***20th Annual Ramapo River Watershed Conference* Friday, April 24, 2015 Ramapo College of New Jersey505 Ramapo Valley Road, Mahwah, N.J. 07430, In the Trustee’s Pavilion**

 **Dater’s Crossing in Sloatsburg, NY**

**Morning**

**9:30 am - Coffee and Bagels**

**10:00 - *Greetings*: Ramapo College President Peter Mercer**

**10:10 - *20 Years along the Ramapo, A Retrospective:* Geoff Welch and Howard Horowitz**

**10:30 - *Sterling Forest vs. the Genting Casino*: Rodger Friedman Co-chair, Sterling Forest Partnership**

**11:00 - *The Proposed* *Pilgrim Pipeline: Threats to the Ramapo River and Aquifer:* Matt Smith
Regional Organizer, Food & Water Watch**

**11:25 - *The Controversial Case of a Proposed 204-Unit Ridge-Top Housing Complex near the Oakland-Wayne Border:* Jeff Tittel: Executive Director of the NJ Chapter of the Sierra Club**

##### 11:45 - *The Rockland County Water Resources Management Task Force: How it was formed, its mission, composition, committee work and where we are with regard to meeting Public Service Commission goals:*  Harriet Cornell, Chair of the Environmental Committee of the Rockland County Legislature

##### 12:15 pm *-  The Ramapo is changing from a freshwater stream to a wastewater-dominant stream, with an emphasis on how the Ramapo Valley Well Field and downstream well fields in NJ and reservoirs are impacted*:Robert Kecskes, Retired from the NJDEP where he was Responsible for state and regional water supply planning in New Jersey

**1 pm –2:15 pm LUNCH**



**Merganser and Wood Ducks on the Ramapo River with a Beaver Lodge**

**Afternoon**

**2:15 - *Torne Brook*, *Phase two of the Ford Motor Company Paint Sludge Remediation in Torne Valley, NY:* Dr. Chuck Stead Adjunct Professor, Ramapo College**

**2:45 - *Ramapough Mountain Indians People, Places and Cultural Traditions:*** **Edward Lenik is a past president of the Archaeological Society of New Jersey and author of many books including a series on Indian Rock Art in the northeast and the well-known "Iron Mine Trails" from the NY/NJ Trails Conference.**

**3:30 *What’s at Stake with The NJ EXXON Deal? An update from investigative journalist Bob Hennelly on the controversial settlement by the Christie Administration with Exxon-Mobil to settle close to $9 billion dollars in natural resource damage claims for less than 3 cents on the dollar:*Bob Hennelly is the political analyst for WBGO, NPR in Newark and a regular contributor to Salon, City and State and City Limits.**

**4:00 - 5:00 - Reception**

 **Presented by the Ramapo River Committee**

**And the Institute for Environmental Studies at Ramapo College**

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