Allott - Jeffrey Allott is a founder and past owner of General Composites, a light manufacturing leader in the innovative use of composite materials in the design and manufacturing of all types of products. The company has successfully operated inside the Blue line with 40-50 employees since 1994. Presently, Jeff is the owner/founder of Jade Mountain Product Development located in Westport, NY. Jade Mountain is a product and process development company focused on outdoor sports, advanced materials, and helping local innovators bring products to market. He is also co-founder of Solace Cycles which designs and manufactures bicycles to handle the unique Adirondack geography and climate. Its mission is to create a best in class, purpose-driven product, promote the Adirondacks as a mountain bike destination and support sustainable trail building efforts. His latest project is co-founding the Elizabethtown Bikers and Climbers Ranch, a community-driven rustic lodging site and launching point for outdoor adventures in the eastern Adirondacks. In his spare time, Mr. Allott serves as an Elizabethtown Councilperson, Westport Economic Development Advisory Board Member, Adirondack Powder Skier Association Board Member and operates Otis Mountain Outdoor Recreational Area.

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. During her tenure with DEC she served as New York’s representative on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Horseshoe Crab Technical Committee and conducted research on the Long Island Sound lobster die-off. Robyn earned a B.A. in Biology from Boston University in 2000.

Cappabianca - Drew Cappabianca is the Owner/Operator of The Hub: a cafe, bar, and bike shop that opened in 2014. He is also the founder of Brant Lake Bike Park, a privately owned, professionally built mountain bike and hiking trail system which is free and open to the public. The hiking trails opened in 2017 and the mountain bike trails are scheduled to open in June 2018.

Carr - John Carr was raised in Danby, VT, and as a teenager helped his father run a General Store in this small rural town. After finishing college at New Hampshire Tech, John began his career when he opened and operated several food concessions and a catering business in State Parks throughout Vermont. In 1992 he purchased a Christmas decorating and wreath business in a large dilapidated building in his hometown which he renovated and developed as an antique center with over 8,400 square feet of rented space. Over the 11 years that John owned the business, it became one of the largest wreath makers in the state. It was here that John learned the importance of small community-based business. In April of 1999, John moved to his wife Cindy’s hometown of Lake George and developed a concept restaurant based on an American Brew Pub format. The Adirondack Pub & Brewery is now firmly established in the Lake George scene as one of the better, high value, kid-friendly and fun restaurants in the Village. Mr. Carr is responsible for all aspects of the business including managing, menu planning, scheduling, cooking and even brewing the award-winning beer. John is also supported daily by his wife, Cindy who is very involved with the behind-the-scenes operation of the business. Over the almost 20 years of growing this business John's small town business values have allowed him to grow, not only the Adirondack Brewery to a year-round landmark, but also to expand to a second restaurant called the Moose Tooth Grill with an ice cream shop call Scoops. He has many other real estate investments, including the purchase and operation of Buy Low Flooring Warehouse in Queensbury. Currently John and his excellent management staff work with approximately 120 year-round and seasonal employees. John enjoys the dynamic environment that his different business ventures afford him and takes pride in looking at things differently to try to continually improve his businesses. His goal is to make the Adirondack Pub & Brewery a leader in both the brewing and local community.

Clement - Michelle Clement is the Director of Marketing for the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism (ROOST). Michelle oversees the destination marketing strategy for Essex, Franklin & Hamilton Counties. Prior to joining the staff at ROOST in 2014, Michelle served as the Events Coordinator for the Tupper Lake Chamber of Commerce. Michelle graduated from Plattsburgh State University with a B.S. in Marketing. In her spare time, you will most likely find Michelle with her husband and three children out hiking, skiing and biking her way through the Adirondacks.

