

**Agenda**  
**11th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks**  
**Hotel Saranac, Saranac Lake, NY**  
**May 26-27, 2004**

**Day 1, Wednesday, May 26**

- 8:00 AM-9:00 AM—Registration** **Grand Hall**  
Poster sessions in the Grand Hall throughout the conference
- 9:00 AM-10:30 AM- Panel**
- Sustainable Tourism in the Adirondacks** (Moderator—Wayne Glass) **Ballroom**  
*Techniques of Sustainable Tourism in the Adirondacks*  
Panelists: James McKenna, Jeanne Ashworth, Ann Holland, Ann Melious
- 10:30 AM-10:45 AM Break** **Grand Hall**  
Poster sessions in the Grand Hall throughout the conference
- 10:45 AM-12:15 PM-Panel** **Ballroom**
- Regional Management of Invasive Species** (Moderator –James Skaley)  
*Developing a regional governance structure to manage the spread of aquatic invasive species* Panelists Bill Faro,
- 12:15-1:30 PM—Lunch** **Ballroom**
- Introductions: Jon Erickson, U. of Vermont**
- Welcoming remarks: John Mills, President, Paul Smiths College**
- Keynote Speaker— Robert Constanza, Gund Professor of Ecological Economics and Director of the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics, U. of Vermont**  
*Ecological Economics: Reintegrating the Study of Humans and Rest of Nature*
- 1:30 PM-3:00 PM-Plenary Session** (Moderator – Liz Thorndike) **Ballroom**
- Management Planning in the Adirondack Park: Does Where We Draw the Line Make a Difference?* Stacy McNulty and William Porter
- Overcoming Obstacles and Achieving Best Practices: Hamlets of the Adirondacks, Are the Development Strategies of the Last 30 Years Working?* Ann Holland
- Putting the Adirondacks in its National Context: Big Plans for Big Places* Mark Lapping
- 3:00 PM-3:15 PM-Break** **Grand Hall**  
Poster sessions in the Grand Hall throughout the conference
- 3:15 PM-5:00 PM Concurrent Sessions**
- Concurrent Session I Adirondack Wildlife** (Moderator—Bill Porter) **Ballroom**
- Black Bears and Humans in the Adirondacks: Assessing the Conflict in Backcountry and Frontcountry Settings*  
Michale Glennon, Leslie Karasin, Zoe Smith

*How Do We Best Determine the Ecological Feasibility of Restoring Gray Wolves to the Adirondacks?*

Seth Myers, Jeff Organ, William Porter

*Distribution and Habitat Requirements of Spruce Grouse Near the Southeastern Edge of Their range*

Glenn Johnson, Angela Ross

*An Evaluation of Historical Change Among White-tailed Deer Winter Yards in the Adirondacks.*

Jeremy Hurst, William Porter

**Concurrent Session II      Adirondack Economy** (Moderator—Laurie Marr)

**Lower Regis**

*Grass Roots or Grab Bag: The Virtual Identity of the Adirondack-North Country*

Elizabeth Bernat, Tim Clukey, Jonathan Slater

*Economic Impact of Tourism on Northern New York*

Laurie Marr

*Economic Impact of Mountain Biking in the Tri-Lakes*

Jim McKenna

*Impact of Canadian Firm Location Decisionmaking on Economic Development Policy*

Wayne Glass, Prem Gandhi, Brian O'Neil

**Concurrent Session III      Adirondack Culture and Learning** (Moderator—John Peden)

**Library Meeting Room**

*Treating Culture as “Natural” in the Adirondack Forest Preserve*

Michael Wilson, Sarah Seeley

*Assessing Visitor Experiences in the Eastern High Peaks Wilderness Area: An Application of Stress Coping Theory*

John Peden, Rudolph Schuster

*Using Interpretation to Achieve Conservation Education in the Science Classroom*

Paul Hai, D. Andrew Saunders

**6:30 PM-Dinner**

**Ballroom**

**Host: John Mills, President, Paul Smiths College**

**Following Dinner:**

*Adirondack Atlas – Changing Times and Challenges for Communities in the Adirondack Park*

Andy Keal, Jerry Jenkins

**See You Tomorrow for Breakfast!**

**Day 2, Thursday, May 27**

**7:30 AM-8:30 AM-Plenary Session**

**Ballroom**

**Introductions: Ron J. Oakerson, Academic Vice-President, Houghton College**

**Keynote Speaker: Ross Whaley**

*Research Agenda to Assist the Adirondack Park Agency in Fulfilling Its Responsibilities*

Ross Whaley, Raymond Curran, Stephen Erman

**A light Continental Breakfast will be available**

**8:30 AM-10:00 AM- Plenary Panel**

(Moderator – Elizabeth Thorndike)

**Ballroom**

*Off-road Motor Vehicle Use in the Adirondack Park: Planning and Management Issues*

Panelists: Rob Davies, Alex Ernst, Jim Jennings, Leslie Karasin, Ross Whaley, Neil Woodworth

**10:00 AM-10:15 AM-Break**

**Grand Hall**

**Poster sessions in the Grand Hall throughout the conference**

**10:15 Am-12:00 PM Concurrent Sessions**

**Concurrent Session I**

**Adirondack Forests** (Moderator – Shanna Ratner)

**Ballroom**

*Assessing Public Attitudes Toward Forest Management in the Adirondacks*

Donald Dennis, Mark Twery, Michael Rechlin, Bruce Hansen

*Changing from Industrial to Non-Industrial Land Ownership in the Northern Forest*

