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19th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks

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Plenary Session.

Colin Beier, SUNY ESF; **David Wolfe**, Cornell University; and, **Curt Stager**, Paul Smith's College.

Georgia Jones of Lake Placid and **John Mills**, Paul Smith's College.

Jerry Jenkins, Wildlife Conservation Society.

Rick Fedrizzi, U.S. Green Building Council; **Neil Murphy**, SUNY ESF; **Alice Recore**, Mountain Lake PBS; **Tony Collins**, Clarkson University; and, **John Mills**, Paul Smith's College.



The 2012 Annual Conference on the Adirondacks was held last May in Lake Placid. The theme was “Entrepreneurship, Sustainability, and the Environment”. The keynote speaker was **Rick Fedrizzi**, President and CEO of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) in Washington, D.C. USGBC is committed to cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings through its LEED certification program. There are now 150,000 LEED registered projects in 130,000 countries around the world. Currently, the Council is working on a new rating system for warehouses, schools, and retail stores.

The Conference featured a panel with Clarkson President **Tony Collins**, SUNY-ESF President **Neil Murphy**, and Paul Smith's College President **John Mills** on “Institutions of Higher Education as Economic Engines for the Community”. As an example, Dr. Mills noted that according to the Council of Independent Colleges and Universities, Paul Smith's College generates an annual economic impact of

\$62 million. The Conference also featured an energy panel on “Bringing Alternative and Renewable Technologies to Gridscale Energy Resources” with **Bob Catell** of AERTC, **Frank Murray** of NYSERDA, **Paul DeCotis** of the Long Island Power Authority, and **Echo Cartwright** of National Grid. The panel discussed alternative energy sources and the challenges of providing for market demands.

David Wolfe, Cornell University; **Curt Stager**, Paul Smith's College; **Colin Beier**, SUNY ESF; and, **Jerry Jenkins**, Wildlife Conservation Society, presented their latest research findings on climate change and ecosystem impacts. In addition we were pleased to learn about the Syracuse Center for Excellence from **Ed Bogucz**, and Ecology and Environment Inc's work with Adirondack organizations on the North County Sustainable Growth Plan from **Rebecca Flora**. For complete conference program information, please go to our webpage at adkresearch.org.