



# Sustainability Perspectives

## *What's in Cayuga Lake? A look into the pharmaceuticals and consumer products in the Cayuga Lake watershed*

**Susan Allen-Gil**, professor of Environmental Studies and Sciences at Ithaca College is an environmental toxicologist, studying how pollutants affect natural systems. She was awarded a *NYS Water Resources Institute* grant to study unregulated pharmacological pollutants entering Cayuga Lake. She is assessing the impact these “*emerging contaminants*” have on water quality, given the unusually high concentration of college-aged students in the area and their high use of meds such as antidepressants and birth control drugs, all currently unregulated, so they are not removed through the wastewater treatment process.



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Stratton Hall Room 209

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