



27th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks

May 18th and 19th, 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: During the Conference, University of Rochester professors and students will be stationed in the Lobby of the Conference Center to record attendees' stories about their experiences with Climate Change in the Adirondacks. ADK Climate Stories is a multifaceted project that aims to tell the story of the region's changing climate - don't miss the chance to join in and share your perspectives! Learn more about the project at <https://adkclimatestories.org/>.



DRAFT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Thursday, May 18th, 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. **Introduced by Liz Thorndike.**
- 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, CC Environment and Planning, Wetlands
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch – Speakers: **Raymond P. Curran and Peter S. Paine, Jr.**, Reflections on the 50th Anniversary of the Adirondack Park's Private Land Use and Development Plan.

- 1:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions:
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| Session 1: 50 th Anniversary of the Adirondack Park's Private Land Use and Development Plan: Ross Whaley , Moderator; Raymond P. Curran ; Peter S. Paine, Jr. ; Ken Hughes , Supervisor of Town of Essex; and Chris Amato , Protect the Adirondacks. (Ballroom) |
| Session 2: Adirondack Climate Stories, About the Project, Findings to Date, and the Future: Rose Pasquarello Beauchamp , University of Rochester; Stephanie Ashenfelder , University of Rochester; Jackie Bowen , Adirondack Council (Lussi B) |
- 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: David Miller , Adirondack Council Clean Water Program Coordinator; Robert Wick , Essex County Office of Community Resources. (Lussi B) |
| Session 2: Adapt and Change: Winter Sports in the 'Daks, Stephen Bird , Clarkson University, Moderator; Jeremy Haas , Rock and River Ice Guide; Caroline Dodd , XC ski coach at Clarkson University; and Emma Lamy , ORDA. (Ballroom) |
- 4:15 p.m. Reception – POSTER SESSION: Meet the Poster Authors
Refreshments and Prizes! (Roamer's Café)
Music by **Moment's Notice**

Friday, May 19th, 2023

- 8:00 a.m. Registration Opens, Coffee
- This morning segment is dedicated to the memory of **Bruce and Nancy Selleck**.*
- 8:30 a.m. Speaker: Trees and forests as nature-based solutions in the US: **Dr. Grant Domke**, US Forest Service. Introduced by **John Bartow**, Empire State Forest Products Association.
- 9:15 a.m. Panel: The Climate Action Council Scoping Plan-Implementation, Climate Justice and Forestry: **Mark Lowery**, NYSDEC; **Sameer Ranade**, NYSERDA; **Molly Hassett**, NYSDEC
- 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: Hon. Sterling Goodspeed , former Warren County D.A. and former Supervisor, Town of Johnsburg, NY, Moderator; Hon. Joe Pete Wilson , Supervisor, Town of Keene, NY; Hon. William Farber , Supervisor, Town of Morehouse; and Kimball Daby , Superintendent of the Lake Placid Municipal Electric Company. (Lussi C) |
| Session 2: Partnerships for Action in Climate Change Education, Communication and Public Engagement: Jen Kretser , The Wild Center; Zoe Smith , Adirondack Watershed Institute at Paul Smith's College; Tracy Ormsbee , Adirondack Explorer; Mark Beauharnois , Atmospheric Sciences Research Center, SUNY Albany, Paul Hai - SUNY ESF's Adirondack Ecological Center, and Ashley Eaton , Lake Champlain Sea Grant Institute. (Ballroom) |
| Session 3: Waterbody Carrying Capacity, Moderator: David Gibson , Adirondack Wild: Friends of the Forest Preserve, Chad Dawson , ESF Emeritus; and Claudia Braymer , 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. (Lussi B) |

- 12:00 p.m. Annual Awards Luncheon:
- Speaker: **Hon. Billy Jones**, 115th Assembly District
 - Student Award: **Richard H. Morse Award: Tanner Pignone**, Paul Smith's College
 - Presentation of the **2023 Thorndike Adirondack Achievement Award, Dr. Curt Stager, Paul Smith's College**

*This afternoon segment is dedicated to the memory of **Bill Porter**.*

1:30 p.m.

Session 1: Adirondack Birds, Animals and Plants Vulnerable to Climate Change: Melanie Johnson , Moderator: Michale Glennon , Paul Smith's College; Matthew D. Schlesinger , NY Heritage Program; and, Dan Bogan , Sienna College (Lussi A)
Session 2: Climate Action Planning at Regional Colleges: Katharine Glenn , Paul Smith's College; TBD (Lussi B)
Session 3: Trends from 100 years of river discharge data in the Adirondacks: Eileen B. Allen , Moderator; Jeffrey Chiarenzelli , St. Lawrence University; Are Loons on Thin Ice with Climate Change?: Nina Schoch , Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation; and Sky Hooler, University at Albany, The Initiation of Regime Shifts in Trophic Status on ADK Lakes. (Lussi C)

- 2:45-4:00 Optional tour for interested conference participants of the newly renovated Olympic Museum. Sign-up sheet at reception desk.

- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

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