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## 2017 Fall Forestry Roundtable

### "Private Forestland Management Strategies for the Future"

Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls, NY

The purpose of this one-day workshop is to provide an update on the "State of NY Forests" and the American Forest Foundation's report "Hidden in Plain Sight", as they apply to private forest management strategies in the Adirondacks.

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### Agenda

- 9:30 Coffee and registration
- 10:00 Welcome: **Jeff Denkenberger**, Molpus Woodlands Group, LLC  
Adirondack Research Consortium, Board of Directors  
**John Bartow**, Executive Director, Empire State Forest Products Association
- Welcoming Remarks: **Assemblyman Dan Stec**, 114<sup>th</sup> Assembly District
- 10:20 Research Report: American Forest Foundation Report, "Hidden in Plain Sight", Wildlife, Water quality, and Other Implications, **Morgan Smith**, Northeast Associate, and **Emma Johnson**, American Forest Foundation
- 11:15 Panel Discussion, Adirondack Implications  
Tax Credit Policy, §480A and §480B, **Rob Davies**, NYS DEC State Forester  
Private Forest Stewardship Cost Sharing, **Mike Burger**, Audubon  
Community Forests, **Katie Petronis**, OSI  
Next Generation of Working Forest Conservation Easements, **Linda Garrett**, Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 Presentation: The State of NY Forest Markets, **Sloan Crawford**, NYS DEC
- 2:15 Panel Discussion: Sustaining Markets as a Tool for Sustainable Forests  
Carbon Markets, **Troy Weldy**, TNC  
Renewable Energy Implications and Impacts on Forest Markets and Management  
Decisions, **Amanda Lavigne**, ANCA, President Adirondack Research Consortium
- 3:00 Update on Forest Pests – **Jerry Carlson**, NYS DEC
- 4:00 Adjourn

*October 3, 2017*

## 2017 Forestry Roundtable Presenters

**Assemblyman Dan Stec** represents the 114th Assembly District which includes all of Essex and Warren counties, and towns in Saratoga and Warren Counties. Dan brings valuable local government experience to the State Assembly. He got his start in Queensbury Town government – first on the zoning board and then for two terms as a town councilman. He served as Queensbury Town Supervisor for nine years and, more recently, served two years as Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors. Dan worked his way through Clarkson University while studying to earn his BS in Chemical Engineering, including one summer in Essex County at the International Paper Company in Ticonderoga. After graduation, he entered the U.S. Navy nuclear power program, serving for eight years as a nuclear engineer onboard the USS Truxtun, and was stationed in the Persian Gulf during operation Desert Storm. While serving in the Navy, he earned an MBA from the University of Rhode Island.

**Robert K. Davies**, is the **Director of DEC's Division of Lands and Forests** and also serves as the State Forester. He is responsible for the administration of several forestry programs in partnership with the United State Forest Service, including the Community Forest program and the Forest Legacy Program. Rob joined the Department in 1990 as a senior attorney in the Office of General Counsel. Mr. Davies received his Juris Doctor from the Albany Law School in 1990, and graduated with a degree in forest biology from the State University of New York's College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse in 1984.

**Morgan Smith** is currently the **Northeast Regional Associate** of the American Forest Foundation's conservation team. Her primary roles include partner management, marketing, and evaluation for the four northeastern projects, though she is also involved in much of the data tracking and analysis within the conservation team. Morgan joined the team in August, 2016 after completing a dual master's program at Syracuse University and SUNY ESF in Environmental Education and Public Administration. Prior to her master's degree, Morgan received a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science with a minor in Biology from SUNY Fredonia.

**Emma Johnson** works for the American Forest Foundation and focuses on cultivating support and partnerships to engage family woodlot owners in exemplary forest management throughout the Northeast region. Emma grew up in Syracuse, NY and graduated with a BFA from Syracuse University. Throughout her career she has dedicated her time to assisting non-profits to expand their mission through membership, development and special events.

**Mike Burger** has been with Audubon New York since 1999, first as a forest ecologist conducting research in the Adirondacks, then as **Director of Bird Conservation** for seven years, and most recently as Director of Conservation and Science. Based at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in Ithaca, Mike functions as Audubon New York's chief scientist, with a responsibility of providing a solid, science-based foundation for all of the organization's programs.

