

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Environmental Management Council

Working Group Meeting Minutes

Date: August 20, 2024

Time: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

**Location: Rockland County Executive Conference Room
Allison-Parris County Office Building
11 New Hempstead Road, New City, New York**

Native/Invasive Working Group Meeting

WG Members present: Joanna Galdone, Catherine Mazzochi, Glenn Sungela

Other EMC members present: James Sklar

Staff Present: Brianna Rosamilia

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm.
2. Motion made by Joanna and seconded by Glenn to approve the 2/20/24 NIWG meeting minutes passed unanimously at 4:33 pm.
3. Discussion ensued on agencies e.g. local highway and public works departments and professional landscapers managing invasive species in general and tree-of-heaven (ToH) in particular. Glenn will send a draft document on how to identify and control ToH for the NIWG to update and potentially make available to the general public.
4. Joanna provided an update on efforts to restore American chestnut trees and discussions with the county on planting American chestnut seedlings from The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF). The NIWG will update a document on planting and ongoing-maintenance of TACF seedlings for the county to consider.
5. Meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Glenn Sungela.