s Growing Plastic Garbage Patch**
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/04/10/great-lakes-garbage-patch_n_3055042.html?utm_hp_ref=fb&src=sp&comm_ref=false

ArtVoice/GROW
**The Future and Fate of Times Beach Nature Preserve**
Special Announcements

GROW WNY, www.growwny.org
The principle website reflecting WNYEA, has asked The Habitat and Natural Resources Work Group to provide blog content during the month of October. If you would like to provide a short blog article on your organization, or about an issue that you would like to bring attention to, send it to me and I will forward it to GROW. Photos welcome. If you have any questions, let me know

WNYEA Annual Congress
We invite you to come and celebrate our accomplishments, successes, and plans for the future at the 2013 WNY Environmental Alliance's Annual Meeting. This year, we are excited to welcome Region 2 EPA Administrator Judith Enck as our featured speaker

When:
Wednesday, November 6
5 p.m.

Where: UB Educational Opportunities Center
555 Ellicott St.
(near Goodell St.)
Buffalo, NY 14203

As part of the organizational business at this meeting, voting will take place for open seats on the WNYEA Board of Directors. Only member organizations have the right to vote on WNYEA business. To check if your organization is a member, click here. If you would like to confirm your organization's voting delegates, please contact Kristen Kaszubowski at kristenk@growwny.org, or by phone at 716.852.2857 x 219.

Keep checking GrowWNY.org for Congress updates and information about new WNYEA Board Candidates.