



Next Generation Council Charter Members



Adeline Clayton, Lake Placid, NY
Tahawus Trails LLC

Addy first moved to the Adirondacks for a summer internship with the Adirondack Mountain Club in 2015. You could say it was love at first sight because she's been here since. Working for the ADK for the following 4 summers, Addy made the area her year-round home in 2018. She now works for Tahawus Trails LLC, a small private trail contracting company working on hiking and biking trails across New York state. When not working to improve the trails, she enjoys biking, baking, and working in her garden. She currently is the coordinator for the Lake Placid Community Garden and is on the ADK's trails committee board as well as a founding member for the mountain club's trail crew alumni association. Protecting the Adirondacks has become more than just a job for her, it's something that she feels deeply connected to and has found a great deal of solace and healing among the mountains and wild waters of the park. She hopes

to connect others to the place as sustainably as possible.

Janelle Jones, Saranac Lake, NY
Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism

Although not a native-born Adirondacker, Janelle has been actively involved and working here for over a decade. Nature and topics related to the environment have always been her passion, which led her to pursue those topics in academia. Janelle holds a BA in environmental studies and a MS in conservation biology. Most of the work Janelle has done academically and professionally has centered around how people relate and interact with their surroundings, specifically the natural world. From summit stewarding on high mountains to surveying lakes for aquatic invasive species, Janelle has covered a lot of ground. It's not all work for Janelle, though; in her free time she can be found exploring and adventuring (and birding) all across the Adirondacks, and beyond.



Brooke Wise, East Dorset, VT
University of Vermont

Brooke is a first-year student at the University of Vermont majoring in Food Systems. One of the main reasons she decided to attend UVM is because of the great environmental program and proximity to the Adirondacks. She lives between East Dorset, VT and Keene Valley, NY. Brooke has been traveling to the Adirondacks since she was a year old, so spending time there has been a big part of her life. She is very familiar with the high peaks region and the Leave no Trace Principles, as an avid hiker and ADK 46er. From 2012-2016, she attended Camp Treetops in Lake Placid, NY, and is returning to join the staff as a counselor this summer. Brooke is interested in learning even more about the preservation of the Adirondack Park, along with learning how to play an active role in a non-profit organization.

Evan Foster, Burlington VT
Vermont Land Trust - ECO AmeriCorps

Evan is passionate about finding effective solutions to protecting land and increasing access to public land for everyone. His time spent canoeing in northern Ontario inspired him to pursue an education in environmental science at the University of Vermont (UVM). Evan participated in the UVM wilderness orientation called Trek as a student and a leader where he spent time in the Adirondacks hiking and canoeing. During his undergraduate studies, Evan studied abroad in Mongolia where he conducted research aimed to assist the park rangers in protecting the land. Following his graduation, Evan joined TerraCorps serving a term with the Attleboro Land Trust. Following this experience, he continued doing service by joining the Vermont Land Trust through ECO AmeriCorps in Vermont. Through his service and past experiences, he has developed a strong foundation for land stewardship and community engagement work. Evan has also spent time rock climbing, backcountry skiing and biking throughout the Adirondacks and holds an immense appreciation for the area.



Joseph Burnetter, Albany, NY
University at Albany

Joseph attends the University at Albany, majoring in the Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity program with a focus area in Cybersecurity. His favorite spots in the Adirondacks are Daggett Lake, places around Lake Champlain and anywhere north of Lake George because that's when he really starts to see the beauty of the mountains and the scenery changes.

Emily Segada, Westport, NY
Champlain Area Trails



Emily is a graduate of Paul Smith's College with a B.S. in Natural Resource Conservation Management and a minor in Environmental Communications. She is currently Operations & Communications Manager for Champlain Area Trails in Westport, NY. She has previously held roles in the Paul Smith's College's advancement office, working closely with their board of trustees, major donors, event planning, and multi database management. In addition, she completed a one-mile-long loop trail in Lake Clear with the NYSDEC for her senior capstone. She volunteers with the Paul Smith's Veteran's Association, Paul Smith's Alumni Association, Trout Unlimited, and greenlight for girls, an international non-profit ensuring girls have access to STEM education. She loves hiking (obviously!), identifying wildflowers, cooking for the people she loves, gardening in containers, and botanical watercolors.

Maggie Wittpenn, Califon, NJ (on the right)
University of Virginia/Bank of America

Maggie is a graduating senior at the University of Virginia, studying marketing and management. She is originally from Tewksbury, New Jersey and has spent time in the Adirondacks every summer since she can remember. Maggie started hiking with family and with the Adirondack Trail Improvement Society (ATIS) out of Keene Valley. She is a 46er and has worked as a trip leader for ATIS for five summers. Maggie spends most of my time in the high peaks region, hiking out of the Ausable Club. Upon graduation, she will be working in New York City doing risk management for Bank of America.





