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***Science for Community Solutions:
Research, Tools, and Action for Adirondack Waters
One-Day Conference***

**Tuesday, February, 17th, 2026
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Adirondack Room, Joan Weill Adirondack Library, Paul Smith's College

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

9:00 a.m. Registration & Tabling Session

Coffee, tea, and light breakfast items

9:45 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

Paul Smith's College, Adirondack Research Consortium, Adirondack Council, Adirondack Watershed Institute

10:00 a.m. Panel: Road Salt Best Management Practices

An overview of research and monitoring on road salt impacts as well as real solutions and best practices at the municipal level and legislative actions at the state level.

- Moderator: **Dr. Chelsea Smith**, Adirondack Watershed Institute
- **Lija Treibergs**, Adirondack Watershed Institute
- **Superintendent Mike Farrell and Deputy Superintendent Tyler Jarvis**, Town of Peru
- **Superintendent Brad Hathaway**, Village of Lake Placid
- **Andrew Williams**, Adirondack Council

10:50 a.m. Break & Tabling Session

11:00 a.m. Presentation: Wake Sports in the Adirondacks

Local actions and lake-friendly approaches to mitigate the impacts of wake sports on our wildlife and ecosystems.

- **Claudia Brayer**, Protect the Adirondacks
- **Dr. Lizz Schuyler**, Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation

11:30 a.m. Presentation: GIS Tools and Apps for Easier Clean Water Administration

An overview of the tool being used to monitor septic replacement in the county.

- **Sara Frankenfeld**, Warren County Planning
- **Ethan Gaddy**, Warren County Planning

12:00 p.m. Lunch in the Bobcat Lounge, Joan Weill Student Center

1:15 p.m. **Presentation: New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation - Programs, Funding and Income Surveys - How-to guidance for accessing funding programs**
• **Gabby Smith**, NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation
• **Nick Demitraszek**, NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation

1:45 p.m. **Panel: Community-Based Water Protection Strategies**
An overview of the different tools and resources that lake associations, communities, landowners, and others can access to better protect the health of their lakes.
• **Chris Navitsky**, Lake George Association
• **Guy Middleton**, Upper Saranac Foundation
• Kelley Tucker, Ausable Freshwater Center
• **Erin Vennie-Vollrath**, DEC
• Dr. Sara Kelly, Adirondack Watershed Institute

2:45 p.m. **Federal and State Legislative and Funding Updates**
• **Andrew Williams**, Adirondack Council

2:55 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
(*Adirondack Watershed Institute*)

3:00 p.m. **Tabling Session & Optional Tours**
*Note: For the optional tours, you will need to walk across campus. Please wear safe walking shoes/boots and winter outdoor clothing.

3:15 p.m. **Optional Tour of Paul Smith's College Mobile Emergency Response Operations Center**

3:35 p.m. **Optional Tour of the Adirondack Watershed Institute's NYS-Certified Water Quality Lab**

4:00 p.m. **Conference Adjourns**



COMING IN APRIL!
30th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks
“Key Issues Shaping the Adirondack Future”
Wednesday & Thursday, April 15-16, 2026, High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid, NY

For program and registration information:
<https://www.adkresearch.org/events>