

NYSFOLA 2025 Annual Conference - PRELIMINARY Agenda

Thursday May 1, 2025				
3:30pm - 5:30pm	NYSFOLA Board of Directors Meeting, Glens Falls Room			
6:00pm	Dinner on your own			
Friday May 2, 2025				
8:30am	Registration open in Conference Center Lobby			
	"Morning Nosh" in Village Blacksmith Lounge			
Exhibitor Set Up	Albany Room			
	Lake George Room North	Lake George Room South	Tupper Lake/Indian Lake Room	Long Lake Room
9:15am	Welcome and Logistics			
9:30am - 10:30am	Keynote Speaker - Greg Michel, Executive Director, Onondaga Earth Corps. Gregory Michel and the team members from Onondaga Earth Corps will kick off our conference this year. The Onondaga Earth Corps (OEC) engages young adults, ages 16 to 25, in service projects that address environmental and community needs. Participants gain hands-on experience with community and environmental service-learning initiatives, preparing them for careers in environmental fields.			
BREAK: 10:30am - 10:45am (Blacksmith Lounge)	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
	A1 Aquatic Invasive Species Identification and Monitoring	A2 Regulations and Programs	A3 Diet for a Small Lake	A4 Students and Environmental Action
10:45am- 11:15am	"Don't Throw Away Your Rakes": Comparing eDNA and Traditional Tool Based Monitoring Methods for Aquatic Invasive Species" - Brian Greene, Program Director of the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP), The Nature Conservancy	"Navigating the New Freshwater Wetlands Regulations" - Kristen Spohr, Environmental Program Specialist, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation	"Diet for a Small Lake, An Introduction to Limnology" - New to NYSFOLA? This is a great place to start. Join Dr. Harman and his colleagues for a "crash course" in Limnology 101. Bill Harman, NYSFOLA Board, Director SUNY Oneonta Biological Field Station (BFS), Professor of Biology, Emeritus; Matt Albright, NYSFOLA Board & Assistant to the Director, BFS; Dan Stich, Associate Professor of Biology, BFS Researcher	"Hooking the Next Generation on Lake Stewardship" - Jane Oppenlander, CSLAP Volunteer and Board Member, Lake Luzerne Association
11:15am - 11:45am	"Divers, Dredges, and Digital Images: Evaluating Survey Methods for Dreissenid Mussel Populations" - David Andrews, Senior Research Scientist, Upstate Freshwater Institute	"Old Lake Issues? The EPA National Lakes Assessment (2000s) and funding new experimental solutions" - Chris Mikolajczyk, Senior Manager - Aquatics, Princeton Hydro	"Diet for a Small Lake, An Introduction to Limnology" - cont.	"Onondaga Earth Corps Interactive Session" - Learn about the work performed in the field by these young adults and how they approach sharing their knowledge with others; Onondaga Earth Corps Team
LUNCH: noon - 1:30pm (Carriage House)	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
	B1 Aquatic Invasive Species Identification and Monitoring	B2 Lake Data: Sorting Out the Numbers	B3 A Strategic Plan for NYSFOLA - Charting Our Future	B4 Community Involvement
1:45pm - 2:15pm	"Monitoring the Monoculture: Exploring the Role, Removal, and Native Recovery of Water Chestnut Dominated Environments in the Hudson River" - Ashley Morris, Region 3 Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC)	"How to Read Your CSLAP Report" - Alene Onion, CSLAP Coordinator, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation	"NYSFOLA, Strategic Planning" - Learn how we have charted our new course to meet ever changing challenges and to serve our members better - David Carr, Executive Director	"Synergies Between Citizen Science, College Student Research Projects and Lake Associations: Lessons Learned" - Tarki Heath, NYSFOLA Board and Kettle Lakes Association, and Kim Schultz, Associate Professor, SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry

