

Plug Power Reception

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Audubon New York thanks Dr. Saillant and his staff for welcoming us into their facility and for sharing his vision for the future of fuel cell systems, which offer the potential for reliable, efficient, cost-effective, and sustainable energy generation.



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Plug Power President and CEO, Dr. Roger B. Saillant, addresses his guests.



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Audubon New York Executive Director David J. Miller and Audubon New York Board of Directors Chair Constantine Sidamon-Eristoff, address the reception.

Plug Power and Audubon — A Shared 2020 Vision

By Dr. Roger B. Saillant,
President and CEO, Plug Power

PLUG POWER employees were proud to host a reception recently at our Latham facilities of the New York State Board of Directors of the Audubon Society and guests. This was a wonderful opportunity for us to outline some of our efforts toward creating a “zero footprint” company and demonstrate our support for National Audubon Society President John Flicker’s 2020 Vision.

Plug Power is more than a designer and manufacturer of stationary fuel cells. We are building a culture which keeps the “seventh generation” in mind. We value the idea that we must eliminate waste in our manufacturing processes as well as designing a product that after service will not be sent to a landfill. We are designing our systems to be

remanufactured and recycled.

John Flicker envisions 1000 Audubon centers throughout the United States providing a nature experience for one in four school children annually. We see a future where energy is totally derived from renewable sources like the wind, sun and biomass materials. We are working to create products that will generate heat and electricity for their 1,000 nature centers without polluting the atmosphere, the water or the earth.

The Audubon Society and Plug Power have similar missions toward creating a sustainable environment safe for all species for all time. The 2020 Vision is just one common step along our shared pathway to the future.

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discussions. They also voted on Audubon’s priority conservation resolutions during the weekend. Audubon’s *2003 Conservation Policy Resolutions* that were adopted at the meeting were published and distributed to state and federal officials in May.

“The Audubon chapter leaders put forth such great effort to finalize our 23 policy resolutions,” said Gladys Goldman, of the Audubon Council of New York State. “We are elated to recommend the resolutions, which are the basis for Audubon New York’s conservation policy program.”

Critical issues, including the Long Island Sound cleanup, the need for a new Bond Act, banning ATVs on forest preserve lands and full funding of the Environmental Protection Fund were supported. State and federal budget issues are always high on Audubon’s priority list as well as site-specific bird conservation issues. To receive a copy of Audubon New York’s 2003 Conservation Policy Resolutions booklet, contact the state office at (518) 869-9731, or simply visit <http://ny.audubon.org/resolutions/index%202003.htm> to view the document.

The weekend also included field trips to the Saratoga Springs battlefield, and Peter Salmansohn spoke about his newly published book, *Saving Birds: Heroes Around the World*. Steve Kress, National Audubon’s Vice President of Bird Conservation and Director of the Audubon Seabird Restoration Program made a presentation on his book, *The Bird Garden*. The next Audubon Council of New York State meeting will be held October 17-19 at the Ramada Inn, in Kingston, New York. For further details contact Daphne Lumpkin at Audubon New York at (518) 869-9731, x232.



Bob Budliger, President of the Capital Region Audubon Society and Audubon New York’s Breeding Bird Atlas Consultant, leads birders in a tour of Saratoga Spa State Park.



Geoffrey Cobb Ryan receives Great Egret Award, signed by National Audubon Chair Donal O'Brien and President John Flicker, from David J. Miller.



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Audubon New York Council Members with Assemblyman Thomas P. DiNapoli. Left to right: Council Members Alice Heller, Kathleen O'Connor, Assemblyman DiNapoli, Alice DelBosco, Jennifer Wilson-Pines and George Peters.



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