



Adirondack Research Consortium

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24th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks
May 24th and 25th, 2017, The Conference Center at Lake Placid, Lake Placid, NY

“Transitions and Connectivity”

In the Adirondacks and the Northern Forest

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Wednesday, May 24th, 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, **Jamie Brown**, Executive Director, Lake George Land Conservancy
- 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 on Public and Private Lands: **Tom Martin**, Region 5 Natural Resource Supervisor, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and **Tim Burpoe**, Property Manager, 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.

The Clean Water Infrastructure Program Panel is sponsored by the Adirondack Council

- 2:45 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions:

Session 1: Jason Denno, New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, Clean Water Infrastructure Grants for Communities: Adirondack Needs and Opportunities.

Session 2: 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 3: John Bartow, Executive Director, Empire State Forest Products Association, Economic, Social, and Environmental Impacts of Working Forests

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 25th, 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: “Gathering Places: Connecting People in 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, **Jay White**, President, Essex County Cornell Cooperative Extension.

10:15 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Documentary Screening: The Rare Creatures of the Photo Ark Series, **Janine Scherline** and **Bill McColgan**, Mountain Lake PBS, WCFE, Plattsburgh, NY

Panel: **Alissa Rafferty**, Adirondack Nature Conservancy; **Zoe Smith**, Wildlife Conservation Society; and, **Nina Schoch**, Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation

12:00 p.m. Annual Awards Luncheon:

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

2:00 p.m. Graphical Tools for Ecology, the Northern Forest Atlas, **Jerry Jenkins**, WCS, Ecology Chair; and, **Charles Canham**, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies

The Graphical Tools for Ecology presentation is sponsored by International Paper

3:00 p.m. Adjourn