

# WESTERN NY SOIL HEALTH ALLIANCE ANNUAL MEETING



Western New York  
**SOIL HEALTH ALLIANCE**

## REGISTRATION FORM

- 8:30 Registration and Refreshments
- 9:00 Welcome and Introductions – Stephanie Castle, Genesee River Watershed Coalition Coordinator
- 9:10 Using Legume Cover Crops to Grow Your Own Nitrogen – Steve Groff, Cover Crop Coach
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Growing Hemp in a Regenerative System using Cover Crops and No-Till – Steve Groff
- 11:15 Using Precision Ag in Reduced-Tillage/Cover Cropped Systems – Erick Haas, Cazenovia Equipment
- 11:45 WNYSHA Annual Meeting – Donn Branton, Chair, Board of Directors, WNYSHA
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 How plants develop symbiotic associations with arbuscular mycorrhizal (AM) fungi and how they obtain phosphate from these fungal symbionts – Maria Harrison, Boyce Thompson Institute
- 1:50 Break
- 2:00 The Genesee River Demonstration Farm Network: Quantifying Economic and Environmental Outcomes of Soil Health Management – Aaron Ristow American Farmland Trust
- 2:50 Next Steps, Closing Remarks – Stephanie Castle
- 3:00 Adjourn



December 18, 2019

*Coffee and light snacks will be available*

Pre-Registration Fee \$25  
Door Registration Fee \$35  
Please register by Dec. 11, 2019

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Please return the Registration form to Orleans County SCWD at 446 W. Ave, Albion NY 14411 with checks made payable to Western New York Soil Health Alliance enclosed. You may also register online at [bit.ly/WNYSHA2019](http://bit.ly/WNYSHA2019). Payment will be due in cash or check at the start of the workshop.



Erick Haas is the Corporate RTD Manager for Intelligent Solutions at Cazenovia Equipment. As a graduate of Morrisville State College with a degree in Renewable Resources, Erick has a well-rounded background in Dairy and Crop Farming, Environmental Planning, GPS/GIS, Integrated Pest Management, Whole Farm Planning, and Forest Management. Erick is also a Certified Crop Advisor and a Master Forest Owner.



Maria Harrison is the William H. Crocker Professor at Boyce Thompson Institute and Adjunct Professor in the School of Integrative Plant Science (SIPS) at Cornell University. Her successful scientific program and influential research publications earned her the honor of being included by Thomson Reuters in its list of 2016's most highly cited researchers. Harrison is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (2012) and the American Academy for Microbiology (2013). In April 2019, she was elected to the National Academy of Sciences.



Steve Groff and his family farm 225 acres of cash grain crops, pumpkins, squash and two acres of heirloom high tunnel tomatoes in Lancaster County, PA. He developed the Tillage Radish and oversees hundreds of replicated cover crop research plots on his farm to devise management strategies and document the profitability of cover crops.



Aaron Ristow is the New York Agricultural Stewardship Program Manager at the American Farmland Trust with 17 years of experience coordinating and administering agricultural extension and research activities, most recently focusing on multi-partner projects related to soil health and adaptive nutrient management. Aaron is the Program Director for the Genesee River Demonstration Farm Network and Rented Lands Conservation Incentives Program as well as other AFT initiatives in New York State.



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Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019

Quality Inn & Suites  
8250 Park Road  
Batavia, NY 14020



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