

Agenda

Genesee River Basin Summit 2014

8:00am - 8:45am	Participants arrive and network (coffee & refreshments available)
8:45am - 8:55am	Welcome and Introduction (Mike Haugh, President of the Board of Directors for CEI)
8:55am - 9:10am	Opening Speaker (Corydon Ireland)
9:10am - 9:50am	Overview of the SWAT Model and Research (Dr. Joe Makarewicz)
9:50am - 10:30am	Water Management/Regional Water Quality (Ron Entringer)
10:30am - 10:45am	Break
10:45am - 11:15am	Empire State Development (Vinnie Esposito)
11:15am - 11:45am	Overview and Process for Break-out Sessions (George Thomas)
11:45am - 12:30pm	Lunch
12:30pm - 3:30pm	Break Out Groups (with cookie breaks)
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Wrap up and prioritize action items

Bio's

Corydon Ireland

Journalist and amateur historian Corydon Ireland, a fourth-generation native of Upstate New York, is in his eighth year as a features writer in the news office at Harvard University. His newspaper career started in Niagara Falls, where he reported on Love Canal, and included 13 years at the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, where he was a longtime environment reporter. Ireland grew up in Buffalo, studied English literature in college and graduate school, and is now finishing a degree in creative writing at Harvard. He has a novel underway; a history of the Civil War at Harvard; and a series of short stories that explore nostalgic time travel.

George Thomas

George is an environmental professional with over 30 years experience in an industrial setting and 7 years in the non-profit sector. His industrial experience was primarily with Eastman Kodak Company where he developed and implemented a wide variety of environmental projects that included pollution prevention and control, waste management, air emissions testing, manufacturing process improvement, regulatory compliance, and environmental management systems.

George's non-profit experience has been as the Executive Director of the Center for Environmental Initiatives, a position he has held since 2008. He is responsible for the overall operation and direction of CEI while also providing technical support on their projects and programs. He has been deeply involved with the development watershed management plans, evaluation of water quality-related best management practices, and management of unwanted pharmaceuticals.

George is also an avid fisherman who spends as much time as he can knee-deep in the vast number of fishing streams in our region. He can also be found kayaking those same streams.

Joe Makarewicz, Ph.D.

Professor Makarewicz, who received his Ph.D. from Cornell University, is a former Senior Fulbright Research Fellow to Germany. He was recently honored by the Chancellor of the SUNY system for outstanding scholarship and grantsmanship, is a recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and received the Chandler- Meisner Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Journal of Great Lakes Research by the International Association of Great Lakes Research, and in October 2011 was honored by the USEPA and Environment Canada for his leadership and work on The Conesus Lake Watershed Study. His research has focused on Great Lakes Research in four areas: phytoplankton and zooplankton ecology, the ecology of exotic species and their effect on pelagic food webs, pesticide movement in food webs, and fate and transport of nutrients and herbicides in watersheds. His National Science Foundation grant served as a catalyst for a \$13 million renovation of Lennon Hall, one of two major science buildings on Brockport's campus. He currently is the Co-Lead for the LONNS project (Lake Ontario Nearshore Nutrient Transport Study), a bi-national project between the U.S. and Canada and recently was a reviewer of the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Studies for the National Academy of Sciences. Besides being an Associate Editor for the International Association of Great Lakes, he currently serves on their Board of Directors. His many undergraduate and graduate students have worked as interns and as research assistants on projects funded by Sea Grant, EPA, NSF, USDA, etc. He enjoys teaching Limnology, the study of freshwater lakes, and Water Quality Analysis, an instrumental course.

Ron Entringer

"Ron Entringer is chief of the Water Quality Management Section in NYSDEC for the past 10 Years, and responsible for providing adequate protection of all waters of the state. Prior to that, he worked 17 years for the NYS Department of Health, Bureau of Public Water Supply Protection, where he oversaw drinking water rule implementation and source protection.

Through his work in the Water Quality Management Program, Ron oversees the development of strategies to restore waters that do not support uses or reverse identified declining water quality trends. These activities include establishing water quality-based permit limits, participation in watershed-specific management groups and activities, and coordination of Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) development and other appropriate strategies to address impaired waters. Mr. Entringer has recently provided considerable input into the implementation of numeric nutrient criteria, particularly the criteria to protect sources of drinking water.

Recent projects include the TMDLs for Onondaga and Chautauqua Lakes, Port, Blind Sodus and Little Sodus Bays on Lake Ontario, and the first nutrient TMDL for flowing waters in Black Creek.

From 1973 to 1985, he worked for Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, and consultants in four other states on a variety of water quality and watershed projects."

Vinnie Esposito

Vinnie Esposito is the Executive Director of the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council and of Empire State Development –Finger Lakes Regional Office.

A lifelong resident of Monroe County, Vinnie grew up in the Village of Fairport and graduated from Fairport High School in the Class of '94. Following graduation, Vinnie studied computer science at SUNY Geneseo before taking a position as a software developer with MMI Technologies, a small, Rochester-based firm owned by New York State Assemblyman Joseph D. Morelle.

It was through his association with Assemblyman Morelle that Vinnie grew interested in public service and the positive impact government can have on the lives of its citizens. In 2003, Vinnie joined Morelle's district staff office, eventually serving as deputy chief of staff and legislative director, playing a central role in crafting and advancing Morelle's legislative agenda focused on reviving the upstate economy and making state government more transparent and responsive.

In 2007 and again in 2011, Vinnie was elected to the Monroe County Legislature's 16th District, where he represented his neighbors in the northern half of the Town of Irondequoit. His tenure in office was dedicated to improving the quality of life in our community by restoring economic opportunity, instilling fiscal responsibility and reforming local government through initiatives such as independent redistricting and reducing the size of the legislature.

In July 2012, Vinnie left the Monroe County Legislature and Assemblyman Morelle's office to accept a position in the administration of Governor Andrew Cuomo at Empire State Development, the agency that oversees economic development for New York State. In this role, Vinnie works directly with the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council to improve prosperity throughout the 9-county, Greater Rochester region. Vinnie lives in Irondequoit with his wife Jennifer and their daughter, Avery. He is a member of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Parish at Christ the King, the Irondequoit Chamber of Commerce and is the 2012-13 President of the Irondequoit Kiwanis Club.

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