

Fifth Annual Conference on the Adirondacks
May 20 -22, 1998 • Hotel Saranac • Saranac Lake, New York

Program

Wednesday, May 20

- 8:00 a.m. Registration Grand Hall
- 9:00 Introductory Remarks, Ballroom
- 9:15 to 10:30 Panel Discussion, Ballroom
EMPOWERING LOCAL COMMUNITIES: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?
Moderator: *David J. Allee*, Cornell Local Government Program
Participants:
Steve Erman, Adirondack Park Agency
Mary Hotaling, Historic Saranac Lake
Jerry Rosenthal, Community Economic Renewal Project, Indian Lake
Mary Moro, Community, Development Project, Newcomb-North Creek
Debbie McDonnell, Community Development, Saranac Lake
- 10:30 to 12:15 Concurrent Paper Sessions
- Ballroom CREATIVE NEW PARTNERSHIPS, INSTITUTIONS, AND COMMUNITIES
Moderator: *Ray Curran*, Adirondack Park Agency
- 10:30 to 10:40 The Adirondack Project: Mapping Adirondack Communities. *C. Brooks*
- 10:40 to 10:50 The St. Lawrence Aquarium and Ecological Center: A Community-Based Ecological, Educational, and Economic Initiative. *J. Rose*
- 10:50 to 11:00 Introduction to the Northern Forest Center. *S. Blackmer*
- 11:00 to 11:45 A Workshop on Collaborative Environmental Management in the Adirondacks.
W. Solecki, R. Mason, and S. Michaels
- 11:45 to 12:15 Discussion
- Berkeley Room COMMUNITY-CENTERED ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS IN THE PARK
Moderator: *Glenn Harris*, St. Lawrence University
- 10:50 to 11:20 NYS Citizen's Pollution Control Program. *J. Miller*
- 11:20 to 12:00 Chateaugay Lakes Watershed Management Plan. *J. Racette and L. Raymond Jr.*
- 12:15 to 1:30 Luncheon Panel Question and Answer Session, Ballroom
The Citizens Advisory Committee on the Feasibility of Wolf Reintroduction in the Adirondacks
- 1:30 to 2:30 Concurrent Paper Sessions
- Lower Regis Room PUTTING A VALUE ON THE ADIRONDACKS
Moderator: *Karen Edwards*, Paul Smith's College
- 1:30 to 1:40 Realizing the Economic Potential of the Forest Preserve. *B. McMartin*
- 1:40 to 1:50 Tax Incentives and the Forest Landscape. *J. Erickson and M. Zhang*
- 1:50 to 2:00 Historical Disturbances Impacting Adirondack Land in Franklin County, NY. *H. Kretser*
- 2:00 to 2:30 Discussion

Berkeley Room	MANAGING THE PARK FOR CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL USE Moderator: <i>Charles Alexander</i> , Paul Smith's College
1:30 to 1:40	Bewildered: Defining Adirondack Great Camps as National Historic Landmarks. <i>M. Wilson</i>
1:40 to 1:50	A Comparison of Wilderness Privacy within Two New York State Wilderness Environments. <i>C. Fuller and C. Dawson</i>
1:50 to 2:00	The Case for Wilderness Management Training in the Adirondack and Catskill Forest Preserve. <i>D. Gibson and K. Rimany</i>
2:00 to 2:30	Discussion
Academy Room	SEEING THE TREES Moderator: <i>Mike DiNunzio</i> , Adirondack Council
1:30 to 1:40	Natural Disturbance as a Model for Silviculture in Northeastern Forests. <i>R. and C. Fimbel, J. Gibbs</i>
1:40 to 1:50	Fire and Ice: Restoration or Requiem for an Ecological Preserve. <i>K. Adams and D. Franzi</i>
1:50 to 2:00	Adirondack Mountain Forest Ecosystems and Environmental Change. <i>E. Miller</i>
2:00 to 2:30	Discussion
Ballroom	UNDERSTANDING VALUES IN THE ADIRONDACKS Moderator: <i>Neil Surprenant</i> , Paul Smith's College
1:30 to 1:40	The Comparative Economic Strength of the Adirondack Park, 1990 - 1997. <i>R. Withington, R. Christopherson, and D. Haas</i>
1:40 to 1:50	What Ecological Economics Might Contribute to Forest Management in the Adirondack Park. <i>G. Cox</i>
1:50 to 2:00	Increase in Tourism: Development Problem or Solution? The Example of Lake George in Upstate New York. <i>J. Vazquez, S. O'Hara, and S. Stagl</i>
2:00 to 2:30	Discussion
3:00 to 4:30	Panel Discussion, Ballroom THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF MAINTAINING OPEN SPACES, WILDERNESS LANDS AND WORKING LANDSCAPES IN THE ADIRONDACK PARK Moderators: <i>R. Christopherson and R. Withington, Jr.</i> , Plattsburgh State University Participants: <i>Thomas Bissell</i> , Supervisor, Town of Long Lake <i>Michael G. DiNunzio</i> , Adirondack Council <i>Jon Erickson</i> , Professor of Economics, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute <i>Nonnan Howard</i> , Owner, Wawbeek and visiting professor at SUNY, Plattsburgh <i>John Maye</i> , Area Six Legislator and DEC Forest Ranger
5:30	Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar), Grand Hall
6:30	Dinner, Ballroom
7:30	Keynote Address and Slide Show, Ballroom Community Planning in the United States: The Geography of Nowhere <i>James Howard Kunstler</i>