Craig* - Sherman Craig was appointed Chairman of the Adirondack Park Agency in 2016. His experiences as an outdoor enthusiast and active community volunteer, as well as membership in several organizations including the Clifton-Fine Economic Development Corporation, the Adirondack Mountain Club and the Waterfront Revitalization Committee, have provided valuable background in Adirondack Park issues and opportunities. As a member and past chairman of the Five Ponds Partners subcommittee, Mr. Craig managed relationships with groups associated with trail development and maintenance. The committee developed the Cranberry Lake 50 hike and assisted in snowmobile trail development and connectivity in St. Lawrence County. Since 2011 he has served on the core team of the Adirondack Common Ground Alliance. Mr. Craig was appointed as an Adirondack Park Agency Board member in November 2011 and has served as Chairman of the Agency’s Regulatory Programs and Park Policy and Planning committees. A retired teacher and school administrator, Mr. Craig previously held several positions in Pittsford, New York schools including teacher, principal, and District Administrator. From 1973-75 he served as Director and Headmaster of the International School of Belgrade,
Yugoslavia. He also served as President of the New York State Middle School Association and as a Director of the National Middle School Association. Raised in Rochester, NY, Mr. Craig and his wife Annette have resided in the Adirondack Park since 2001 and currently reside in Wanakena. Until recently, Mr. and Mrs. Craig operated a custom furniture business which sourced local hardwoods. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from SUNY Brockport and a M.A. from the University of Rochester.

Dadey - Joe Dadey serves as the Executive Director of Adirondack Hamlets to Huts, Inc. He 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. Joe taught at the college-level for 20 years, including eight years in the Recreation, Adventure Travel and Ecotourism (RATE) program at Paul Smith’s College (PSC). He 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 including about 3 million acres of Forest Preserve and 900,000 acres of conservation easements. Mr. Davies also serves as the State Forester, and is responsible for the administration of forestry programs in partnership with the United States Forest Service, including the Community Forest program, the Forest Stewardship Program, Urban & Community Forestry and the Forest Legacy Program.

Drury - Jack K. Drury is co-owner of Leading E.D.G.E. and has been working on the creation of an Adirondack hut-to-hut system since 2014. He has been facilitating experiential learning at an international level for over 35 years and has provided training to educators throughout North America, the United Kingdom and the Middle East. He is a Professor Emeritus of North Country Community College having founded and directed the college’s Wilderness Recreation Leadership Program for nearly 20 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.

Eallonardo - Dr. Anthony Eallonardo is an ecologist with 13 years of experience managing a wide range of projects spanning from planning to monitoring. He is O’Brien & Gere’s Natural Resources and Restoration lead on the Onondaga Lake superfund cleanup program, which is one of the largest such programs in the U.S. He oversaw the ecological restoration design and implementation of the Onondaga lake Western Shoreline project which received a Diamond award from the NY Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and was an advisory board member of the Onondaga Lake Conservation Corps which received the EPA Environmental Champion Award as well as the NY Audubon Thomas Keese Jr. Conservation Award. Dr. Eallonardo’s current focus is managing multidisciplinary teams providing integrated services for the NYS Office of General Services and the Department of Environmental Conservation. In this capacity, Dr. Eallonardo is leading the hydrodynamic and sediment flux assessment of ecological restoration scenarios on the Niagara and Hudson Rivers and is managing the NYS Harmful Algal Bloom Action Plan initiative. He is also a technical associate on a phytoscreening effort using tree chemistry to identify a chlorinated solvent plume in Brooklyn and a study establishing a conceptual site model of mulch facility impacts on groundwater. Dr. Eallonardo remains active in service as a research committee member at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF) and as a member of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Environmental Programming Committee Meeting. These collective experiences have provided Dr. Eallonardo with a broad frame of reference and experience to lead the development of the draft New York State Comprehensive Invasive Species Management Plan—the development of which is currently ongoing. Throughout his career, Dr. Eallonardo has received the SUNY ESF Maurice Alexander Wetland Research Award, EPA STAR Fellowship, and the OBG Cornelius Murphy Corporate Social Responsibility Award.

Eldridge - Tracy Eldridge is the County Highway Superintendent for the Hamilton County Department of Public Works. He was appointed superintendent on April 17, 2004. Since that time, he has been an active member of the New York State County Highway Superintendents Association (NYSCHSA). Tracy was the 2016 NYSCHSA President and is currently a member of the executive committee. He sits on several other NYSCHSA committees and continues a strong advocacy for local roads and bridges statewide. He is currently an evaluator for the Governor’s Bridge NY project initiative.

Farber* - William G. Farber is the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor of the Town of Morehouse and former President of Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages. He was Chairman of the Adirondack Partnership, and is a member of the Common Ground Alliance Core Group. He is Chairman of NYSAC’s Standing Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Rural Affairs. 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 a 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.
Hamlin - Catherine M. Hamlin has been with the Department of State as a Local Government Specialist since 2007. Previously, she worked as the Washington County Planner for more than five years. Catherine earned both her Bachelor of Arts Degree and her Master’s Degree from the State University of New York at Albany. Her post-graduate course work focused on urban planning, smart growth and new urbanism. Catherine resides in Queensbury and has been active in her community and the region for many years, serving on various boards and committees. She currently serves on the Queensbury Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate. Previously Catherine was a member of the 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, as well as several Arts and Cultural Organizations.

