



**27th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks**  
**May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**The Conference Center at Lake Placid, Lake Placid, NY**

**"Climate Change in the Adirondack/North Country Region –  
Mitigation, Adaptation, and Implications"**



**ADK CLIMATE STORIES:** University of Rochester professors and students will be set up in the Lobby of the Conference Center throughout the Conference to record personal stories from attendees about their experiences with Climate Change in the Park through their project, ADK Climate Stories. Visit <https://adkclimatestories.org/> to learn more about this multifaceted project telling the story of climate change in the Adirondack Park. Don't miss this opportunity to share your insights and perspectives!

**DRAFT PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

**Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- 7:30 a.m. Registration, Coffee, Poster and Exhibit Set-Up
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome: **Dr. Melanie Johnson**, Paul Smith's College, President of the Adirondack Research Consortium
- 8:45 a.m. Keynote Speaker: **Aaron Mair**, Adirondack Council: Climate Change Perspectives and Implications; from the COP Egypt Conference to the importance of local/regional action, how best to be inclusive, and the greatest needs.
- 9:30 a.m. Featured Speaker: **Dr. Curt Stager**, Paul Smith's College, "Once and Future Climate in the Adirondacks?"
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Panel Discussion: The New York State Climate Change Assessment: Ecosystem Impacts in the Adirondacks  
**Amanda Stevens**, NYSERDA, Introduction to the Assessment  
**John Foppert**, Paul Smith's College, Forested Ecosystems  
**Doug Burns**, USGS, Alpine Ecosystems  
**Doug Burns**, USGS, Lakes  
**George Robinson**, Emeritus, SUNY-Albany, Rivers  
**Sheila Hess**, Consultant, Wetlands
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch – Speaker: **Ray Curran**, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Adirondack Park's Private Land Use and Development Plan

- 1:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions:
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| Session 1: Update on the Road Salt Task Force Report: <b>Brendan Wiltse</b> , Paul Smith's College Adirondack Watershed Institute, <b>Chris Navitsky</b> , Lake George Waterkeeper, The FUND for Lake George  |
| Session 2: 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Adirondack Park's Private Land Use and Development Plan: <b>Phil Terrie</b> , Moderator  |
| Session 3: Adirondack Climate Stories, About the Project, Findings to Date, and the Future: <b>Rose Pasquarello Beauchamp</b> , University of Rochester; <b>Stephanie Ashenfelder</b> , University of Rochester; <b>Jackie Bowen</b> , Adirondack Council |
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions:
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| Session 1: Workshop: Status and Opportunities for Clean Water Infrastructure: <b>David Miller</b> , Adirondack Research Consortium, <b>Robert Wick</b> , Essex County Office of Community Resources. |
| Session 2: Save our Winter Sports, <b>Don Mellor</b> (author of ice climbing guides in ADK), <b>Emma Lamy</b> (sustainability, ORDA), <b>Caroline Dodd</b> , Clarkson University (Stephen Bird)      |
- 4:15 p.m. Reception – POSTER SESSION: Meet the Poster Authors  
Refreshments, Music, and Prizes!

**Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- 8:00 a.m. Registration Opens, Coffee
- 8:30 a.m. Speaker:
- 9:15 a.m. Panel: Information and Innovations in Climate Change Mitigation Technologies: **Stephen Bird**, Clarkson University
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions:
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| Session 1: Demands on Local Governments to Meet Climate Mitigation Targets<br><b>Hon. Joe Pete Wilson</b> , Supervisor, Town of Keene, NY;   |
| Session 2: Social Implications, Impacts on Families, Environmental Justice Issues  |
| Session 3: Waterbody Carrying Capacity, Moderator: <b>David Gibson</b> , Adirondack Wild: Friends of the Forest Preserve, <b>Chad Dawson</b> , ESF Emeritus; <b>Zoe Smith</b> , Adirondack Watershed Institute at Paul Smith's College; and, <b>Claudia Braymer</b> , Braymer Law, Deputy Director of Protect the Adirondacks, and co-chair of the Adirondack and Catskill Forest Preserve committee of the Environmental Law Section of the New York State Bar Association. |
- 12:00 p.m. Annual Awards Luncheon:  
Speaker
- Student Award: **Richard H. Morse Award**:
  - Presentation of the **2023 Thorndike Adirondack Achievement Award**, **Dr. Curt Stager**, **Paul Smith's College**
- 1:30 p.m.
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| Workshop 1: Update on the Survey of Climate Change and Adirondack Lake Ecosystems (SCALE) Project: |
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Workshop 2: Adirondack Birds, Animals and Plants Vulnerable to Climate Change: **Michale Glennon**, Paul Smith's College; **Matthew D. Schlesinger**, NY Heritage Program;

2:45-4:00 Optional tour for interested conference participants of the newly renovated Olympic Museum

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