



FALL NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating 30 Years!

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Adirondack Research Consortium. Over the past three decades, we've evolved from tackling land use issues and acid rain to addressing today's urgent challenges posed by climate change. Through it all, we've upheld our commitment to using sound science to guide policies impacting the future of the region. To commemorate this milestone, we're launching the **"30 by 30 Fundraising Campaign"** to secure resources to sustain our impact for the next 30 years. Please consider supporting our mission with a tax-deductible donation of \$30, \$330, or \$3,030. We are happy to accept your check payable to the Adirondack Research Consortium or an electronic contribution at www.adkresearch.org/contact/donation. Your support today can make all the difference for the Adirondacks' tomorrow—thank you for standing with us!

ACORN PROJECT

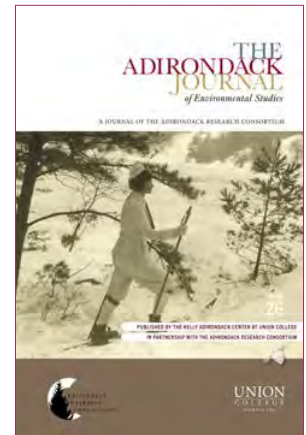
Sunita Halasz has joined the Adirondack Research Consortium as Climate Strategy Advisor, leading the Adirondack Climate Outreach and Resilience Network (ACORN) Project—a collaboration between Paul Smith's College, The Wild Center, and ARC, funded by NYSERDA and the Adirondack Foundation. ACORN works with local communities in Northern New York State to strengthen climate resilience, gathering community input through "Listening Sessions" to create a Rural Resilience Roadmap for future projects. This roadmap aims to secure funding to support climate resilience across the 14-county Adirondack region. More details are available at www.adkwatershed.org/acorn.



Engaging Young Minds in Climate Change Awareness

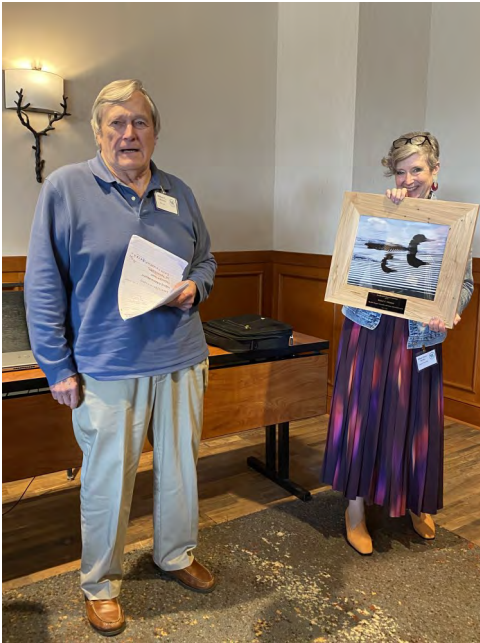
In March, we kicked off an exciting initiative to help young people understand the challenges and complexities of climate change. This included a workshop at St. Lawrence University, where award-winning author Harriet Shugarman delivered an inspiring keynote. Students from local high schools and colleges joined educators in dynamic discussions, exploring the pressing issues and sharing creative ideas for future action. This collaborative effort marks a meaningful step in empowering the next generation to tackle climate change head-on. Pictured above, Paul Smith's College Professor Joe Henderson, second from left, with students and alumni at the event.

The Adirondack Journal of Environmental Studies (2024) Volume 26 is now available online at AJES.org.



Adirondack Research Consortium and Colgate University Forge New Partnership

A new partnership between the Adirondack Research Consortium and Colgate University's Environmental Studies Program will provide a new online home for the Adirondack Journal of Environmental Studies (AJES), the Consortium's flagship publication that features original research and commentary addressing a broad range of issues concerning the Adirondacks. The peer-reviewed journal will be co-edited by Associate Professor of Social Science Joseph Henderson, Paul Smith's College and Colgate University Professor of Geography and Environmental Studies Emerita Ellen Percy Kraly. Henderson and Kraly stand ready to receive submissions for the next volume of the journal which will be published following the Annual Conference on the Adirondacks held in Lake Placid, May 2025. Researchers, artists, policy and community leaders, educators, and students are encouraged to contact Henderson and Kraly with journal submissions, statements of interest, and questions at jhenderson@paulsmiths.edu; ekraly@colgate.edu.



Honoring Excellence in the Adirondacks!

Celebrated for his dedication to the Adirondacks, the **2024 Dr. Elizabeth W. Thorndike Adirondack Achievement Award** is presented to **Robert C. Glennon**. Pictured above, Bob is presented the Award by ARC President, Dr. Ellen Percy Kraly.

The 28th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks took place on May 16th and 17th, 2024, at the High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid. This year's theme, "Emerging Pressures Caused by Climate Change," focused on the impact of rising temperatures on the region's ecosystems, communities, and culture. Through expert presentations and interactive discussions, attendees explored innovative solutions and actionable policies to address these critical challenges. Below, Sunita Halasz led a panel discussion on "Climate Change Messaging for Success!"



Galen Halasz, a talented sophomore at St. Lawrence University majoring in Music and English, has been named the **2024 Richard D. Morse Award** recipient. Galen, at center above, is pictured with family and friends at the Annual Awards Luncheon.

2024 Forestry Roundtable

On October 30th, in partnership with the Empire State Forest Products Association, we held the 2024 Forestry Roundtable at SUNY Adirondack in Queensbury, concentrating on the health and future of our region's private forests. We were pleased to be joined at the event by eighty representatives of the forest products industry, government officials, and NGO's. Pictured below, DEC Interim Commissioner Shawn Mahar, second from left, joins John Bartow, far left, Dan Fitts, second from right, and DEC colleagues for a group photo.



Coming in 2025!

Joining Paul Smiths College and the Wild Center, we look forward to presenting the **"Rural Resiliency Roadmap"** in late February/early March, highlighting key issues and funding opportunities identified through the ACORN project. Preparations are also underway for the **29th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks**, set for May 15-16 at the High Peaks Resort in Lake