

**19th Annual
Adirondack Park Local Government Conference
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Presenter's Biographical Profiles**

Burgess* - Robyn Burgess is the Adirondack Park Agency's Local Planning Assistance Specialist. She heads the Local Government Services Program at the Agency and oversees the eighteen Agency-approved Local Land Use Programs. Robyn also coordinates interdisciplinary teams for the assessment of local program amendments and variances and provides preliminary review. Ms. Burgess assists municipalities with GIS mapping projects to enhance community planning and is involved with the Agency's HEPA initiative. Prior to her coming to the Agency in 2007, she was a Biologist for the NYS DEC Bureau of Marine Resources for five years, where she served as New York's representative on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Horseshoe Crab Technical Committee. Robyn earned a B.A. in Biology from Boston University in 2000.

Crew – Michelle A. Crew is the Regional Attorney for the DEC Region 5 Office of General Counsel in Ray Brook. She is responsible for all legal matters affecting the Region including permitting and enforcement. Ms. Crew was formerly a Deputy Counsel in the DEC Office of General Counsel in Albany, where she managed four bureaus of attorneys in program areas that included Air, Water, Energy, Environmental Permits, Climate Change, Spills and Remediation. She began her career with the Department in 2001 as an Associate Counsel in the Office of General Counsel in Albany, where she worked in enforcement on behalf of the Division of Air Resources. Ms. Crew graduated with honors from SUNY Buffalo School of Law. She holds a Masters of Policy Science degree from the University of Maryland Baltimore County and a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Biology from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

Dadey – Joe Dadey possesses a Bachelor's degree in Forest Biology from SUNY-ESF in Syracuse, New York, a Master's degree in Outdoor Recreation from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois and a PhD in Environmental Policy/Environment Communication from SUNY-ESF. He taught for twenty years at the college-level, including eight years in the Recreation, Adventure Travel and Ecotourism (RATE) program at Paul Smith's College (PSC). Joe worked a couple of seasons as an Assistant Forest Ranger in the Adirondack High Peaks and has co-led numerous 40-day expeditions with adjudicated youth through Project USE of New Jersey. He has also co-instructed sixteen month-long outdoor leadership expeditions in the Adirondacks, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and traveled with PSC students to study ecotourism in Costa Rica, Guatemala, Belize, the Dominican Republic and New Zealand. Joe spent a semester with his PSC students studying hut-to-hut travel and how it might be applied to the Adirondack Park.

Davies – Robert K. Davies serves as the Director of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Division of Lands and Forests which is responsible for the management of more than 4.5 million acres of public forest land and easements, including a little over 900,000 acres of "working forest" conservation easements largely completed during his tenure. Mr. Davies also serves as the State Forester, and is responsible for the administration of several forestry programs in partnership with the United State Forest Service, including the Community Forest program, the Forest Stewardship Program, Urban & Community Forestry and the Forest Legacy Program. Mr. Davies also administers state environmental programs including the Open Space Conservation Program, Forest Preserve and Land Acquisitions. Mr. Davies represents New York State on the National Association of State Foresters (NASF) where he currently serves as a member of the NASF Forest Health and Science Committee, and is the State Forester advisor to the Forest Health and Forest Legacy Committees of the Northeast Area Association of State Foresters.

Delaney - Gerald Delaney is Chairman of the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board and has served as a Town Councilman for the Town of Saranac since 2007. Gerald grew up in the Town of Saranac on a hardscrabble farm, fifth generation. His family came to Saranac in 1869 and relatives still own the original home. The farm he grew up on was originally purchased by his family in 1899. When his father was on the Saranac Town Board from 1964 to 1979, he heard a lot about the APA Act and its impact and the sentiments of local residents. Gerald worked on two farms as a teenager, and helped out at his father's business. He graduated in 1979 from Saranac High School. Gerald worked in forestry from

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1979 to 1993 with duties ranging from logger, truck driver to mechanic. In 1990 to 1993, he coached wrestling at Saranac High School and he returned to coach from 1998 to 2006. In 1993, Gerald started work for Department of Corrections as a correction officer and continues there today. He served as a New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association (NYSCOPBA) steward from 2000 to 2008.