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2:15pm - 2:45pm	"Collaborative Efforts in Reducing the Spread of Round Goby" - Elizabeth Whitmore-Stolar, Aquatic Invasive Species Outreach Specialist, NYS DEC,	"What 33 Years of Water Quality Monitoring Reveals About Two Adirondack Lake" - Michael Martin, Senior Environmental Scientist, Suozzo, Doty & Associates	"Dr. Lake" - Dean Long, NYSFOLA Board Member and Consultant, Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District, will be available to help explain your CSLAP Data reports. By Appointment, 15 to 20 min discussions. Email fola@nysfola.org or dlong735@gmail.com for more information. Use DR LAKE in the email subject heading. <i>Note: Location may change.</i>	"Hiring a Consultant" - David Mathews, Director, Upstate Freshwater Institute
2:45pm - 3:15pm	"Everything starts with a map: History of iMapInvasives through the New York Natural Heritage Program"- Jennifer Dean, Invasive Species Program Coordinator, NY Natural Heritage Program	"Using Aquatic Invasive Species Data to Inform Management Decisions" - Mitchell O'Neil, Invasive Species Biologist, NY Natural Heritage Program		"Making Media Work for You" - Howard Schaffer, President, Media Marketing, and Vice President, Lake Luzerne Association
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	C1 Managing Aquatic Invasive Plants	C2 Data Analysis - Student Researchers	C3 IMAP Workshop	C4 Community Involvement
3:30pm - 4:00pm	"Success, Rebounds, and Surprises: A 15 -year Study of Herbicide Effectiveness in Controlling Invasive Macrophytes" - Andrew Brainard, Director, Upstate Freshwater Institute	"Geospatial Solutions for Septic System Challenges" - Kevin Suchecki, Otsego Lake Watershed Supervisory Committee, and Student at SUNY Oneonta	"iMapInvasives Workshop: Collecting and Using the Data" - Douglas Knoph, NY Natural Heritage Program. Join us for a hands-on workshop on how you can leverage iMapInvasives to advance invasive species prevention, monitoring, and management in your lake and beyond. <i>This workshop will include indoor and outdoor portions. We encourage participants to bring their own laptop and smartphone or tablet if feasible.</i>	"Libraries Love Lakes: A Community-Driven Approach for Watershed Education" - Nadia Harvieux, Associate Director for Educational Programs, Finger Lakes Institute/Hobart and William Smith Colleges
4:00pm - 4:30pm	"Herbicide Treatment of Invasive Milfoil in the Adirondacks: Assessing Outcomes" - Aaron Ziemann, Project Analyst, NYS Adirondack Park Agency	"Using Past and Present Data to Identify Trends in a Kettle Lake System" - Alexander Javitz, Student, SUNY Oneonta Biology Department		"Wool and Water: Stitching the Story of Water with Fiber Art" - Michale Glennon; Paul Smith's College/Adirondack Watershed Institute
4:30pm - 5:00pm	"The Use of ProcellaCOR Over the Last Five Years in New York State" - Dean Long, NYSFOLA Board Member and Caleigh Millette, Consultant, Little Bear Environmental	"Characterizing Multidecadal changes in Limnetic Conditions and Fish Communities of Two Connected Adirondack Lakes" - Elijah Creedon, Graduate Student, SUNY Oneonta Biology Department		"Lake Trivia": Join the fun as we try to stump our panel of experts on interesting and maybe obscure facts, figures, and fun information about New York Lakes - Nancy Mueller, NYSFOLA CSLAP Coordinator
5:00pm - 6:00pm (Village Blacksmith Lounge)	Wine and Cheese Party			
DINNER: 6:00 pm (Carriage House)	Guest speaker - Carl Heilman - Photographer			
Saturday May 3, 2025				
BREAKFAST: 7am-8am (White Lion Room - Hotel)	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Registration opens 8:30am				
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	D1 Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)	D2 Environmental Policy and Regulations	D3 CSLAP Training	D4 Data Collection and Analysis
9:00am - 9:30am	"Evaluation of Aeration for the Mitigation of Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)" - Anne McElwee, Graduate Student, SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry	"New York's Green Amendment Protecting Our Lakes"- Nathan Porceng, Student, Columbia Law School		"From fish in ponds to code in the cloud: using data to inform fisheries management in New York" - Dan Stitch, Associate Professor and Biological Field Station Researcher, SUNY Oneonta