Madeleine Stuzin, New York, NY
Maryland Federal Public Defender's Office

Raised in Baltimore, MD, Maddie has been coming up to the Adirondacks with her family, including board member Anne Stuzin, since 2007. These summers cultivated her love of the outdoors from an early age and later served as an important counterpoint to the business of life in New York City. She became a 46er in 2019, a decade-long journey that illuminated the distinct beauty of Adirondack Park and the importance of its conservation. Maddie graduated in 2019 from Columbia University with a double major in History and English. Through her academic and work experiences in college, she became passionate about criminal legal reform and social justice work and went on to receive a Master's in Criminology at Cambridge University. She now works as a

paralegal at the Maryland Federal Public Defender's Office with a focus on capital work. She plans to attend law school within the next few years and pursue a career in Public Defense. Maddie looks forward to opportunities at the ADK Land Trust where she can merge her love of the outdoors and appreciation for environmental conservation with her commitment to social justice and equality.



Stephanie Campbell, Ithaca, NY
North Country Trail Association

Stephanie has worked in the conservation field for over a decade, having recently joined the North Country Trail Association in 2020 as the Regional Trail Coordinator for New York and Vermont. She has a B.A. from Purdue University in Communications and a M.S. from the University of Michigan in Environmental Policy, Planning and Conservation Ecology. Stephanie has held diverse roles ranging in focus from collaborative natural resource management to outdoor recreation. Stephanie is currently based out of Ithaca, New York where she enjoys hiking, yoga, painting and gardening.

Brianna LaRose, Watertown, NY

Brianna is a junior at General Brown high school. She is a varsity tennis player and participates in NYSSMA, judged solo singing, and the choir club. Her favorite warm-weather activities are camping, hiking, and kayaking in the Adirondacks, and in the winter she loves snowshoeing in the beautiful mountains of New York. After graduation she plans to go to either Clarkson or Rochester Institute of Technology for biotechnology and biomolecular science.





Lura Johnson, Keene, NY
Montana State University

Lura grew up in the Adirondack Mountains, where she discovered her passion for conservation and the environment. A rising junior studying environmental engineering at Montana State, Lura conducts research on deicing chemical properties. During her summers, she works in the Adirondack park as a front-country steward, aiding visitors to the park in planning a safe and enjoyable hike. Lura also works with the mapping and eradication of aquatic invasive species in the park. In her free time, Lura can be found enjoying the outdoors through art, climbing, skiing, running, and swimming.

Naishaly Velez Galan, Albany NY
University at Albany, Theatre and Sociology

Naishaly (She/Her/Hers) is a rising Junior at the University at Albany majoring in Theatre and Sociology. She is extremely passionate about being an advocate for the underrepresented and inequalities that BIPOC communities face. She is active in the Capital Region and hopes to shine a light on how we can all be better humans in the environments we live in and provide all of the resources we have to the people who need it most.



Savannah Woods, New York City and Westport, NY
Doctoral student, New School for Social Research

Savannah currently divides her time between New York City where she is a doctoral student in clinical psychology, and Elizabethtown, New York where she is a community member in love with mountain biking, skiing, trail running, and all of the other opportunities that the Adirondacks provides. Savannah moved to the Adirondacks in 2015 and lived in Westport, New York for two years to work with Aaron Woolf on film and community projects including the reopening of The Deer's Head Inn in Elizabethtown. Savannah currently sits on the board of Lakeside School in Essex and grew up a participant and guide at Northwaters and Langkib whose winter offices are housed in Wadhams.

Jess Grant, Elizabethtown NY
Adirondack Council

Jess moved to upstate New York from Alaska in 2015 when she began her Bachelor's of Science at the Environmental Sciences and Forestry College (ESF). The Adirondack Park is a sacred place to her, and she is dedicated to supporting efforts to protecting these spaces. As the Adirondack Land Trust's first intern in 2020 she gained a new perspective on the often impermeable Blue Line for the next generation. She is currently thriving in Elizabethtown, working as the Executive and Development Assistant for the Adirondack Council, making new friends on the trail, foraging for fungi, and whitewater kayaking.





Emma Ticknor, New York NY

Goldsmith & Co

Emma is a research analyst at an executive search firm based in New York City. Previously, she worked as a Project Manager at Urban Pathways, a homelessness network also based in New York City. Emma is a graduate of Williams College, where she majored in Environmental Studies and American Studies. At Williams, Emma played field hockey, worked as a coffeeshop barista, and was an active environmental advocate who spearheaded several waste reduction initiatives. She grew up hiking in the Adirondacks and leading trips with ATIS, and is passionate about conserving the Park in an environmentally safe and socially inclusive way.

Patrick Bly, Jay NY
Adirondack Research

Patrick is part of a multi-generation family with deep roots in the Adirondacks. The mountains sparked a passion for understanding the natural world, which led him to study Ecology at SUNY Plattsburgh. Since graduating, Patrick became an environmental educator for the DEC and has spent his last two summers as a Field Technician for Adirondack Research. Patrick is also an outstanding Adirondack photographer.



Mollie Passacantando, Kingston RI
PhD student, physical oceanography

Mollie has enjoyed the Adirondacks for as long as she can remember. Learning to cross country ski at Garnet Hill and swimming in Thirteenth lake began her love for the wild outdoors. She has a BS in marine sciences from Rutgers University and is now pursuing a PhD in physical oceanography at the University of Rhode Island. She will be researching polar climates and contributing to understanding how the ocean will be impacted by climate change. She loves hiking, trail running, every kind of skiing, and wants to help preserve the Adirondacks for everyone.