Denno - Mr. Jason C. Denno is an Environmental Project Coordinator for the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, Division of Engineering & Program Management, and Community Assistance Section. He provides direct technical assistance to small, rural communities in New York State for the organization and completion of water/wastewater projects eligible for State Revolving Fund (SRF) financing. The Community Assistance program consists of two related aspects 1) project development services and 2) funding coordination. Jason Denno covers the North Country, from Albany north to Watertown, and encompassing the entire Adirondack Park.

Drury – Jack K. Drury is co-owner of Leading E.D.G.E. and serves as Vice President and CFO. He has been facilitating experiential learning at an international level for over 25 years and currently provides training to educators throughout North America, the United Kingdom and the Middle East. He is Professor Emeritus of North Country Community College having founded and directed the college's Wilderness Recreation Leadership Program for nearly twenty years. He is past president of the Wilderness Education Association and co-author of the definitive wilderness leadership text *The Backcountry Classroom: Lessons, Tools, and Activities for Teaching Outdoor Leaders* as well as *The Camper's Guide to Outdoor Pursuits: Finding Safe, Nature Friendly, Comfortable Passage Through Wild Places*. He is a contributing author to *Hiking and Backpacking, Adventure Education: Theory and Application*, and *The Wilderness Educator*. Jack resides in Saranac Lake, NY with his wife Phyliss where he actively supports many Adirondack Park issues. They have four adult children.

Farber* - William G. Farber is the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor for the Town of Morehouse and former President of Adirondack Association of Towns Villages. He is currently Chairman of the Adirondack Partnership, and is a member of the Common Ground Alliance Core Group. Bill attended Piseco Elementary School, Poland Central School and Mohawk Valley Community College. He worked for Farber Construction and the Town Highway Department. He is member of the Morehouse Volunteer Fire Company, the Morehouse Ambulance Squad, and has been an EMT since 1984. He also volunteers for the Town Youth Committee and is a member of the Morehouse Rod and Gun Club.

Gould - Duane Gould has worked for the Salvation Army as an administrative assistant, as the office manager of the Wilderness Education Association, and as business manager of another nonprofit, Parent to Parent of New York State. While working part-time as a research assistant on various Adirondack Park projects related to e-commerce, public health, tourism, and recreation, he co-authored a feasibility study for a rails-with-trails project in the Adirondack Park. Duane moved to Saranac Lake from NYC in 1983 to enroll in the Wilderness Recreation Leadership Program at North Country Community College and also has associate's degrees in Business Administration and Recreation Facilities Management.

Hamlin - Catherine M. Hamlin has been with the Department of State as a Land Use Training Specialist since 2007. Previously, she worked as the Washington County Planner for more than five years. More recently Catherine worked as a Citizen Participation Specialist 2 with the NYS Department of Environment Conservation. She earned both her Bachelor of Arts Degree and Master's Degree from the State University of New York at Albany. Her post-graduate course work focused on urban issues and planning, with independent study in the areas of smart growth and new urbanism. Catherine resides in the Glens Falls area where she has been active in her community and the region, serving on various boards and committees, including Glens Falls City Planning Board; the Queensbury/Glens Falls Joint Committee on Smart Growth; the Champlain Watershed Improvement Coalition of New York; and the Adirondack Resource, Conservation and Development Council.

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Hochul – Kathleen C. Hochul was inaugurated as the 77th Lieutenant Governor of the State of New York on January 1, 2015. Hochul was elected with Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on November 4, 2014. Prior to her election, the Lieutenant Governor served as a Group Vice President for Strategic Relationships at M&T Bank, serving as liaison for community matters and significant economic development projects. From 2011 to 2013, then Congresswoman Kathy Hochul served in the House of Representatives from New York's 26th Congressional District. Prior to her time in Congress, Hochul was the highest-ranking female elected official in Erie County while serving as County Clerk from 2007 to 2011. The Lieutenant Governor also served 14 years as a Hamburg Town Councilmember. The Lieutenant Governor holds a bachelor's degree from Syracuse University and a JD from Catholic University in Washington, DC. At the start of her legal career, she worked at a large firm in Washington and later as in-house counsel to a major corporation engaged in homeland security. Hochul then gave up private practice for public service. She was asked to serve as a legal counsel and legislative assistant to Congressman John LaFalce (D-NY) and later to Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. In 2006, the Lieutenant Governor joined her mother and aunt in establishing the Kathleen Mary House, a transitional home for victims of domestic violence, and served on its Board of Directors. She co-founded the Village Action Coalition to help local businesses survive competition from big box stores. Hochul has been married to her husband, Bill, since 1984, and is the mother of Will and Katie.

