



## **CHAPTER DINNER MEETING**

### **“WNY Watershed Coalition”**

**By**

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With ever increasing regulatory requirements to address wet weather issues, but without state or federal funding to implement new controls, three organizations got together to discuss how to address the situation. Each community, along with numerous others across the nation, has been directed to implement very expensive programs to address wet weather flows in the name of improving water quality in the receiving waters. The reality is that without outside funding, many of the communities cannot afford all the projects necessary to comply with federal CSO policy and SSO mandates in the timeframes being proposed.

These three communities acknowledged this impending crisis and formed a “coalition” to discuss ideas to address wet weather issues and subsequent water quality on a watershed basis. The problem does not understand jurisdictional boundaries, so why should the solution be based on those boundaries? The idea being discussed is that the best use of our limited funds in Western New York is to perform projects that on a watershed basis have the greatest return to the community for the dollars spent.

Come listen to these three leaders talk about their organization’s wet weather challenges, their reason for forming the “coalition”, the goals of the “coalition”, what has been done so far, and what is planned for the future. See if there is reason and opportunity for your community to join the group to address wet weather issues in Western New York.

<b>Date:</b>	November 13, 2008	
<b>Time:</b>	5:30 PM	Networking and Cash Bar
	6:30 PM	Dinner
	7:30 PM	Presentation
<b>Credits:</b>	<i>Applied for PDH</i>	
<b>Location:</b>	Chef’s Restaurant 291 Seneca Street Buffalo, NY 14204	
<b>Entrée:</b>	Family Style including Rigatoni w/Meatsauce, Italian Sausage w/Peppers and Onions, and Chicken Parmesan	
<b>Registration:</b>	\$25 for NYWEA Members and Young Professionals \$35 Non Members Please call Nikki Brannigan at 691-8503 or <a href="mailto:snbrannigan@stearnswheler.com">snbrannigan@stearnswheler.com</a> by <b>November 7<sup>th</sup></b> to make your reservation. Submit checks made payable to WNYWEA at the door.	