**Katie Petronis** is the **Northern Program Director** for the Open Space Institute, Open Space Institute. In her role, she manages all New York State conservation activities, programs, and acquisitions within OSI's northern New York program region, including the northern Hudson Valley, Capital District and Adirondacks. Katie lives in Saratoga Springs, where she serves as Chairman of the Board of Pitney Meadows Community Farm, Inc. Previously, she served as Board Chair of Saratoga P.L.A.N. She also serves on the board of directors of Adirondack Explorer and is a member of the NYSBA. Katie holds degrees from Emory University and a J.D. from the University of Colorado.

**Linda Garrett** has been the **Executive Director** of the Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust since 2002. After graduating from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse with a BS in Resource Management, she went on to complete her MS in Outdoor Recreation Planning, and began working for the NYS Tug Hill Commission as a Natural Resources Coordinator in 1988. It is here where she helped the Commission partner with local community leaders to create the Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust. Following, Linda spent time in Fairbanks, Alaska where she worked for the Alaska Natural History Association and the Alaska Public Lands Information Center, and volunteered for the Interior Alaska Land Trust before returning to Northern NY and Tug Hill Tomorrow.

**Sloane Crawford** is the **Program Leader for the Forest Stewardship and the Forest Utilization Programs at New York State DEC, Division of Lands and Forests**. Sloane has nearly 30 years of experience working in the fields of forestry, forestland appraisal, and forest products utilization in New York State. He holds degrees from SUNY-ESF both in Forest Resource Management and Natural Resources Economics, as well as a Forest Technician degree from Paul Smiths College.

**Troy Weldy** is a **Senior Conservation Manager** for The Nature Conservancy of New York where his focuses on various forest health issues. His current work is focused on using forest carbon offsets to work with private landowners to sustainably manage their forests while generating additional revenue from forest carbon credits. Troy is author of over 75 articles and other publications including the New York Flora Atlas. His previous roles include North American Director of Forest Health for The Nature Conservancy, Director of US Network Operations for NatureServe, Director of the New York Flora Association, Botanist for the New York Natural Heritage Program, and Faculty Research Associate for Vassar College.

**Amanda Lavigne** is **Program Director of ANCA's Energy Program**. As Program Director, she collaborates with the Energy Coordinators to ensure that ANCA's multiple energy programs and initiatives drive a more resilient, localized energy economy and catalyze market growth and job creation in the North Country to help our communities thrive. Amanda also coordinates ANCA's annual Clean Energy Economy Conference which will be on October 25 and 26 here at the Queensbury. Amanda has a PhD in Environmental Science & Engineering and MA in Civil & Environmental Engineering from Clarkson University, and a BS in Biology from Brown University. She continues to work as an adjunct professor for Clarkson, and as a private consultant. Amanda is also the current President of the Adirondack Research Consortium.

**Jerry Carlson** is a **Research Scientist and Chief of the Ecosystem Health and Forest Protection Section of the New York State Division of Lands and Forests**. The position is the Department of Environmental Conservation's chief expert on Forest protection relative to biological diversity and forest resilience. The Ecosystem Health Program provides services and related research support to Private Forestry, Forest Markets, Forest Product Utilization, Urban and Community Forests, State Tree Nursery, State Forests, Forest Preserves and private land owners throughout the state. Jerry has more than 40 years of experience in environmental health, examining insect, pathogen, wildlife, vegetation and socioeconomic interactions in managed and "wild" environments. Jerry has provided services to foresters, timber managers, agrologists, farmers, research scientists, ecologists, environmental groups, preservation groups, Organic farmers, recreation organizations, Government agencies at all levels and First Nations groups. These interactions provide a broad perspective of stakeholder concerns on natural resource management issues.



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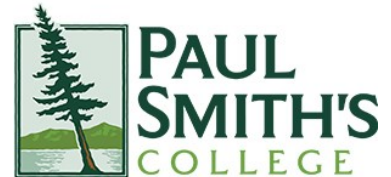
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