Holmlund – Dr. Eric Holmlund hails from the southern Adirondacks, and spent the '90's as a wilderness expedition leader for a variety of colleges across the country, conducting outdoor leadership courses in Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas, Arizona, Utah, Alaska and the Adirondacks of New York State. He was a senior instructor for the Wilderness Education Association and an instructor for the New York City Outward Bound Center. He also conducted corporate leadership training workshops for various corporations, banks and business schools. Eric joined the faculty at Paul Smith's College in 1995 and is currently an Associate Professor of Environmental Studies and Director of the Watershed Stewardship Program. Eric is also the Director of the Honors Program at Paul Smith's College. Eric teaches several courses in environmental studies and environmental communication and coordinates the Environmental Studies B.A. program at the College. He is a co-author, with Jack Drury, of *The Camper's Guide to Outdoor Pursuits* (1997)

Irwin - Margaret Irwin is the owner and Principal of River Street Planning & Development, a community planning and economic development consulting firm in Troy, New York (NYS WBE). Her personal practice focuses on community engagement and consensus building. She led development of ADVANTAGE ADIRONDACKS: Advancing Economic Opportunities across the Adirondack Park. Margaret's current work in the Park includes helping to develop an economic strategy for the Adirondack Gateway Council and a marketing strategy for the Raquette River Blueway Trail.

Kelleher* - Daniel F. Kelleher was hired in December 2011 to serve as the Adirondack Park Agency's Special Assistant for Economic Affairs. In this position, Mr. Kelleher acts as liaison between the Agency and economic and community development interests that are catalysts to the Park's economic improvement including State and local economic developers, the region's business community, potential entrepreneurs, and local government officials. Mr. Kelleher also provides analytical support to the Agency's planning, regulatory, and enforcement programs on issues of market analysis and development finance, as well as fiscal and economic impact analysis. Mr. Kelleher previously served as the Business Development Manager for the Downtown Albany Business Improvement District where he facilitated business retention and recruitment programs as well as assisted developers in the permitting and financing of residential development projects. Prior to his role as Business Development Manager, Mr. Kelleher played an integral part on the Hamlets 3: Planning for Smart Growth and Expansion of Hamlets in the Adirondack Park project. Mr. Kelleher earned a Masters of Regional Planning from Cornell University with a minor in Real Estate Development and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Plattsburgh State University.

Kilburn* - Emily Kilburn is a Citizen Participation Specialist 1 in the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Region 5 Office of Communication Services. She focuses on public outreach, public participation and media relations related to DEC regional programs. Emily is also responsible for promoting outdoor recreation on forest preserve and conservation easement lands throughout the Adirondacks. She also assists with diversity and access for people with disability efforts. Emily came to DEC from the Adirondack Community Housing Trust, where she worked as a program

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administrator. Previous to that, she worked for the Lake Placid/North Elba Planning Department. She holds a B.A. in Political Science and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Vermont.

Knight* - Kate-Lyn Knight is a newcomer to the Adirondack Park Agency's Local Government Services Program. She was welcomed to the Agency in July of 2015 to serve as a liaison between local government leaders and the Agency, assist with local program amendments, provide preliminary review of variances, and help with planning the annual Local Government Day conference. A native of New Hampshire, her passion for the Adirondacks was sparked shortly after college while working for the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) in Lake Placid. She continued to work in the Outdoor Recreation and Environmental Education field, coordinating school programs and leading Teen Adventure and Elderhostel trips for the Frost Valley YMCA of the Catskills. She later returned to the Adirondacks as the Education Coordinator for the Adirondack Mountain Club and most recently served as a Property and Casualty CSR for a local insurance agency. Kate-Lyn has made Saranac Lake her home where she shares her fondness for hiking, paddling and skiing with her husband and 3 young children. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies and Sociology from St. Lawrence University.

