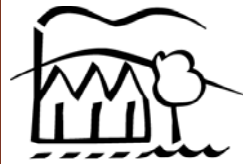




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The Genesee River Conference was conceived as a forum where professionals that have been working within the Genesee River Basin could present and discuss their latest research and work. By bringing together a wide array of environmental professionals from a diverse spectrum of backgrounds, it is anticipated that there will be ample opportunity for issue discussion and debate, as well as "cross-pollination" between agencies and disciplines. Furthermore, conference organizers hope that the event will act as a springboard for future activities within the Basin.

Who should attend?

The conference has been designed to focus on a wide array of issues relevant to water and natural resource quality, use and restoration. Agency officials, local public administrators, conservation advisory board members, watershed planners, environmental advocates, students, and other interested members of the public should plan to attend. While the conference is focusing on issues occurring in and around the Genesee River Basin, much of the information discussed will be readily-transferable to other geographic areas and professional backgrounds. Issue discussion and debate is highly encouraged.

Conference Date: Friday, October 26th, 2007

Conference Registration

Individual: \$40 Student: \$25 (Valid ID Required)
 Vendor/Exhibitor: \$300(includes 2)

All registrations include continental breakfast & buffet lunch

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER BY October 19, 2007
 PLEASE NO REFUNDS AFTER October 19

Location:

Genesee River Restaurant and Reception Center
 134 North Main Street ~ Mount Morris, NY 14510
 (585) 658-2949 ~ www.geneseeiverrrestaurant.com

Directions

Exit 7 off I-390, turn left on 408 South into Mount Morris (1.9 miles to the stop light). At stop light, turn right onto Route 36 North (Main Street). Located one mile on your right.

*For more information and Workshop updates visit
www.gflrpc.org/GeneseeRiverConference.htm*

Workshop Guide advertisements are available in full page, 1/2 page, and 1/4 sizes. Please contact David Zorn at G/FLRPC for details

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Registration Form - 2007 Genesee River Conference



Name: _____

Municipality/Company/Organization _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number (w/Area Code): _____ Email: _____

Please Circle the sessions you will be attending:

A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	
B1	B2	B3	B4		
C1	C2	C3	C4		

Registration Fee:
 \$40 per individual/\$25 Student/\$300 per vendor/exhibitor

Please make checks payable to: G/FLRPC
Please, no refunds after October 19th

Mail, Fax, or Email Pre-Registration by May 3 to:

