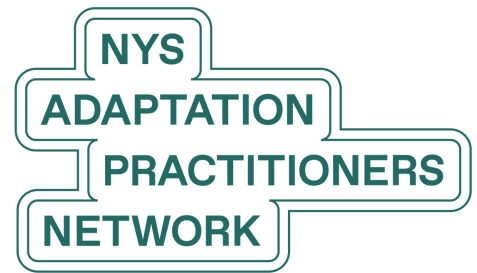


DAY 1 – FALL CONVENING AGENDA

Thursday, October 16th, 2025

Multi-Purpose Room, University at Albany Student Center
1400 Washington Ave, Albany, NY 12222

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10:00 – 10:25 AM Check-In, Coffee & Catch-Up

10:25 – 10:35 AM Welcome & Introduction

Neeyati Johnson — Network Manager
Riobart Breen — Director, Institute for Transformational and Ecosystem-Based Climate Adaptation

10:35 – 11:25 AM Recognizing the 2022 Environmental Bond Act

Suzanna Randall — Chief Resilience Officer, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
“**Bond Act Jeopardy**” — Johanna Lawton, Deputy Director, Rebuild by Design & Brian Rahm, Director, New York Water Resources Institute

11:25 AM – 12:20 PM Lightning Talks

Project updates from Network Members across New York State

12:20 – 1:25 PM

Panel Discussion: Regional Challenges with Adaptation Planning & Implementation

Long Island Sound Partnership: Sara Powell — Sustainable & Resilient Communities Extension Professional, NY Sea Grant
Hudson Valley Resilience Working Group: Julika von Stackelberg — Family & Community Resilience Resource Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County; Mary Lambert — Climate Action Planning Manager, Hudson Valley Regional Council
Southern Tier: Janet Thigpen — Flood Mitigation Specialist, Southern Tier Central Regional Planning & Development Board
South Bronx Climate Justice Task Force: Daniel Ranells — Director of Programs & Operations, Bronx River Alliance
Adirondack Climate Outreach Resilience Network (ACORN): Jen Kretser — Director of Climate Initiatives, The Wild Center

1:25 – 2:15 PM Lunch Break

2:15 – 3:35 PM

Informing the New York State Adaptation & Resilience Plan

Making Climate Planning Successful — Ankit Bhardwaj, College Fellow, Northwestern University
Background on the State Planning Process — Interagency NYS Adaptation & Resilience Plan Team
Visioning Session

3:35 – 4:00 PM

Break & Relocate

Transition to ETEC Building

4:00 – 5:15 PM

Reaching New Audiences in Adaptation

Interactive demonstration session showcasing innovative outreach strategies across the Network. Location: ETEC B010

5:15 – 6:00 PM

Break

Evening

Mixer & NYS Adaptation & Innovation Awards Reception

Light dinner, drinks, and celebration of the **2025 NYS Adaptation & Innovation Awards** winners.

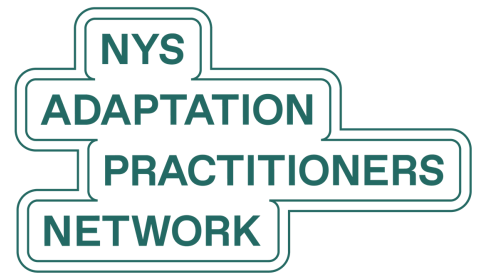
Mixer Location: [The Hollow, 79 N Pearl St, Albany, NY 12207](#)

DAY 2 – FALL CONVENING AGENDA

Friday, October 17th, 2025

ETEC Building, University at Albany
1220 Washington Ave, Albany, NY 12203

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8:45 – 9:00 AM

Coffee & Check-In, Globe Demo

Free hotel breakfast; light snacks and hot drinks provided on campus.

Location: ETEC B010 (Big Room)

9:00 – 10:15 AM

The State of Adaptation in New York — Working Meeting
(concurrent session)

Collaborate with the Policy Working Group to map existing state adaptation policies and develop gap analysis

Location: ETEC B011 (Classroom)

9:00 – 9:40 AM

Developing a Resource to Avoid Maladaptation
(concurrent session)

Input session to inform the development of a maladaptation prevention tool.
Shannon Duerr — Climate Adaptation Specialist, Cornell NY Water Resources Institute/DEC

Charlotte Cogswell — Nelson Intern, Cornell NY Water Resources Institute

Location: ETEC B011 (Classroom)

9:45 – 10:45 AM

Discussion: Cultivating an Adaptation Workforce in NYS

Exploring how the Network can best support future climate adaptation professionals through mentorship.

Location: ETEC B010 (Big Room)

10:45 – 11:00 AM

Prepare for Site Visit

Gather belongings, pick up boxed lunch, and board the bus.

11:20 AM – 12:25 PM

Site Visit 1: Radix Center

The Radix Center is an urban farm and community hub in Albany's South End that combines food production, education, and workforce development to advance sustainability. Its programs link urban agriculture, environmental data, and climate adaptation in action.

12:40 PM – 1:30 PM

Site Visit 2: Beaver Creek Infiltration Overflow Facility

Albany's Beaver Creek Infiltration Overflow Facility is a flagship project of the city's Clean Water Albany initiative, using advanced treatment to manage stormwater and reduce sewer overflows. By combining grey and green infrastructure, it showcases how engineering and ecology can work together to address flooding and climate impacts.

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