Liddle - Vonnie Liddle joined the Town of Indian Lake in 2005 as the Events/Activities Coordinator where she coordinates and promotes events in Indian Lake and Blue Mountain Lake, working with non-profits and volunteers. During that time she has coordinated local events such as the Adirondack Mountains Antiques Show, the Town of Indian Lake's Sesquicentennial Celebration (2008), the Annual Winterfest, and Irish Road Bowling. Vonnie has also collaborated on regional events. Some of these include the Hamilton County Youth Summit, the Black Fly Challenge Bicycle Race, Community Pride Day, and the Great Adirondack Garage Sale. She also has been a part of organizing the 2013, 2014 and 2015 Adirondack Challenge, an event that showcases rafting on the Indian River and the Hudson River as well as the many qualities of the Adirondack Park. Vonnie is a member of the executive committee for the Hamilton County Four River Alliance, general manager of Cabin Fever Players (a local theatrical group) and has served on the Indian Lake Theater Board.

Martino* - Terry Martino was appointed to the position of Executive Director at the Adirondack Park Agency in July of 2009. In the position, she has reorganized the Agency's Enforcement Division and implemented a divisional cross training program and a management by objectives approach. These improvements have benefited staff coordination, project review and protection of the public and private lands of the Adirondack Park. Ms. Martino had oversight of the Agency's State Land Classification for the Essex Chain Lakes and the initiative to address proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. Prior to her work at the Agency, she worked as Executive Director at the Adirondack North Country Association for more than two decades. While at ANCA she worked on a wide range of local and regional projects with management of millions of dollars in federal, state and private funding. She represented New York in the Ten-Year Review of the Northern Forest Lands Council and has been a past member with the Strategic Economy Initiative of the Northern Forest Center. Ms. Martino was active in the core team for the Common Ground Alliance and worked as Project Manager for the Adirondack Park Regional Assessment Project. She holds a Master's Degree from The New School, a Bachelor's Degree from Carleton University, and a Certification in Positive Psychology through a program led by Dr. Tal Ben-Shahar.

McClelland - Vincent McClelland graduated from the University of Vermont with a degree in Forestry and has spent most of his professional career as a resource, land use, and community planner in both the Adirondack Park and Alaska, working for both the firm The LA Group and his private consulting firm McClelland and Associates. He currently represents LandVest as their principal real estate broker in the Adirondacks and is a member of their real estate consulting team headquartered in Boston. He also manages The Mountaineer, a Keene Valley outdoor retail store. Vinny has served on the Adirondack Planning Commission, Town of Keene Planning Commission, Governor Cuomo's NY Rising Communities Reconstruction Plan taskforce, Governor Cuomo's Open Space taskforce, Lieutenant Governor Donahue's Quality Communities Needs taskforce, the New York Ski Educational Foundation, and the Lake Placid Youth Athletic Association. He currently serves on the Champlain National Bank and coach's soccer at Keene Central School. He is happily married with three great kids.

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Monroe* - Fred Monroe is a graduate of Syracuse University College of Law with a J.D. degree cum laude. He was selected as a member of the Justinian Honorary Law Society and was admitted to practice in New York and federal courts. He practiced real estate, civil and criminal law in the Adirondacks from 1976 to 1999. During that time, he also served as counsel to the Adirondack Towns of Chester, Schroon, Minerva and Lake Pleasant, and as Counsel to the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board. In that position he attended APA meetings, researched issues and prepared resolutions and reports to the governor and legislature. He was appointed executive director of the Review Board in April 2005. He has testified on land use issues at congressional and New York State legislative hearings. He is the supervisor of the Town of Chester and past chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors. He is also a director and one of the founders of the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages. He has represented Warren County on the DEC Open Space Committee and the Adirondack Initiative Roundtable. He served on the federally funded New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine Northern Forest Lands Council Advisory Committee and the steering committee for the Adirondack Park Regional Assessment Project.

Pattison -Mark P. Pattison was appointed by Secretary of State Cesar Perales as the Director of Local Government Services at the Department of State. He has previously served as Deputy Commissioner for the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities. Mr. Pattison also previously served as a Deputy Comptroller for the Office of the State Comptroller. Mr. Pattison has spent many years in public service. He was Mayor of the City of Troy from 1996 through 2003. Mr. Pattison worked at the Rensselaer County Chapter of the Association for Retarded Citizens for 20 years, including 12 years as its Director of Residential Services. He served as vice-president of the City of Troy's school board, president of Vanderheyden Hall, vice-chair of the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce, chairperson of the Hudson Mohawk Heritage Area Commission and president of the New York State Association of Community and Residential Agencies. He was a trustee and faculty member of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, and has served on many community boards, including the Center for Economic Growth, the Troy Rehabilitation Improvement Program (TRIP) and the Commission for Economic Opportunity. Mr. Pattison studied political science, economics and urban policy at the State University of New York at Oswego. He has a Masters Degree in Organization and Management from Antioch University, Antioch New England Graduate School. He lives on Troy's East Side with his wife, Laura Amos, and has two children, Edward and Mary.