Hamm - Ken Hamm, a native of Catskill, New York, graduated from New England Law in Boston in 1976. After law school, Ken went to Bethel, Alaska to work for Alaska Legal Services on Yup’ik land claims. Next, he worked for the environmental arm of the Yup’ik regional tribal organization on issues impacting subsistence food gathering activities of Native Alaskans. While in Alaska, Ken also worked as a legislative assistant, and as a local government specialist for the State of Alaska, focusing on State-tribal relations. Ken also raised a dog team and finished 27th in the 1983 Iditarod Sleddog Race. In 1989, Ken returned to New York and began working for the Department of Environmental Conservation, first on solid waste issues and then on implementing the Clean Air/Clean Water Bond Act. Since 1995, Ken has provided legal counsel to the Division of Lands and Forests. Ken was the primary drafter of the recent Township 40, NYCO and Land Bank constitutional amendments. Ken retired in 2014, but subsequently returned to the Department to work part time on Lands and Forests issues. In 2016, Ken was honored with the Department’s highest award, the Earnest Trad award.

Handley - Rick Handley is founder and principal of Rick Handley & Associates an energy conservation and renewable energy consulting firm. Mr. Handley founded RHA following 30 years as a program manager for the New York State Energy Office, director of the U.S. Department of Energy’s Northeast Regional Biomass Program, and director of regional energy programs for the Coalition of Northeastern Governors (CONEG) Policy Research Center. Mr. Handley is recognized for his expertise in bioenergy technologies and conducting feasibility and due diligence studies for government and private sector clients. Mr. Handley has served as a consultant and technical reviewer for the US Department of Energy, the US Department of Agriculture, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, The New York Power Authority, The Appalachian Regional Commission, the Pace Energy and Climate Center, Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, and Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust Fund, Connecticut Clean Energy Fund, and has conducted bioenergy feasibility studies for the New Hampshire Wood Energy Council and the New York State Wood Energy Team. Rick is semi-retired but still serves as project manager for the demonstration of a steam accumulator thermal storage with wood-pellet steam boiler project in the Town of Chester.

Hoffman - Paul Hoffman is the Program Manager of Stakeholder Engagement for the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, a division of nonprofit CIS (Center for Internet Security, Inc.) since 2016. The MS-ISAC has been designated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as the focal point for cyber threat prevention, protection, response and recovery for the nation’s state, local, territorial and tribal (SLTT) governments. With over 2,000 members encompassing all 56 States and US Territories, the MS-ISAC is a growing and vibrant organization helping the SLTT community defend the global cyber frontier. Hoffman’s extensive and varied career in the IT field includes stints at General Electric and most recently as Infrastructure Manager at AYCO/Goldman Sachs. Paul and his team serve the SLTT community and function as the “concierges” for all things related to MS-ISAC. CIS (Center for Internet Security, Inc.) is a forward-thinking, non-profit entity that harnesses the power of a global IT community to safeguard private and public organizations against cyber threats. Our CIS Controls™ and CIS Benchmarks™ are the global standard and recognized best practices for securing IT systems and data against the most pervasive attacks. These proven guidelines are continuously refined and verified by a volunteer, global community of experienced IT professionals. To learn more, visit CISecurity.org or follow us on Twitter: @CISecurity.

Holmlund - Dr. Eric Holmlund grew up in Greater Mayfield on Great Sacandaga Lake, and spent the '90s 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 a Professor of Environmental Studies and Director of the Adirondack Watershed Institute Stewardship Program. Eric has secured and administered $10 million in grants and contracts for AIS spread prevention since 2000, including crucial support from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, and most significantly, New York State. He is a co-author, with Jack Drury, of The Camper’s Guide to Outdoor Pursuits (1997). He lives in Saranac Lake with his family.

Karasin - Leslie Karasin is the Adirondack Program Manager for the Northern Forest Center and has been promoting Automated Wood Heating solutions within the Adirondacks for the past three years. Leslie has significant experience implementing community-based conservation initiatives in Adirondack communities, with a focus on energy, land use planning, and market-based approaches to environmental issues.