Thursday, May 21

- 7:30 Breakfast, Lydia's
- ?:00 to 10:30 Panel Discussion, Ballroom
RESEARCH IN THE ADIRONDACKS: **PuBuc** ACCESSIBILITY TO INFORMATION AND LINKAGES TO POLICY MAKING
Moderators: *Thomas Pasquarello and Christopher Cirno*
Participants:
Curt Stager, Paul Smith's College
Karen Roy, Adirondack Park Agency
Rebecca Schneider, Cornell University
Tim Holmes, Holmes and Associates, Saranac Lake
- 10:30 to 12:00 Concurrent Paper Sessions
- Ballroom WATER QUALITY IN THE ADIRONDACKS
Moderator: *Curt Stager*, Paul Smith's College
- 10:30 to 10:40 An Update on Experimental Watershed Studies in the Adirondacks: Their Importance for Research and Pedagogy in a Regional Context. *C. Cirno*
- 10:40 to 10:50 Water Lily Decline in the Adirondacks: Spatial Extent and Causal Factors. *R. Schneider, et al.*
- 10:50 to 11:00 The Adirondack Clean Waters Initiative: State of Knowledge about Water Quality in Adirondack Lakes. *M. Martin*
- 11:00 to 11:10 In Search of a Pristine Adirondack Lake. *T. Sanger and J. C. Stager*
- 11:10 to 12 Discussion
- Academy Room LAND-USE PLANNING: ACTING LOCALLY
Moderator: *John T. Omohundro*, SUNY, Potsdam
- 10:30 to 10:40 Eighty Percent of New Jobs Created: A Cost-Effective Approach to Wood Products Development in the Adirondack North Country Region? *T. Holmes*
- 10:40 to 10:50 Problems with Rural Land Subdivisions in the Absence of a Regional Planning Agency: The Case of the Catskills. *R. Amb*
- 10:50 to 11:00 Simulating Land-Use Change in the Lake George Watershed: An Impact Assessment and GIS Development. *V. Shandas and J. Erickson*
- 11:00 to 11:10 Building Upon and Institutionalizing Local Capacity to Solve Problems of the Environment and the Economy. *D. Kay, T. Roberson, and M. Schlarb*
- 11:10 to 12:00 Discussion
- Berkeley Room THE CHANGING FACE OF THE ADIRONDACK LANDSCAPE
Moderator: *John Brown*, Paul Smith's College
- 10:30 to 10:40 NY State Faces Major Land Purchase Opportunities in the Adirondack Park in 1998. *G. Cox*
- 10:40 to 10:50 An Application of a Multi-Criteria Decision Model to Open Space Conservation Choices. *M. Kane, G. Cox, and J. Erickson*
- 11:00 to 11:10 Identification of a Priority Conservation Zone Between Algonquin Park, Ontario and the Adirondack Park. *Greater Adirondack Wildlands Project.*
- 11:10 to 11:20 Algonquin to Adirondacks: Making the Link. *M. Lee, S. Pope, and J. Wegner*
- 11:20 to 12:00 Discussion
- 12:00 Buffet Luncheon, Ballroom
- **** 1:00 to 4:00 Adirondack Field Trips: *Sign up at the Registration Table*
Choose from an array of guided (by local experts) and unguided three-hour field trips that will illustrate an issue, condition, or aspect of life in the Adirondack Park. Field trips include a walking tour of historic Saranac Lake's community devel-