Renaud Evans - Julie Renaud Evans has helped establish more than 11,000 acres of Community Forests across the Northern Forest. Her passion for developing local leadership in communities is reflected in the way she prepares them to establish and steward Community Forests. Julie also serves as a knowledgeable resource to the Center and partner organizations that require assistance with their forestry initiatives. She brings more than 25 years' experience in both forestry and community development in northern New England. Previously, Julie worked in community planning during a time when the region's forested landscape and community's dependence on the paper industry were beginning to change dramatically. She also taught environmental and forestry courses at White Mountains Community College. With her own business, Julie consulted for the White Mountain National Forest, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and many landowner clients, including the Town of Errol as it established its 5,300-acre Community Forest. Julie earned both her M.A. in Environmental Education and B.S. in Forest Management from the University of New Hampshire. Julie lives with her family in Lyndonville, Vermont. Forestry is a family affair for Julie and her husband Kevin, who have been professional foresters in the North Country for 30 years. Julie serves on the Board of Trustees of The Riverside School in Lyndon, Vermont, and likes to read, cook, and take care of her busy teenagers! Her favorite sound in the whole world is spring peepers.

Reynolds - Sarah Reynolds has worked for the Adirondack Park Agency since 2005, as both a Senior Attorney and the Agency's Associate Counsel. Ms. Reynolds is responsible for helping to implement and ensure compliance with the New York State Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Freshwater Wetlands Act, and the Wild, Scenic, and Recreational Rivers System Act. She is also responsible for advising Adirondack municipalities on the complex legal interactions between Town Law, local zoning codes, and Agency requirements. In the past, Ms. Reynolds worked as a Legal Assistant and Summer Associate for the law firms Arnold & Porter and DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary in New York City and Washington, DC. She received her B.A. from Dartmouth College and her J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center.

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Richards - Karyn Richards currently serves as the Forest Preserve Coordinator for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. She began working for the Department in 1983 as a Forest Resource Planner and then as Chief of Policy and Planning for the Division of Lands and Forests. During her earlier years at the Department she authored the first Forest Resources Plan for New York State, was staff to the Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Forest Industry, staff assistant to the Chair of the Northern Forest Lands Council and coordinated public response to the 1995 Blowdown in the Adirondack Park. She moved on to be the Deputy Director for the Adirondack Park Agency from 1996 - 2000 and returned to the Department to assume leadership for the Governor's Unit Management Planning Initiative and Comprehensive Snowmobile Planning for the Adirondack Park. She assumed her current position in 2002 where she is responsible for addressing issues related to the management of the 2.8 million acres of Forest Preserve lands in New York State. Karyn has a BS in Forestry and an MS in Resource Management and Policy from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse. She has a home in the Adirondacks (Raquette Lake) and currently resides with her husband on their farm outside of Troy, New York.

Roeckle - Robert Roeckle is Land Use Training Specialist with the New York State Department of State assigned to the Local Government Efficiency program. Mr. Roeckle presents training programs and provides technical assistance to local municipal officials on government efficiency, intermunicipal cooperation and land use planning. Prior to joining New York State in 2007, Mr. Roeckle spent 21 years as a Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer and Zoning Enforcement Officer; most recently for the Town of Wilton, administering both the Building Code and the Zoning Ordinance for the town and providing review of all planning and zoning applications to the town. He is a graduate of the State University at Buffalo and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Design. He currently serves as a Planning Board member in the Town of Greenfield, Saratoga County.