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8:00-9:00	Registration		
9:00-10:00	Welcome Keynote Address (Speaker TBA) An Illustrated History of the Genesee River Basin: Ruth Naparsteck, Historian		
	Track A: State of the Basin	Track B: Land Use, Recreation and Tourism	Track C: Habitat and Biodiversity
10:00-11:00	<p>A1: The Priority Waterbodies List (PWL) in the Genesee River Basin. The PWL is the most comprehensive inventory of water quality data available for the lakes and tributaries in the Genesee River Basin. This federally-mandated framework is used to focus activities, provide consistent data over time, guide funding, and measure the progress of lakes and rivers. What does it say about water quality in the Genesee River Basin? What waterbodies require further attention? What changes are in store for the PWL as we move into the future? These questions and other issues will be discussed. Attendees will be given the opportunity to discuss and ask questions about the PWL process following the presentation.</p> <p>Presenter: Jeff Myers, NYSDEC Division of Water</p>	<p>B1: Open Space Preservation in the Genesee River Basin.</p> <p>Presentations: The NYS Open Space Plan. New York's Open Space Conservation Plan (Plan) serves as the blueprint for the State's land conservation efforts, which during the past several years, has conserved nearly a million acres of land with an investment of more than \$658 million. Learn about how the Plan has benefited the lands in and around the Genesee River Basin in the past and what priority projects lie ahead.</p> <p>Randall Nemecek, NYSDEC Reg. 8 Supervisor of Nat'l Resources</p> <p>The Future of Hemlock and Canadice Lakes. In the late 19th Century, the City of Rochester purchased the lands around Hemlock and Canadice Lakes and later developed a gravity-fed water supply system for the City, which continues to operate today. Considered part of the four "western Finger Lakes" which drain into the Genesee River, the lakes are renown as the last two undeveloped lakes within the entire Finger Lakes chain. Learn about this great resource and what the future may hold.</p> <p>Jim Howe, Director Central and Western NY Chapter of The Nature Conservancy</p> <p>Genesee River Basin Land Acquisition. The application of innovative tools such as conservation easements and fee-simple acquisition has saved thousands of acres from development. Learn about the past, present, and future efforts put forth by land trusts within the Genesee River Basin.</p> <p>Eric Grace, Executive Director Genesee Valley Conservancy</p>	<p>C1: Threatened Species & Species Restoration. Learn about several efforts to monitor and restore the habitat and population of various species types within the Genesee River Basin.</p> <p>Presentations: Sturgeon Restoration. Dawn Dittman, USGS</p> <p>River Otter Restoration. Lei Lani Stelle, RIT</p> <p>Salmonid Stocking and Fisheries Restoration in Lake Ontario. Brian F. Lantry, USGS-BRD Research Fisheries Biologist</p>
11:00-12:00	<p>A2: Local Efforts at Monitoring and Improving Water Quality. A great deal of effort has been put forth by members of academia, local watershed groups, municipal authorities and other vested interests to address the quality of lakes and streams. Presentations will include a small sample of some of the effort that has been put forth in this regard.</p> <p>Scheduled Presenters: Oatka Creek Stream Segment Analysis. Ted Lewis, Research Scientist, SUNY Brockport</p> <p>Predicting Non Point-Source Pollution Paths for Locating Best Management Practices Paul Richards, SUNY Brockport</p> <p>City of Rochester Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Program. Andy Sansone, Monroe County Dept. of Env. Services</p>	<p>Genesee River Basin Land Acquisition. The application of innovative tools such as conservation easements and fee-simple acquisition has saved thousands of acres from development. Learn about the past, present, and future efforts put forth by land trusts within the Genesee River Basin.</p> <p>Eric Grace, Executive Director Genesee Valley Conservancy</p>	<p>C2: Invasive Species: They're Here, They're Coming...Now What? <i>Giant Hogweed, Rock Snot, VHS, Purple Loosestrife...</i> Their names and potential risks are equally daunting. Furthermore, are they invasive, non-native, or invasive non-native...and what's the difference? Find out answers to these questions and more, and learn what actions are taking place to address the issue.</p> <p>Presenter: Chuck O'Neil, Coastal Resources Specialist, NY Sea Grant</p>
12:00-1:00	Lunch		
1:00-2:00	<p>A3: Demonstration Projects. Learn about some of the fascinating studies and innovative implementation projects that have been occurring within the Genesee River Basin.</p> <p>Presentations: Agricultural Best Management Practices for Conesus Lake. Dr. Joe Makarewicz, SUNY Brockport.</p> <p>Efforts within the Genesee River Headwaters. Jack Fleckenstein, Watershed Specialist, Potter County Penn. Conservation District</p>	<p>B2: Recreational Access. The Genesee River Basin covers a land area of approximately 2,500 square miles and the River itself has a length of approximately 157 miles. Within the Basin lie 24 individual watersheds, each with its own network of streams. With such an enormous area, one can also expect enormous recreational opportunities. Learn about the trials and tribulations of those who have experienced paddling and other forms of recreation in and around the mighty Genesee as well as efforts to create and improve access to the river.</p> <p>Presentations: Paddling In and Around the Genesee. Randy French, Owner/Guide - Pack, Paddle and Ski</p> <p>Fishing Access Throughout the Genesee River Basin. Joe Evans, NYSDEC Reg. 9 Fisheries</p>	<p>C3: Model Programs and Institutional Frameworks. How have other regions in New York State and the Great Lakes region been addressing issues such as problem prioritization, funding, and implementation? What challenges have they faced in addressing local problems? What have been some of their greatest successes (and failures)? What lessons may be transferable the Genesee River Basin? These and other questions and issues will be addressed.</p> <p>Presentations: Hudson River Estuary Program Frances F. Dunwell, Program Coordinator</p> <p>Buffalo/Niagara RIVERKEEPER Linda Schneekloth, Board Member</p> <p>Lake Ontario LaMP Don Zelazny, NYSDEC Great Lakes Program Coordinator</p> <p>Lake Ontario Coastal Initiative Steve Lewandowski, Program Director, Lake Ontario Coastal Initiative</p>
2:00-3:00	<p>A4: US Army Corps of Engineers. Learn about what the USACE has been doing to manage land and water resources in the Western Lake Erie basin and how those lessons and activities may be applied here within the Genesee drainage basin. Mt. Morris Dam management, sediment control activities and river dredging are some of the issues that are likely to be addressed.</p> <p>Presenters: Craig Forget, USACE Buffalo District</p>	<p>B3: Trail and Greenway Development. The Genesee Valley Greenway took years of planning and negotiating to establish. Today it stands as one of the premier multi-use recreational trails in the region. Learn about its creation as well as the other trail planning and improvement efforts that are taking place throughout the Genesee River Basin.</p> <p>Presenters: Joan Schumaker, Friends of the Genesee Valley Greenway (Robert Torzynski, Program Mngr, Bicycle and Ped. Planning, Genesee Transportation Council</p>	<p>Lake Ontario Coastal Initiative Steve Lewandowski, Program Director, Lake Ontario Coastal Initiative</p>
3:00-4:00	<p>A5: Ongoing Programs and Projects. Learn about some well-known programs that have been guiding action within the basin over time, as well as some important projects that you may not be aware of.</p> <p>Presentations: Rochester Embayment Remedial Action Plan Update. Charlie Knauf, Monroe County Dept. of Health Data Rescue: Aging Environmental Databases. Paul Sawyko, Monroe County Dept. of Health EPA's Strategic Plan and the Watershed Approach. Fred Lucky, USEPA (tentative)</p>	<p>B4: The Canal Connection. Since 1832, the Erie Canal has been linked to the Genesee River in some form or another. Learn more about the interaction between these two waterways and what may lie ahead, including proposals to re-water a portion of the old Erie Canal in downtown Rochester.</p> <p>Presenters: Tom Grasso, President, Canal Society of NYS NYS Canal Corporation Representative (Invited)</p>	<p>C4: Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy. Learn about NYSDEC's strategy for addressing wildlife preservation within the Genesee River Basin.</p> <p>Presenter: Jenny Landry, NYSDEC Reg. 8 State Wildlife Grants Biologist</p>
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