opment projects; a tour and lecture at the NYS DEC's fish hatchery near Upper Saranac Lake; a guided tour and lecture at White Pine Camp, the Summer White House of President Calvin Coolidge; a guided paddle down the Saranac River; and others. The trips are first-come, first-served; remember to have a second choice in mind. Trip transportation is sponsored by Paul Smith's College.

4:30 Poster Session and Beer Sampling, Grand Hall

Adirondack Micro-Brew Sampler:

This afternoon's poster session will feature a free sampling of Adirondack micro-brews from the Lake Placid Pub and Brewery. Meet entrepreneurs and brewers Chad Cleveland and Chris Ericson and taste their brewery's award-winning wares: Barkeater Amber, India Pale Ale, Ubu Ale (named after a local dog), and Bruce's Brown Bag Ale.

Poster Presentations:

Using the NED Suite of Computer Programs to Improve Forest Management Decisions, *M. Twery*; Adirondack Natural Community Inventory Project, *Adirondack Chapter of The Nature Conservancy*; St. Lawrence Aquarium & Ecological Center's Habitat Discovery Program, *P. Burdick*; Developing and Promoting a Premier Bicycle Tourism Destination in the Adirondack North Country Region, *T. Holmes*; Zooplankton-Nitrogen: Phosphorus Relationships in Northeastern US Lakes, *R. Sternberger and E. Miller*, Natural Disturbance as a Model for Silviculture in Northeastern Forests, *R. Fimbel*; A Decade of Air Pollution and Forest Ecosystem Studies at Whiteface Mountain, NY, *E. Miller and A. Friedland*; The Adirondack Research Consortium's Elementary School Poster Contest Winners, *K. Hargis*; An Interactive Adirondack Park: An Educational Computer Game for Middle School Students that Simulates the Park, *M. Allen and C. Brooks, et al*; Introduction to the Northern Forest Center, *Stephen Blackmer*, Adirondack Bed and Breakfasts: A Reservation Service, *Nadia Konhs*; and others.

6:00 Adirondack Great Camp Dinner, Ballroom
Roasted Venison, Trout, Pasta Primavera, Grilled Vegetables

6:00 to 10:00 Live Adirondack Music and Dancing, Ballroom
Wood Heat – A folk group from Saranac Lake led by licensed Adirondack guide and writer Chuck Brumley.
North Country Cloggers – An ensemble of Adirondack women offering traditional Appalachian clogging with an Adirondack twist, accompanied by the Too Tall String Band.
Stony Creek Band – A high energy acoustic mix of country, blues, rock, swing, and bluegrass from the heart of the Adirondacks.

Friday, May_22

7:30 to 9:00 Working Breakfast, Ballroom
An Open Meeting of the Adirondack Research Consortium. All are welcome.

9:00 to 10:30 Panel Discussion, Ballroom
INSTITUTION BUILDING: WILL THE REAL ADIRONDACK PARK PLEASE STAND UP?
Moderator: *Elizabeth Thomdike*, Visiting Fellow, Department of Natural Resources, Cornell University and former Commissioner of the Adirondack Park Agency
Participants:
John Collins, Board member, Residents' Committee to Protect the Adirondacks and former chair, Adirondack Park Agency
Ernest Hohmeyer, Executive Director, Adirondack Economic Development Corporation
Dean LeFebvre, Supervisor, Town of Altamont
Olga Krone, Member, Board of Directors, Lake Placid-Essex County Visitors Bureau; General Manager, Ramada Inn, Lake Placid

10:30 Conference Closes