Kelting - Dan Kelting joined the faculty at Paul Smith's College (PSC) in 2003 as Executive Director of the Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI). From 1999 to 2003 Dan was a faculty member at North Carolina State University (NCSU), where he served as Co-Director of the Forest Nutrition Cooperative and Assistant Professor in the Department of Forestry. Dan received his Ph.D. in Forest...
Soils from Virginia Tech and he also holds an A.A.S. in Forest Technology, a B.S. in Resource Management, and an M.S. in Forestry. Through his graduate work and activities at NCSU, Dan developed a range of expertise in natural resources science and management with particular emphasis on forest productivity, soils, and nutrient cycling. While at NCSU, Dan conducted forestry research and outreach activities throughout the southeastern U.S. and in Columbia and Chile. In addition to his administrative duties as Executive Director of AWI, Dan has expanded his interests to include a greater emphasis on research and outreach activities more focused on water resources while at PSC. Under his leadership, the AWI has developed the largest water quality monitoring and aquatic invasive species programs in the Adirondacks. Dan uses data from these programs to support and leverage his research and that of the Institute. Dan also teaches upper level courses in Forest Soils and Laboratory Methods, and mentors students for their undergraduate capstone projects. Dan grew up in Malone, NY, just 30 miles north of PSC. Being from an avid outdoor family who spent countless days enjoying the woods and waters of the Adirondack Park, he developed a strong connection to the region and its natural resources. Dan lives in the Village of Saranac Lake with his wife Polly and children Nicholas and Sophia, where, as a family they are developing the same connections to the Adirondacks that Dan's parents did for him.

Kemper - Jason Kemper has been serving as Director of Planning for Saratoga County since 2006. Prior to that, he served as Environmental Specialist and then Director of Planning for the Town of Clifton Park. Mr. Kemper attended SUNY Plattsburgh where he received a Bachelor’s Degree in Environmental Science and went on to receive a Master’s in Urban and Regional Planning Degree from SUNY Albany. Mr. Kemper serves in leadership roles on a number of appointed boards including Chairman of the Capital District Regional Planning Commission, Chairman of the NYS Conservation Fund Advisory and Treasurer to the Great Sacandaga Lake Advisory Council. Mr. Kemper also serves on the NYSDEC Forest Preserve Advisory Committee. Mr. Kemper is actively involved in recreational planning activities in and around Saratoga County and throughout the Adirondack Park.

Kendall - Barbara Kendall joined the NYS Department of State, Office of Planning, Development and Community Infrastructure in 2012 as a Coastal Resources Specialist. At DOS Barbara works with communities in New York State’s North Country on Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs, plans, and implementation projects; the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program; and the Downtown Revitalization Initiative. Prior to DOS she worked with communities, counties, state agencies and non-profit organizations in the environmental management field for 21 years, including initiatives pertaining to land use, watershed planning, greenway development, stormwater management and better site design. Barbara has a Master’s degree from Duke University in Forest Ecology and a Bachelor’s degree in Biology from Williams College. Barbara has previously served on the statewide NYS Planning Federation Board and the NYS Association of Environmental Management Councils Board; as well as the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Conservation Advisory Council in the Town of Dover.

Korn - Devan Korn is an Environmental Program Specialist working in the Regulatory Programs division at the Adirondack Park Agency where he reviews applications for new land use and development and manages the interagency referrals program. Prior to entering state service in 2013, he worked in St. Lawrence County for the Towns of Potsdam and Fowler as a data collector for the assessment of real property. Devan moved to the North Country from Connecticut where he had previously worked for the State of Connecticut Land Acquisition and Management Division and in the residential construction industry. A graduate of SUNY New Paltz, he now lives in Wilmington with his family.

Lamy - Bill Lamy retired in 2010 as the Superintendent of the Warren County Department of Public Works. He worked for DPW for 15 years in various job assignments. As Superintendent, one of his responsibilities included the snow and Ice control for 250 miles of County Highways. Bill also spent 20 years at NYSDEC- Region 5, Warrensburg working in the Division of Water. Bill joined Clark Patterson Lee in 2011 as a Project Manager and Grant Administrator on the West Brook Conservation Initiative in Lake George. Bill is currently working on the Lake George Watershed Salt Reduction Project. Bill graduated from Purdue University in 1972 with a BS in Civil Engineering and he been a licensed Professional Engineer in New York since 1977. Bill is a US Army Veteran, spending 4 years on active duty with the Corps of Engineers.

