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New York Water Environment Association Announces Khristopher A. Dodson to be the Next Executive Director

Syracuse, NY – The New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA), announced today that Khristopher A. Dodson has been selected to serve as its next Executive Director. He has been an integral part of the volunteer leadership of NYWEA, serving as an officer to the Board of Directors since 2019, and most recently as President, from February 2022-February 2023. Dodson previously Chaired the Public Outreach Committee, and since 2011, has served on several committees and the Green Infrastructure and Public Engagement Task Forces for NYWEA.

Dodson has worked for the Environmental Finance Center at Syracuse University since March 2008, most recently as the Director of Water Resilience Initiatives. He previously worked as Associate Director and Communications and Program Manager at the Environmental Finance Center. He also has worked as a Project Staff Associate at the Great Lakes Research Consortium (GLRC) and as a consultant to the Atlantic States Legal Foundation (ASLF) and Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University.

Dodson has been very involved in a broad range of public outreach related to Green Infrastructure and other environmental initiatives throughout his career. He served as Chairperson of the Public Outreach and Education Committee for Green Infrastructure to the Onondaga County Executive's Office in 2008, helping to educate the public in advance of the creation of the County's award-winning Save the Rain program. Dodson also served on the City of Binghamton’s Green Infrastructure Task Force, the City of Syracuse Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee, and the Onondaga County Save the Rain Green Improvement Fund Review Committee. He worked in public education and outreach facilitation with the New York State Great Lakes Compact as well as New York’s Oceans and Great Lakes Ecosystem Conservation Council’s Ecosystem-Based Management Report and Public Outreach Campaign.

Dodson's experience as a college instructor aligns well with the educational mission of NYWEA. He has been a Visiting Instructor for the Department of Environmental Studies at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF) since 2006, teaching classes in introductory writing, computer applications, business and sustainability, environmental communications, and environmental journalism. Dodson also teaches an interdisciplinary class on Infrastructure and Society for the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Syracuse University.

Dodson earned dual Master's degrees – a Master of Professional Studies in Environmental Communication from SUNY-ESF and a Master of Arts in Magazine, Newspaper and Online Journalism from the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts dual majoring in Environmental Studies and English, with a minor in Cultural Anthropology from Binghamton University.

Dodson will succeed current Executive Director Patricia Cerro-Reehil upon her retirement in June 2023.
About NYWEA: Founded in 1929 by professionals in the field of water quality as a nonprofit educational organization, NYWEA has 2,500 members statewide and hosts several technical conferences each year for environmental engineers, scientists, water resource recovery operators, public officials and others who work in water and wastewater quality management. In addition, NYWEA sponsors a scholarship program, publishes *Clear Waters* – a quarterly educational magazine, administers wastewater operator training and certification, and supports humanitarian clean water projects. Headquartered in Syracuse, NYWEA has seven regional chapters, 15 college student chapters and is a Member Association of the international Water Environment Federation. For more information, please visit [www.nywea.org](http://www.nywea.org).

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