AGENDA

Day 1 Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026

5:00 pm **Registration Opens**

6:30 PM **NYSASWM Dinner** (At High Peaks Resort) *Sponsored By* PaintCare™ RECYCLING MADE EASY

Day 2 Monday, Sept. 21, 2026

7:00 AM **Breakfast** - *Sponsored By* Milton CAT *(Must have name badge)*

8:00 AM **Registration Opens/NYSASWM Board of Directors' Meeting**

9:00 AM **Meet the Exhibitors** - *Coffee & Pastries Sponsored By* ALTA EQUIPMENT COMPANY UPTIME MATTERS

10:00 AM **Welcome** – Josh Olbrys, NYSASWM President

Regulatory and Legislative Update (2.0 PDH)

10:05 AM **NYSDEC Legislative & Regulatory Updates**
Paola Munar Moreno & John Vana, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

12:00 PM **Lunch** - (*Must have name badge) Sponsored By* LKB ENGINEERING

Organics Management & Emerging Carbon Strategies (1.0 PDH)

1:00 PM **Organics Diversion & Greenhouse Gas Reduction: Meeting New Climate Goals**
Kyle Williams, Barton & Loguidice

As New York advances new greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals, diverting organic materials from disposal is becoming an increasingly important strategy for reducing emissions & advancing sustainable materials management. This session will explore the critical role organics diversion - including composting, anaerobic digestion, food waste prevention & other recovery strategies plays in achieving state & local climate objectives. Attendees will gain insight into the relationship between organics management & GHG emissions, emerging regulatory & policy initiatives & practical approaches for expanding diversion programs. The discussion will also highlight opportunities, challenges & innovative solutions that can help communities & facilities reduce emissions while recovering valuable resources from the waste stream.

1:45 PM **Biochar: A Circular Solution for Organics Management**
Deborah Aller, PhD, Director - New York Center for Organics Recycling and Education

Biochar is not a new technology but one that continues to see increased awareness & interest from stakeholders across New York State (NYS) for improving environmental systems, agricultural landscapes & managing organic waste streams. Biochar is a solid, carbon-rich material intended for soil application while providing numerous co-benefits. It is made through pyrolysis, the heating of organic material in no/limited oxygen conditions, which stabilizes the carbon & makes biochar a long-lasting soil amendment. While biochar remains new to many, research, outreach & use among farmers & other end users has been on-going for many years across NYS. This presentation will provide an overview of what biochar & pyrolysis are, different production systems & scales, & highlight ongoing production & applications across NYS.

2:30 PM **Break with Exhibitors** - *Sponsored By* Scale Service & Supply Company, Inc.

3:00 PM **New York's Disposal Capacity Outlook: Planning for an Uncertain Future (1.0 PDH)**
Greg Gelewski, Director, Madison County DSW

As New York's solid waste landscape continues to evolve, understanding future disposal capacity has never been more important. This session will examine the implications of anticipated landfill closures, the uncertainty surrounding the State's largest landfill & two major permit modifications that have been submitted for both a C&D & MSW landfill. How these developments may affect disposal capacity, transportation, costs & long-term planning across the state will be presented. The session will also explore an often-overlooked challenge: municipal cooperation & emergency disposal planning. When facilities close unexpectedly or disposal options become limited, communities & operators must work together to ensure continuity of service. Lessons learned, opportunities for regional collaboration & strategies for developing contingency plans before a crisis occurs will be discussed.

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4:00PM **NYSASWM Business Meeting**
Installation of Board Members
2026 Solid Waste Achievement Award

5:30PM - 7:00PM **Solid Connections: A Networking Reception** - *Sponsored By* Barton & Loguidice

Join us for *Solid Connections*, an engaging Taste of New York cocktail hour 1/2 designed to spark conversations & forge new relationships with attendees, exhibitors & speakers. Enjoy a lively atmosphere with heavy hors d'oeuvres - perfect for unwinding after the day's sessions. (*This is not a full dinner)

Evening on your own - enjoy Lake Placid!

Day 3 Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026

7:00 AM **Breakfast** - *Sponsored By* ALJON (Must have name badge)

8:30AM - 12:00PM - Leading Through Change: People, Technology & Policy (2.0 PDH)

8:30 AM **The Unspoken Rules of Management: What Every Mid-Level Leader Should Know**
Amy Davies, Casella

9:15 AM **The Connected Waste Fleet: Leveraging Data to Improve Safety, Maintenance & Productivity**
Craig Anderson, VP Heavy Equipment & Waste, EyeRide

Connected vehicle technology generates more operational data than ever before. The challenge is no longer collecting information - it's knowing how to use it effectively. This session examines how waste organizations integrate telematics, AI analytics, onboard cameras, maintenance systems, GPS, equipment sensors & operational dashboards into a unified operational strategy. Real-world examples will demonstrate how data supports preventive maintenance, reduces accidents, optimizes routes, monitors equipment health & improves decision making.

10:15 AM **Break with Exhibitors** - *Sponsored By* PaintCare RECYCLING MADE EASY

10:45 AM **From Paint to Packaging: The Expanding Role of EPR in New York**
Andrew Radin, NYS Program Manager, PaintCare & Dawn Timm, Chair, NYS Product Stewardship Council

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is playing an increasingly important role in New York's solid waste management system. This session will examine the state's evolving EPR landscape, from the implementation of New York's Paint Stewardship Program to the continued development of packaging EPR legislation. Mr. Radin will provide an update on the PaintCare program, including implementation, collection results, municipal partnerships & lessons learned. A representative from the New York Product Stewardship Council will provide an update on packaging, EPR legislation including key provisions, potential impacts on municipalities & the recycling system & next steps. The session will conclude with a discussion of what these developments could mean for New York's solid waste management industry & what stakeholders should be watching as EPR continues to evolve.

11:45 AM **Door Prize**

12:00PM **Conference Adjournment**

Continuing Education Credit - The course will be broken into the sessions to teach attendees various aspects of the solid waste industry. All sessions will be taught live providing question & answer opportunities for the learner. Up to **6.0** professional development hours (PDH) of New York State professional engineering continuing education will be offered for this conference for the specified sessions. Attendance at all presentations & completing the course evaluation is required to receive the credit for each session. Partial credit will not be given for the individual sessions.