Lavigne - Dr. Amanda Lavigne is an Adirondack Park native. After studying ecology as an undergraduate at Brown University, Amanda moved back to the Adirondack region and pursued her master’s degree in Clarkson University’s Civil and Environmental Engineering department, and then her doctoral studies within Clarkson’s interdisciplinary Environment Science and Engineering program. From 2007 to 2014, she worked in the Environmental Studies department at St. Lawrence University where she was an Assistant Professor teaching courses focusing on energy and the environment, industrial ecology, and residential renovation to increase energy efficiency. She is currently the Director of the Clean Energy Program at ANCA, coordinates ANCA’s annual Clean Energy Economy Conference, and continues to work as a private consultant. Since 2014, she has contributed to bringing over $3.5 million to ANCA’s Clean Energy Program and significantly expanding opportunities to assist communities with clean energy projects. Amanda sits on the Board of Directors of the NY Bioenergy Association and is the President of the Adirondack Research Consortium. She lives and plays in the Franklin Falls area with her partner Joe, and sons Orion and Orson.

Lemelson - Rich Lemelson has operated the Owl Valley Farm since 2013. The farm has two acres of Cascade and Chinook hops in production and supplies hops locally to the Adirondack Brewery. Rich also grows a wide selection of vegetables and raises chickens for eggs.

Lynch - Kenneth P. Lynch was appointed Executive Deputy Commissioner of NYS DEC in March 2016. Prior to this appointment, Ken served as DEC’s Region 7 Director since 1997. As Executive Deputy, Ken assists Commissioner Seggos with oversight of all
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DEC programs across New York State. Ken is a native of Central New York. He graduated from Yale University in 1984 with a B.A. degree in Economics and Political Science. He obtained his law degree from Syracuse University College of Law in 1988 and was admitted to the New York Bar in 1989. Ken is an active outdoorsman and resides in Elbridge, New York with his wife, twin sons and one daughter.

Lynch - Ariel Lynch is an Environmental Program Specialist 2 with the NYS Adirondack Park Agency (APA), where she has worked for 15 years. Her primary responsibility is reviewing permit applications for subdivision and development on private land in the Adirondack Park. Previously, she worked as a naturalist at the Paul Smiths College VIC and as an EPA contractor researching and modeling wetlands. Ms. Lynch holds a BA in Environmental Studies from Middlebury College and a MS in Conservation Biology from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

McKenna - James McKenna serves as the President and CEO of the Lake Placid based Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism. In this role, Mr. McKenna directs the strategic tourism marketing and destination planning for Essex, Hamilton and Franklin counties in the Adirondacks of New York State. He currently serves on several Boards of Directors for organizations whose missions concern economic development, sports and tourism, and philanthropic endeavors.

Miller - Doug Miller, a former Enforcement Officer for the Adirondack Park Agency, currently supervises APA’s Jurisdictional office as an Environmental Program Specialist 2. Born and raised in the southern outskirts of the Adirondack Park in the Town of Russia, he spent summers at a family camp in Morehouse. A graduate of St. Lawrence University with a degree in Biology and Environmental Science, Doug interned for the Education Programs at the Adirondack Mountain Club, served as a Fish and Wildlife Technician for NYS DEC working in Herkimer, Lewis, Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties, and worked as a Fish Culturist for NYS DEC throughout Adirondack Park. Doug is an Adirondack 46er and a 6-time finisher of the Adirondack Canoe Classic.

Monroe* - Fred Monroe is a graduate of Syracuse University College of Law with a Juris Doctor 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. Before law school, he served as a U.S. Air Force officer in aerospace defense, and in the South Pacific in support of the Apollo 13 and 14 astronaut recovery operations. He also represented the U.S. Air Force Academy as a Liaison Officer for many years. 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 past 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. Mr. Monroe served on the federally funded New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine Northern Forest Lands Council Advisory Committee and on the steering committee for the Adirondack Park Regional Assessment Project.

Moore - Ronald Moore has served as the Supervisor of the Town of North Hudson since 2012. He serves on the Essex County Board of Supervisors, is a Director at Large for the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages and is an Essex County representative to the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board. Previously, Ron has also served as a member of the Town Board and as a member of the Board of Assessors. Ron served the United States Naval Submarine Force for over 21 years and upon his retirement returned to the Adirondacks, working as a Vocational Instructor and Education Supervisor in the NYS Department of Corrections, retiring in 2005.