Schachner - Mark Schachner, Esq. is the senior principal in the law firm of MILLER, MANNIX, SCHACHNER & HAFNER, LLC in Glens Falls, New York, just south of Lake George in Warren County. While the firm maintains a general practice of law, Mr. Schachner's efforts are concentrated in the areas of municipal, environmental, land use and planning/zoning law. Mr. Schachner and his colleagues represent numerous Towns in the Adirondack Park including Chester, Corinth, Crown Point, Elizabethtown, Greenfield, Horicon, Indian Lake, Johnstown, Lake George, Newcomb, Minerva, Queensbury, Santa Clara, Schroon, Thurman, Warrensburg and Willsboro, as well as the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages. His practice includes extensive participation in regulatory proceedings before the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Adirondack Park Agency and Lake George Park Commission. Mr. Schachner is a graduate of Brown University and Boston University School of Law. He is author of the chapter entitled "Environmental Law - New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA")" in the book Pitfalls of Practice published by the New York State Bar Association in 1993 and 2002. Mr. Schachner has lectured about municipal, environmental, planning and zoning law matters at numerous seminars throughout the State and is an adjunct faculty member of Skidmore College, where he teaches the course "Environmental Legal Issues" in the Environmental Studies Program. He is also a Resource Person to the Land Use Advisory Committee of the New York State Legislative Commission on Rural Resources and a Director of the New York Planning Federation.

Seggos - Basil Seggos is the Acting Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Previously, Basil served as both Deputy Secretary for the Environment and Assistant Secretary for the Environment to Governor Cuomo, advising the Governor on environmental policy and overseeing the operations of the state's environmental agencies, including the DEC, the Office of Parks Recreation & Historic Preservation, the Environmental Facilities Corporation, and the Adirondack Park Agency. Prior to working in the Governor's office, Basil served as Vice President of Business Development at the clean-tech private equity company Hugo Neu Corporation, Chief Investigator and Attorney at Riverkeeper, Associate at the Natural Resources Defense Council, and as a legal clerk at the White House. Basil graduated from Pace Law School in 2001, where he received the environmental law award and alumni achievement award, and from Trinity College in 1996 with a Bachelor of Arts. Basil is a Captain in the U.S. Army Reserve, Judge Advocate General's Corps.

Smith - Zoë Smith is the Director of the Wildlife Conservation Society's Adirondack Program. She has been with WCS for more than 15 years. Zoë's work focuses on implementing community-based

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conservation programs and is involved in numerous regional initiatives including serving on the core team of the Adirondack Common Ground Alliance. She has led numerous smart growth and revitalization projects in including a local waterfront effort in St Lawrence County and Bear Smart programs. Her most recent accomplishment is organizing Cycle Adirondacks, a week-long cycling tour through the Adirondack Park. She currently manages WCS' staff out of the Adirondack field office in Saranac Lake. Her professional background is in community building, recreation leadership, and management. She studied Natural Resource Economics at SUNY Fredonia and Administration and Leadership at SUNY Plattsburgh.

Thomas – Erin Thomas has been a Land Use Training Specialist with the New York State Department of State's Division of Local Government for nine years. Prior to her service with the Department of State, she worked for the City of Cohoes, NY in several capacities over the course of four years. Starting in 2003 as the Administrator for the Cohoes Local Development Corporation, her work focused on developing support services for new and existing businesses, and administering grants for residential and commercial rehabilitation, primarily in the downtown business district. As City Planner and Zoning Enforcement Officer, she was responsible for oversight of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Historic Preservation & Architectural Review Board. Her contributions also included assistance with a city-wide rezoning that took effect in mid-2006. She possesses a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Urban Studies & Planning from the State University at Albany.

Towers* - Brian Towers is the President of the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages having served on the AATV executive board since 1998. Mr. Towers is the Supervisor of the Town of Wells, Deputy Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, Chairman of the Hamilton County Industrial Development Agency, and delegate to the Region 5 Open Space Committee. He has worked in the communications business building telephone & broadband networks throughout the northeast for over thirty years. Since 1988, Mr. Towers has been the systems manager for Hamilton County Cable TV severing some of the most rural communities in the park. He is the former Board of Directors Chairman of the Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home and remains active in the Wells Volunteer Fire Company having served since 1989. He and his wife Kathleen have two grown boys and enjoy living on Lake Algonquin with their two Labrador retrievers.

