

Sandy Creeks 9 Element Watershed Management Plan

Stakeholder Meeting 1

If you did not register online, please complete the questions on page 3 and submit it at the end of this meeting.

The Sandy Creeks 9E plan will analyze water quality concerns within the watershed and develop a strategy to address them. The plan will be beneficial to municipalities and others seeking grant funds to improve water quality within the watershed.

The 9E framework identifies sources and magnitude of pollutants, determines water quality goals or targets, defines pollution reductions needed to meet the goals, and describes the actions or best management practices (BMPs) needed to achieve the reductions that will improve water quality.

Following today's meeting, focus group meetings will be held in order to better gather community feedback and understand the concerns of particular stakeholder groups. These focus groups include Conservation, Business & Recreation, Municipal, Agriculture & Large Landowners, and Shoreline/Riparian Owners.

Focus groups will be held on January 31, 2023 at the Sandy Creek Town Hall, 1992 Harwood Drive, Sandy Creek, NY 13145.

Conservation: 11:00 a.m. Business and Recreation: 12:00 p.m. Shoreline/Riparian Owners: 1:00 p.m. Municipal Leaders: 2:00 p.m. Agriculture and Large Landowners: 3:00 p.m.

A final stakeholder meeting will be held virtually using Zoom, on February 16, time TBD, to update the public on the status of the 9E planning process, and report results of community engagement initiatives.

Agenda

3:00 p.m. - meeting begins

1) Project Introduction

- A) Tug Hill Commission - Review of the Sandy Creeks Ecosystem Based Management Plan
- B) DEC - Utility of the 9E plans & the Black River 9 Element Plan example
- C) Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District - Sandy Creeks 9E Plan Overview
- D) Upstate Freshwater Institute - Sampling and Analysis Plan

2) Registration Survey Results

- A) Explanation and analysis of survey results from the registration questionnaire

3) Watershed Mapping Activity

- A) Identify your water quality concerns within the watershed on the in person or virtual maps
- B) Review of responses from the mapping activity

4) Next Steps

- A) You are invited to attend the focus group(s) of your choice
- B) A virtual meeting will be held to review the final results of public outreach efforts

4:30 p.m. - meeting concludes

Registration Form

Please fill out and return this form if you did not register online.

1. Your name: _____
2. Your email: _____
3. What focus groups would you be most interested in being involved with?
 - a. Conservation
 - b. Business & Recreation
 - c. Shoreline & Riparian Owners
 - d. Municipal
 - e. Agriculture and Large Landowners
4. How would you rate overall water quality in the Sandy Creeks Watershed on a scale of 1-10? (1 = Very Poor, 10 = Excellent)

5. How has water quality changed in the watershed in the past 15 years?
(1 = Greatly Deteriorated, 10 = Greatly Improved)

6. What attributes of the Sandy Creeks Watershed are most important and of greatest value to you?

7. Where is additional monitoring needed to help us improve our understanding of Sandy Creeks water quality issues?

8. In your experience, what changes to land use or water use have affected water quality in the Sandy Creeks Watershed?