Nelson - Pete Nelson is co-founder of Adirondack Wilderness Advocates and co-founder of the Adirondack Diversity Initiative, which seeks to help the region become more welcoming and inclusive. He is an expert on electric vehicles, actively works on projects to improve the Park’s transportation options and owns two EVs which he drives all over the North Country. Pete is also an avid writer whose work is featured regularly in area publications. Pete lives in Keene and enjoys skiing, hiking and time in the backcountry. When not engaged in these pursuits he teaches mathematics at North Country Community College.

Nordhaus - Jeffrey Nordhaus is Executive Vice President of Innovation & Broadband at Empire State Development Corporation. In this role, Mr. Nordhaus oversees Governor Cuomo’s $500 million New NY Broadband Program, an initiative to expand broadband service to unserved and underserved areas of New York State. Mr. Nordhaus also oversees New York’s venture capital program, including the $100 million New York Innovation Venture Capital Fund, among others. Mr. Nordhaus joins Empire State Development with 25 years of private sector experience focused in broadband, finance and private equity. He recently worked as Managing Director of Oaktree Capital Management, prior to which he was a Partner at Quadrangle Group and Vice President in the Communications, Media and Entertainment Group at Goldman, Sachs & Co. While at Quadrangle, Mr. Nordhaus was responsible for a number of successful investments in major cable and broadband businesses and served on the Board of Directors of Cequel Communications, Bresnan Communications, Get AS, Dice Inc. and Protection One. Mr. Nordhaus holds a B.A. with honors from Harvard College.

Pattison - Mark P. Pattison was appointed by Secretary of State Rossana Rosado as the Deputy Secretary for Local Government. He was previously the Director of Local Government Services at the Department of State. Mr. Pattison also previously served as Deputy Commissioner for the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities and 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 Master’s 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.

Perry - Justin Perry is the Chief of the DEC Division of Lands and Forests Bureau of Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health working out of the Central Office in downtown Albany. Justin began work in this new position in January 2017. Prior to his current position, Justin worked in Albany for six years as the Section Chief running the Lands and Forests’ State Forest Timber Sales Program and coordinating the State Forest “Green” Certification Program for ten years. Justin began his DEC career working as a private lands service forester for the Region 4 Stamford sub-office in 2003. Justin has a Bachelor’s of Science degree from Colorado State University with a concentration in Forest Management and is an alumnus of Paul Smith’s College with an Associate’s degree in Forest Technology. This year marks the 20th anniversary of Justin’s membership to the Society of American Foresters (SAF) and his sixteenth year as a SAF Certified Forester®. Working in Albany has allowed Justin to come back to the Capital District and his hometown of Voorheesville where he and his wife, Katy, and daughter, Veronica, currently live.

Phillip - Natasha Esther Phillip, Esq., is an Associate Attorney with the New York Department of State. Since 2007, she has frequently traveled the State to participate in lectures and provide advice, guidance, and technical assistance to local government officials in order to further each official’s understanding and compliance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Ms. Phillip received a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Albany Law School with a concentration in Environmental Law, and she is admitted to the practice of law in New York State. Ms. Phillip is also a member of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) and a member of the Executive Committee of NYSBA’s Local and State Government Law Section.

Pratt - Michael Pratt is the President CEO of the NYS Olympic Regional Development Authority. Prior to his appointment to ORDA in 2017, he was the General Manager of Gore Mountain Ski Area. During his tenure at Gore Mountain they earned numerous awards in Environmental Excellence, Visual Resource Management, Special Interest Group Relations and helped secure a 5.3 MWdc Solar PPA. Mike is a member of the National Ski Areas Association Environmental Committee, Ski Areas of New York Board and Warren County Economic Development Corporation Board. Mike earned a BA from SUNY Potsdam in Environmental Planning.

Preston - Randy Preston has been the Supervisor for the Town of Wilmington for 11 years. He has been involved with the Road Salt Reduction committee for 3 years, participating in numerous meetings with DEC and DOT. He has 41 years with the Wilmington Fire Department under his belt, serving 14 of those years as Chief. Randy has also served as Chairmen for the Essex County Board of Supervisors for 2 years.

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 2.9 million acres of Forest Preserve lands in New 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.

Roedel, David - David serves as the Business Development Officer at Roedel Companies where he is responsible for acquisition and development deals, the sales effort for third-party ROK Builders and RGH Hospitality contracts, marketing, and public relations. David has served on the board of directors for the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Boys and Girls Club of Manchester and Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Hampshire. David claims that one of his most valuable jobs was serving as a bartender at Snuffy’s Pub in Saranac Lake. David enjoys time with his wife, Mary Lynn, and three daughters and coaches girls lacrosse in his spare time.