Vaverchak - Vanessa Vaverchak is a year-round resident of the Adirondack Park, relocating here in 2011. Since the move from an in-house Marketing & Graphic Design position at a bank in New Jersey to contract design work, she has steadily grown a creative consulting business over the last five years. 2016 will mark her first year operating as Vaverchak Creative with clients ranging from small start-ups to large companies. With an emphasis on collaborating with both the client and other talented creatives, she takes a partnership approach to projects. Vanessa also takes an active role in the local community as a dedicated volunteer working on projects that improve the quality of life for residents, especially events aimed at helping spur economic activity around sustainable tourism efforts. She is the Volunteer Chair for Adirondack White Out Weekend, which will run in its 4th year in 2017, and was the Community Coordinator in Star Lake for the inaugural Cycle Adirondacks bicycle tour. As the first person in her family to attend and graduate from college, she also dedicates volunteer time toward early literacy and educational opportunities, an effort particularly close to her heart. Vanessa earned a Bachelor in Art from Binghamton University and an Associate in Fine Art from Keystone College. She is a self-professed nerd with a love for her awesome family, hiking dog, kayak, leaf season, camp fires and dessert.

Vennie-Volrath – Erin Vennie-Volrath joined the APIPP team in 2014. She leads APIPP's early detection and monitoring programs for aquatic invasive species, manages volunteer groups and surveys, coordinates with partners in the region, and provides trainings and presentations to various stakeholder groups. She moved to the Adirondacks in 2014 from Wisconsin where she worked on a variety of projects focused on aquatic invasive species. Erin received a Master of Science in Water Resources Management and a Bachelor of Science in Zoology from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Erin lives in Saranac Lake where she and her husband are taking full advantage of weekends to explore the area by foot, kayak and bike.

Wilber – Kyle Wilber is a Municipal Management Consultant with the New York State Department of State. He has dedicated the majority of his professional career, as well as much of his public life to local government service. This has included the promotion of sustainable communities through programs like

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the New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement and the New York State Quality Communities Initiative. Currently, Kyle is responsible for the implementation of the Local Government Efficiency program to assist local governments identify opportunities to reduce costs and increase the efficiencies of local service delivery. He is also the New York State Program Manager, for the Appalachian Regional Commission, a federal-state-local partnership that promotes community development throughout the spine of the Appalachian Mountains. In his free time he is very active in local government activities in his home community, currently serving as the Chairman of the Town of Ghent Zoning Board of Appeals and as a Lieutenant in the Ghent Volunteer Fire Company. Kyle holds a Bachelors Degree in Geography and Urban Planning from the University of Binghamton.

Winchel* - David Winchell is the Citizen Participation Specialist with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Region 5 based at the DEC Region 5 Headquarters in Ray Brook. He oversees public outreach, public participation and media relations related to DEC regional programs. He also works with local governments, local and regional tourism offices and NGOs to promote outdoor recreation on State lands and educate users on how to recreate in manner that is safe, enjoyable and has minimal impact on the natural resources of the Adirondacks. He maintains the Adirondack Trail Information web pages, updating them weekly. In 2014, the web pages had more than 90,000 visits. David began his DEC career in 1987 and transferred to Ray Brook in 1989. He has worked as a Fish & Wildlife Technician and an Environmental Program Specialist before starting in his current position in 2001. He earned a B.S. in Wildlife Biology from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, NY.

Wolff – David Wolff is a Saranac Lake native and lives at the family homestead on Lake Kiwassa. He is married to Holly and they have two grown boys, Dj and Stephen. He retired from IBM in 2006 after 31 years in sales and consulting. Both Dave and Holly are "46ers"; he is also on the Board of the Lake Placid Olympic Museum; and he is the President of the Lake Kiwassa Shoreowners' Association. Dave graduated with a BS in Physics from Trinity College (CT) and earned an MBA from Dartmouth College and an MS in Computer Science from VPI.

Young – Randall Young joined DEC in 1993 as Assistant Regional Attorney for Region 6 which includes St. Lawrence, Jefferson, Lewis, Herkimer and Oneida Counties. He became Regional Attorney for Region 6 in 2007. He earned a J.D. and a master's degree in environmental law from Vermont Law School in 1991. He has served on the New York State Bar Association's Environmental Law Section's Executive Committee since 2008 and is currently co-chair of the Section's Continuing Legal Education Committee. From 2008 to 2014, he served as co-chair of the Environmental Law Section's Taskforce on Legal Ethics. He is the author of two books and several articles on law and legal history.

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