9:30am - 10:00am	"Internal Loading-Updated Solutions for an Old and Increasing Problem for Lakes" - Fred Lubnow, Senior Technical Director of Ecological Services, Princeton Hydro	"Watershed Rules and Regulations for the Protection of Public Drinking Water Supplies" - Dan Shapley, Senior Director of Advocacy Policy & Planning, Riverkeeper	CSLAP Training	"Leveraging a High- Frequency Sensor Network and Long-Term Monitoring to Understand Lake George's Changing Ecosystem" - Brian Mattes, RPI-Jefferson Project, Senior Research Specialist

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10:00am - 10:30am	"Mitigation of Harmful Algal Blooms By Electrochemical Ozonation: from Bench-Scale Studies to Field Applications" - Yang Yang, Assistant Professor, Clarkson University	"Proposed Harmful Algal Bloom Legislation in New York State" - Jacob Welch, President, Fingerlakes Regional Watershed Alliance (FLRWA), and Douglass Merrill, Vice President, FLRWA	CSLAP Training	
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	D5 Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) continued	D6 Lake Management 1		D7 Public Policy
10:45am - 11:15am	"Preparing for Restoration - Lake Neatahwanta" - Shannon Junior, Water Quality Technical Specialist, EutroPHIX, Mike Peterson, Reimagine Fulton	"Chautauqua Lake - Alive wiith a Busy Chautauqua Lake Association" - Douglas Conroe, Executive Director, Chautauqua Lake Association	CSLAP Training	"Public Education - Face To Face on the New Wetlands Regulations" - Jim Wehrfritz, President, Chautauqua Lake Property Owners Association
11:15am - 11:45am	"Determining the Source of Aquatic Foam in the Finger Lakes: Insights into Cyanobacterial Harmful Algal Blooms in Low-Nutrient Systems" - Stella Woodard, Scientific Consultant, Global Aquatic Research LLC	"It Takes a Village - A Case Study on Fostering a Lake Improvement Project" - Frank Moses, Executive Director, Skaneateles Lake Association	CSLAP Training	"NYS Rapid Actions on Alternative Energy" - Jim Cunningham, Chairman, Madison County Board of Supervisors and a Past President NYSFOLA
LUNCH & MEMBERSHIP MEETING: noon - 1:15pm (Carriage House)	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
	E1 Aquatic Invasive Species Management	E2 Lake Management 2	CSLAP Training	
1:30pm - 2:00pm	"Recent Findings by the Northeast Aquatic Nuisance Species Panel" - Eric Randall, NYSFOLA Board	"Brant Lake - A 25 year journey in Lake Management" - Wayne Butler, Chairman, Lake Management, Brant Lake Association	CSLAP Training (outside)	"Dr. Lake" - Dean Long, NYSFOLA Board Member and Consultant, Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District, will be available to help explain your CSLAP Data reports. By Appointment, 15 to 20 min discussions. Email folo@nysfola.org or dlong735@gmail.com for more information. Use DR LAKE in the email subject heading. <i>Note: Location may change.</i>
2:00pm - 2:30pm	"Management of Hydrilla In Two Connecticut Lakes" - George Knoecklein, Limnologist, Northeast Aquatic Research	"Sustaining White Birch Lake: Analyzing Water Quality and Stakeholder Concerns" -Alex Allen, Graduate Student, SUNY Oneonta	CSLAP Training (outside)	
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	E3 Aquatic Invasive Species Management cont.	E4 NYSFOLA		
2:45pm - 3:15pm	"Phragmites Management Options & Case Studies" - Luke Gervais, Project Ecologist, GEI Consultants	"NYSFOLA, Strategic Planning" - Learn how we have charted our new course to meet ever changing challenges and to serve our members better; David Carr, NYSFOLA Executive Director	CSLAP Training (outside)	
3:15pm - 3:45 pm	"Building Capacity to Prevent AIS in the Columbia River Basin" -Jacob Utrie, Vice President of Operations, CD3 Systems		CSLAP Training (outside)	