Shanna Ratner

*Working Forests in the Northern Forests of New York*

Steven Wolf, Jeff Klein

**Concurrent Session II**

**Adirondack Aquatic and Ecological Assessment**

(Moderator – Stacy McNulty)

**Lower Regis**

*Application of GIS to Rapid Inventory for Unit Management Planning*

Benjamin Zuckerberg, Stacy McNulty, William Porter

*The Influence of Soil Calcium Availability on Forest Vegetation and Nitrate Concentrations in*

*Surface Waters* Blair Page, Myron Mitchell, Sheila Christopher

*Environmental Impact of Deicing Road Salt at the Cascade Lakes Region of the Adirondack Park*

Joseph Oso, Hanna Prutzman, Tom Langen, Michael Twiss, Thomas Young

*Evidence for Zooplankton Recovery in Chemically Recovering Adirondack Lakes*

William Shaw, Paul Bukaveckas, James Sutherland, Charles Boylen, Sandra Nierzwicki-Bauer

**12:00 PM-1:15 PM-Lunch**

**Ballroom**

**Introductions, Elizabeth Thorndike, Center for Environmental Information**

**Special Presentation – Adirondack Achievement Award**

**Presented by Michael Wilson, Associate Director, Sagamore Institute**

**Keynote Speaker-Joseph Visalli, Director, Energy Resources, Transportation & Power Systems, and Environmental Research, NYSERDA**

*Energy and Environmental Research at NYSERDA and Implications for the Adirondacks.*

**1:15 PM-1:45 PM-ARC Business Meeting**

**Ballroom**

**1:45 PM-2:00 PM-Break**

**Grand Hall**

**Poster sessions in the Grand Hall throughout the conference**

**2:00 PM-5:00 PM-Concurrent Sessions**

**Concurrent Session I**

**Ballroom**

*Workshop on Participatory Community Problem-Solving*  
Shanna Ratner

**Concurrent Session II**

**Lower Regis**

*Focus Group Discussion on Invasive Species Management*  
James Skaley

**Thank You for Participating in this Year's Conference**

**Please Remember to Complete Your Evaluation**

## Poster Session

### Grand Hall

**A Preliminary Study of the Relationship Between the Availability of Preferred Browse and Protective Cover as it Influences Use by Snowshoe Hares** J. Butz, S. Dalton, D. Donahue, J. Feld, L. Myers, T. Nead, S. Sears, J. Wiegert, C. Yost, C. Evans

**A Study Evaluating the Use and Accuracy of the USGS' National Aerial Photography Program in Aiding Adirondack Park Agency Wetland Specialists in Locating, Delineating and Designating Wetlands in the Northern Adirondack Park** Dennis Donahue

**An Investigation of the Efficacy of the Watershed Stewardship Program's Educational Message**  
Eric Holmlund

**Changes in the Tropic Status of Star Lake in the Northeastern Adirondack Park** James Wolfe

**Common Loon as a Tool for Environmental Education** Nina Schoch, Valerie Trudeau, Michale Glennon, David Adams, David Evers, Fred Realbuto

**Effects of Forest Management on Riparian Plant Communities and Riparian Zone Width in Upland Adirondack Watersheds** Michael Dieterich, Thomas Woodcock, Kenneth Adams, Timothy Mihuc

**Feeding Patterns of Brook Trout in Adirondack Upland Streams** David Welch, Timothy Mihuc, Tom Woodcock, Corey Laxson, Luke Myers

**GIS Habitat Model for Spruce Grouse in the Adirondack Park** Rigel Aldridge, Sunita Halsz, John Barge, Angelena Ross, Glenn Johnson

**Interaction Between Silvicultural Treatments, Deer Browsing, and Seedling Regeneration in a Northern Hardwoods Forest** Rose Thelan, James Allen, Celia Evans

**Leaf Litter and its Influence on Invertebrate Community Assemblages in Northern Forested Streams** Luke Myers, Timothy Mihuc

**Migration Patterns and Wintering Range of Common Loons Breeding in New York State: Preliminary Findings** David Adams, Kevin Kenow, David Evers, Nina Schoch, Robert Kratt, Michale Glennon, Valerie Trudeau, Fred Realbuto, Andrew Major

**Monitoring Discharges in Natural Channels in the Adirondack Mountains** Joe Thouin, Brett Jutras, E. A. Romanowicz

**Potential Climate Change Impacts on Downhill Skiing** Kate Detweiler, Leslie Karasin

**Stream Benthic Macroinvertebrate Composition in Managed and Preserved Adirondack Headwater Catchments** Timothy Jackson, T. B. Mihuc, T. Woodcock, J. R. Mihuc, K. Spring, C. Tran, D. Welch, L. Myers

**Teaching Environmental Science and Policy Through a Critical Analysis of a Regional Environmental Controversy: Does It Improve Understanding and Change Attitudes?**  
Tom Langen, Rick Welsh

**Testing the Growth/Differentiation Balance Hypothesis on American Beech Trees Infected with Beech Bark Disease in the Adirondack Uplands** Celia Evans

**The Adirondack Atlas, A Geographic Portrait of the Adirondack Park**

Jerry Jenkins, Andy Keal

**The Adirondack Park is Not an Island: Actions and Interactions in the Study of an Invasive Species  
– Non-native *Phragmites australis*** Scott Perez

**Toward a Holistic Interpretive Plan for the Hitchens Pond Primitive Areas of the Bog River Flow**  
Sarah Seeley, Michael Wilson