



North American Megadam Resistance Alliance

Protecting rivers and their communities by resisting megadams and their transmission corridors

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North American Megadam Resistance Alliance stands in solidarity with people across the globe taking bold steps to expose and fight systemic racism, discrimination, and colonialism in all its forms. Our mission is inextricably linked to equity and justice for black and indigenous people and all people of color in communities disproportionately affected by the climate crisis and large dams.

In particular, the shameful legacy of Canadian hydropower development embodies the most destructive and racist aspects of colonialism including resource extraction, land grabs, and the ongoing cultural genocide of indigenous people. We are committed to this fight and ending this long history of injustice.

NAMRA's Webinar Series on Canadian Hydropower & U.S. Transmission Corridors

As so much organizing has moved online, NAMRA's dedicated group of activists are fully engaging in coalition building, educating, and outreach to an ever-expanding network of allies opposing large dams being falsely portrayed as "green" and "renewable" energy. In July, we are hosting two webinars with others planned in August and September. Join us to learn why Canadian hydropower is dirty energy and how to join the fight against its transmission corridors.

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CHPE is one of the four transmission corridors planned to import dirty Canadian hydropower to the U.S. This project has nothing to do with helping the climate or reducing greenhouse gases. Rather, it is a Wall Street arbitrage scheme to make private profits for one of the world's largest hedge funds, Blackstone Group. Governor Cuomo is promoting CHPE and has put Blackstone executives on his COVID-19 economic recovery team. CHPE will import up to 1,250 megawatts of dirty Canadian hydropower produced by the Quebec Government through its agent Hydro-Quebec. New York Mayor DeBlasio is pushing to use municipal bonds to finance CHPE at a time when the city is near bankruptcy.

The webinar will expose the truth behind this outrageous scheme that will make climate change worse, perpetuate racism and exploitation of people and the environment.

Speakers:

Meg Sheehan, Coordinator, North American Megadam Alliance

Paul Gallay, Executive Director, Hudson Riverkeeper

Dr. Bradford Hager, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences

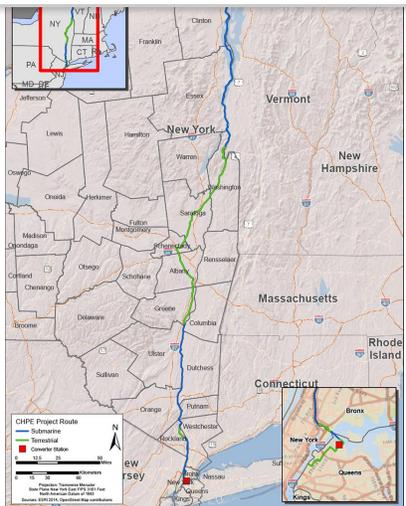
Tom Ellis, Solidarity Committee of the Capital District

July 29, 7-8:30 p.m.

Part 3 of 3 - CHPE & New York's energy policy: Why CHPE is not a climate solution

Recent Accomplishments

•**CHPE: Public Service Commission comments:** NAMRA and Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter asked the New York Public Service Commission to conduct an evidentiary hearing on the rerouting of CHPE and NAMRA submitted a petition with over 100 signatures calling for this. Blackstone's application for a revised permit contains new false claims about the climate benefits of CHPE that have never been reviewed by the PSC. The new route of the corridor would negatively affect 17 communities from the Canadian border to Queens. These efforts were featured in a recent [Albany Times Union Article](#). The PSC denied the request for an evidentiary hearing, raising more questions about the objectivity of the PSC and its connections to New York politicians promoting this dirty energy corridor. NAMRA will continue to pressure the PSC and all regulators to ensure that Blackstone is not allowed to continue to make a mockery of environmental laws.



•Webinar on June 17, 2020, on the social justice and climate impacts of CHPE.
 The webinar featured Indigenous community members from areas negatively impacted by Canada's colonialism and hydropower development and an industry expert who linked Hydro-Quebec's new dams to New York exports. The recording is available below or on our [website](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

Grand Riverkeeper Labrador, Inc. presents to Waterkeeper Alliance on climate impacts of Canadian megadams

NAMRA's ally, Roberta Benefiel participated in a multipart webinar series on free-flowing rivers and grassroots campaigns around the globe to save rivers from hydroelectric dams and other threats. Benefiel explained the greenhouse gas impacts of Canadian hydropower and why these dams are a climate disaster and neither clean nor renewable.



Roberta Benefiel at a protest against the Muskrat Falls megadam in Labrador, Canada

Wa Ni Ska Tan launches Dam Watch International

NAMRA is an enthusiastic supporter of this exciting new initiative to bring together civil society groups and front line activists in the resistance against large dams. Dam Watch International is a project of [Wa Ni Ska Tan](#), an alliance of communities negatively impacted by hydropower development in Canada.



Environmental Justice Atlas expands mapping to show resistance against Canadian hydropower dams

The [Institute of Environmental Science and Technology at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona](#) is expanding its [documentation of Canadian hydroelectric projects](#) in its global database of stories of communities struggling for environmental justice. The growing resistance against Canadian hydropower from frontline environmental and social justice groups will be featured in the atlas in the upcoming months.

Remembering Eeyou Pimatsewin, the Cree life

This story about Cree elder Allan Saganash, Jr. from James Bay, Quebec explains that resource extraction including dams has destroyed 90% of traditional lands. It explains Canada's racism and colonial policies that tried to erase Indigenous cultures to make way for Hydro-Quebec's dams and exploitation of people and the environment. The story is from the [Natural Resources Defense Council](#) and highlights the campaign to save Canada's boreal forests.

TAKE ACTION

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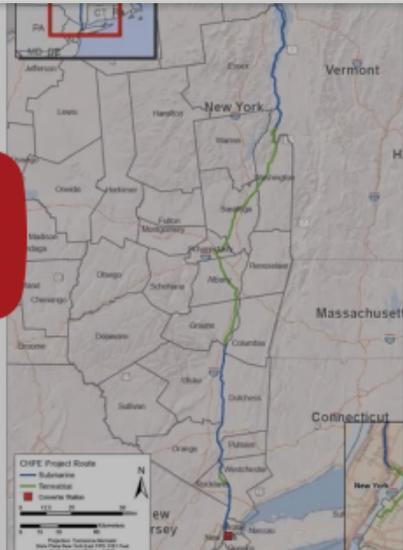
Sign and share NAMRA's [petition](#) calling on leaders throughout the Northeast U.S. to reject dirty Canadian hydropower.

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Canada to NYC

www.chpeexpress.com

\$3 billion cost to construct

\$600 million to buy electricity,
from Government of Quebec
(approximate number, based
on cost of 7 cents/kWh



Why Importing Canadian Hydroelectricity is a bad deal for New York and Front Line
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