



# Adirondack Research Consortium

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**24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on the Adirondacks**  
**May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017, The Conference Center at Lake Placid, Lake Placid, NY**

**“Transitions and Connectivity”**  
**In the Adirondacks and the Northern Forest**

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

- 7:30 a.m. Registration, Continental Breakfast, Poster and Exhibit Set-Up
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome: **Daniel Spada**, President, Adirondack Research Consortium, and, **Hon. Craig H. Randall**, Mayor, Lake Placid, NY
- 8:45 a.m. Adirondack Atlas Project, **Dan Spada**, Chair, **Steve Signell**, and **John Warren**
- 9:30 a.m. Panel: Applications of the Adirondack Atlas Project - Specific Projects Underway: **Cali Brooks**, President and CEO, Adirondack Foundation; **Jasen Lawrence**, Director of Marketing, ROOST; and,
- 10:15 a.m. Break – **POSTER SESSION**: Meet the Poster Authors
- 10:45 a.m. Keynote: **Aaron Mair**, President, Sierra Club, Veteran’s Memorial Trail from Fort Drum to the Adirondacks
- 11:15 a.m. Panel: Ongoing Recreational Opportunities: NYS DEC, Molpus Timber Management
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch – Guest Speaker: **Mark S. Lynch**, President, New York State Electric and Gas Corporation. Introduction and remarks by **Robert B. Catell**, Chairman, Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center at Stony Brook University
- 1:30 p.m. Panel: NYS Clean Water Infrastructure Program, **Ms. Sabrina M. Ty**, President and CEO, New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation; **Willie Janeway**, Executive Director, Adirondack Council; and, **John Sweeney**, Village Manager, Saranac Lake, NY.
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions:

Session 1: The Geology of the Adirondacks: Perspectives from the Adirondack Journal of Environmental Studies, Volume 21. Panelists/speakers including Jeff Chiarenzelli, Bruce Selleck, and other authors from this issue.
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**Session 2:** Adirondack Atlas Workshop – Hands on Demonstration (registration required)

**Session 3:** Clean Water Infrastructure Grants for Communities: ADK Needs & Opportunities, Staff of EFC.

5:00 p.m. Reception – Please join us for networking and “happy hour” at [Generations Tap and Grill at the Golden Arrow Lakeside Resort](#). Light snacks and a specially priced cash bar.

**Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens, Continental Breakfast

8:15 a.m. 2017 Adirondack Research Consortium’s Annual Meeting and Elections

- Election of Board Officers
- President’s Report
- Open Membership Comments

8:45 a.m. Panel: A Sense of Place - Connecting the Adirondacks through Food, Trails, and Heritage: **Cathy Dove**, President, Paul Smith’s College, Chair; **Steven Engelhart**, Executive Director, AARCH; **Chris Maron**, Executive Director, Champlain Area Trails; **Jori Wekin**, Director and Founder, The Hub on the Hill; and,

10:15 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

**Session 1:** **Tom Langen**, Clarkson University, Effectiveness of public-private partnerships for wetland conservation & restoration; **David Miller**, Algonquin to Adirondacks (A2A) Collaborative, Connectivity Mapping and Conservation Planning in the Algonquin to Adirondacks Corridor

**Session 2:** Economic, Social, and Environmental Impacts of Working Forests

**Session 3:** WCFE Session – Adirondack Animal Research and Projects

12:00 p.m. Annual Awards Luncheon:

- Award of the **2017 Richard H. Morse Scholarship**
- Recognizing of the Contributions of **Ken Rimany**
- Presentation of the **2017 Dr. Elizabeth W. Thorndike Adirondack Achievement Award: Raymond P. Curran**

1:30 p.m. Graphical Tools for Ecology, the Northern Forest Atlas, **Jerry Jenkins**, WCS, Ecology Chair

3:00 p.m. Adjourn