Roedel III, Fred - Fred is always up for a rugby match, as well as a day skiing on the slopes or the lakes. Fred serves as the Chief Financial Officer for Roedel Companies where his work includes securing capital to meet the strategic growth of the company, managing cash flow, and overseeing all financial accounting and reporting functions. Fred combines his love of rugby and instincts for finances by serving on the Finance Committee for USA Rugby. He has also been a past treasurer and executive committee member of USA Rugby, and currently serves as an advisor to the Board of Directors for The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua and the Daniel Webster Council of the Boys Scouts of America.
Schachner - Mark Schachner, Esq. is the senior principal attorney in the law firm of MILLER, MANNIX, SCHACHNER & HAFNER, LLC in Glens Falls and Round Lake. 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, Hague, Horicon, Indian Lake, Johnstown, Lake George, Minerva, Newcomb, Northampton, Queensbury, 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 a Director of the New York Planning Federation. He lives in the Lake George area with his 11-year-old Great Dane, Lucy.

Simpson* - Matthew J. Simpson is Supervisor of the Town of Horicon, member of the Warren County Board of Supervisors and Chairman of the Public Works Parks & Railroad committee. He is President of the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages and Chairman of the Warren Washington Industrial Development Agency. He is owner of Matt Simpson Drywall, LLC in Brant Lake.

Smith - Zoë Smith is the Director of the Wildlife Conservation Society’s Adirondack Program, based in Saranac Lake, NY. She has been working on Adirondack conservation for the past 25 years, including time with the Adirondack Mountain Club and Adirondack AmeriCorps Program. Zoë’s work focuses on implementing community-based conservation programs and is involved in numerous regional initiatives including serving on the core team of the Adirondack Common Ground Alliance. She has also served on a number of advisory boards including the New York State Open Space Committee; Two Countries, One Forest; North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative; and other projects to build strong communities and successful conservation programs. She lives in Saranac Lake with her family and, with her husband, helps to operate their family--owned canoe and kayak outfitting business, Adirondack Lakes and Trails Outfitters.

VanSlyke - Matt VanSlyke is a husband, father of two boys and professional transportation planner who has spent the better part of the last decade working with local communities on a wide variety of programs and projects. This experience ranges from administering federal and state-funded transportation and community planning programs, conducting training for elected officials, community organizing to promote trail and infrastructure projects, and the administration of complex community development projects. He is a recognized leader in local, regional and statewide bicycle and pedestrian advocacy, the promotion of bicycle tourism, trail assessment, construction and maintenance. Matt manages Guest Relations and Event Operations at Cycle Adirondacks, a full-service bicycle tour company that has welcomed bicycle tourists from more than 40 states and Canada to experience the Adirondack Park from the saddle of their bicycles (www.CycleAdirondacks.com). He is also the founder and Executive Director of Utica Bike Rescue (www.UticaBikeRescue.org), a non-profit community bike shop in his hometown. He is always looking for new ways to provide people with a fresh look at the way they interact with the natural and built environments. The most exciting and interesting thing for him professionally is having the opportunity to create innovative projects and events that showcase the unique, and often unrecognized, beauty of upstate New York.

Ward - Jamie Ward is an internationally recognized expert on cybersecurity strategy, cyberterrorism, corporate strategies and government operations. He has made many appearances and has spoken to audiences around the world. In addition, Jamie has been an influential leader in the past 8 years in state and local government as the current Mayor of Mayfield, NY. Jamie has developed and implemented solutions and intelligence for a few of the largest technology companies in the world. A highly-seasoned executive and leader in both the private and public sector, Jamie has helped some of largest companies in the world shape and change markets through effective engagement and relationships with senior executives and US elected officials. This consisted of leading new technology industry initiatives and impacting progressive change in our nation’s government. Jamie delivers passionate compelling intelligence in today’s complex Cybersecurity industry. Discussion and high energy efforts are always to inspire, inform and drive clarity and urgency to what needs to be done to protect our nation from the ever changing and high risk Cybersecurity world.

Weimer - Keir Weimer is a native of the Adirondacks, having grown up coming to his family's camp on Fourth Lake in Old Forge as a third generation. Keir is a serial entrepreneur, having started several businesses over the past 4 years, and currently leading the region's top real estate brokerage team, The Keir Weimer Team of Select Sotheby's International Realty. Keir also is one of the owners of Great Pines, the southern Adirondack's leading luxury destination resort on Fourth Lake, and recent runner-up in several categories of hospitality and dining in Adirondack Life's recent Best of the Adirondacks Awards. Keir is also a partner at Odessa Realty Investments, a real estate investment firm out of New York City, is a private investor and developer of real estate opportunities, and is starting a speaking and consulting venture this year to bring his message and philosophy to others to help inspire, develop and lead. When Keir isn't working, which is rare, he loves to travel the world and experience new cultures and areas. Keir is an avid reader and writer, loves to take advantage of the Adirondacks and what the great outdoors here affords for recreation, and is always thinking about what the next move will be.

Wilber - Kyle Wilber is a Local Government Specialist with the New York Department of State Division of Local Government Services. He is the program manager of the Local Government Efficiency program, and two federal-state-local community
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development partnerships, the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Northern Border Regional Commission. In these roles, Kyle assists local government officials identify efficiencies and cost savings in local services, and develop strategies and projects to support community development. Kyle has served as the Chairman of the Town of Ghent Zoning Board of Appeals and as a member of the Town of Ghent Comprehensive Plan Review Committee. He currently is Captain of the Ghent Volunteer Fire Company, a member of the Auxiliary of Ghent VFW Post #5933 and the Ghent Sportsman’s Association, and is Little League baseball coach. In his spare time, Kyle is a trombonist in the Ghent Band. Mr. Wilber holds a Degree in Geography and Urban Planning from the University of Binghamton.

**Williams** - Tom Williams is a seasoned marketing and communications professional utilizing his expertise with numerous clients in upstate New York and throughout the northeast. Tom provided successful marketing solutions for the automotive industry both regionally and nationally with the business he formed in 1994, Network Marketing. In 2015 he began a new venture, Paradox Consulting Group, which has a strong upstate and north-country emphasis focusing on business development, strategic planning, website design, tourism and public relations. Tom leverages over 30 years of experience helping various clients to be more successful by building customer loyalty and retention. He is a strong believer in “business partnering” and “co-marketing”. His approach to business is simple…less is more. Recently he has been involved with efforts to encourage support from the business community in the Adirondacks for the fight against invasive species. His firm works with the Adirondack Watershed Institute at Paul Smith’s College to help gain more public awareness for their signature program to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. His other Adirondack interests include serving 6 years as the President of the Adirondack Landowners Association. Tom, a former licensed guide, is also very active in sportsmen’s issues in New York State and currently serves on the NYS DEC Conservation Fund Advisory Board representing Region 4. In his free time, Tom can be found hunting, fishing or snowmobiling at his camp on the West Canada Creek, or at his farm in Paradox. He and his wife Karen volunteer for Wounded Warrior events hosted by the Adaptive Sports Foundation in Windham, NY.

**Wilson** - Joe Pete Wilson, Jr. was born in Lake Placid, graduated from Lake Placid High School, and spent summers and vacations working in Keene. Joe Pete and his brothers spent their free time cross country skiing, hiking, camping, and rock climbing in the High Peaks. Joe Pete and his family returned to Keene in 2008, and after Hurricane Irene, he became involved in the local flood recovery effort. Joe Pete has been the Town Supervisor of Keene since January 1, 2017, and hiker traffic and use of the High Peaks area is now a priority issue for Keene.

**Winchell** - 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 Backcountry Information web pages, updating them weekly. The webpages average more than 90,000 visits annually. 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.

**Winkeller** - Paul Winkeller was New York Bicycling Coalition’s very first Executive Director and he is once again serving in this role. He has worked at all levels of government - federal, state and local - and has also led several non-profit organizations, both local and statewide and all with a conservation-sustainability focus, including an AmeriCorps funded youth corps for the City of Albany.

**Wright** - Arthur ’Mo’ Wright has been in the Town of Hadley political scene since 1998 being elected to the Town Board. He served on the Board of Hadley Town Board for 10 years before being elected Town Supervisor in 2008. As a member of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors he was Chairman of the Board in 2016. He is currently the Chairman of the Veterans Committee and the InterCounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks. Mo also serves on the Human Resources & Insurance Committee and the Law & Finance Committee at the County. He is a full-time Supervisor.

* Denotes members of the Local Government Day Steering Committee.

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