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## New Rules Would Reduce Acid Rain

Monitoring needed to ensure cuts allow for ecosystem recovery

Thanks to the dedication and persistence of the Adirondack Council's members and staff, the air will soon be cleaner from Maine to Texas. That will translate into less acid rain in the Adirondacks and as many as 3,600 fewer premature deaths in New York State alone annually, by 2014.

The US Environmental Protection Agency this summer released its plan to replace the Bush Administration's Clean Air Interstate Rule with a new Transport Rule.

The new rule would reduce acid rain falling on the Adirondack Park to levels that would allow most of the Park's ecosystems to recover from decades of acid rain. More than 700 Adirondack lakes and ponds have been acidified to some degree. The Adirondack Council will call for deeper cuts and insist that federal authorities monitor the results of these cuts and keep making reductions until the Park's ecosystems fully recover.

The Transport Rule is expected to be finalized next spring following a series of public hearings that will be scheduled later this year. Adirondack Council staff will attend those hearings and will call for adoption of a final rule as quickly as possible.



Round Lake

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## Environmental Fund and Land Acquisition Saved

Legislature defeats attempt to gut EPF

Adirondack Council members and staff working with Friends of New York's Environment, a statewide coalition, had a huge impact on the bitter battle this year over the New York State (NYS) Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), compelling the NYS Legislature to save portions of the state's environmental capital projects from the Governor's budget axe.

In May, lawmakers were able to negotiate about \$17.6 million back into the EPF for land acquisition. Although this category has been reduced by more than 60 percent, Gov. David Paterson had proposed eliminating the land acquisition category entirely and using the EPF to pay for taxes on state land and historic site improvements.

The Governor even attempted to pay for state parks and campgrounds with money from the EPF. Sen. Antoine Thompson, D-Buffalo and Assemblyman Robert Sweeney, D-Lindenhurst persuaded their colleagues not to give in to the Governor's demands and restored as much of the funding as possible.

The EPF is \$134 million, compared to \$222 million in 2009-10. The land acquisition fund was \$60 million last year. Watch for *State of the Park 2010* this fall for a complete rundown of which lawmakers took actions that would benefit the Park.

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## Time for a Game Change

As the dysfunction in Albany over the state budget deficit remains in the news, we have reason to be pessimistic about how our government works. But at the same time, the upcoming elections in November give many of us cause for optimism as the candidates proclaim the need for widespread governmental reforms to ensure a more cost effective and efficient delivery of services. With a new governor being chosen and every Senate and Assembly seat up for election, we have an opportunity to ensure New York's leadership in 2011 has the political will to implement much needed changes.

In the Adirondacks, many communities are already feeling the impacts of government spending reductions. Schools and medical facilities have eliminated staff, and executive agencies such as the Adirondack Park Agency and Department of Environmental Conservation cannot fill vacant positions and must cut back on operational spending. This has already forced some local government officials to re-examine how the Forest Preserve is an economic engine for local communities, instead of an obstacle to prosperity. In the light of a new fiscal reality, cooperation by local government leaders with DEC officials has devised some creative solutions to keep campgrounds and other public areas open due to their importance to our local economies. One town supervisor said, "This is the beginning of a new partnership for the stewardship of the Forest Preserve." I couldn't agree more. The current crisis is spawning many positive solutions.

As the state reduces governmental expenditures in the Adirondacks, there is a growing consensus that we will need to figure out what we can do for ourselves, and what solutions we need from our leaders in Albany. We want the new governor and legislative leaders to recognize that the Adirondack Park is a unique and iconic place that has special protections under the "Forever Wild" clause of the state Constitution and the Adirondack Park Agency Act. We also want them to undertake the needed reforms to ensure sustainable communities. This means private sector employment opportunities in communities where people can live, work and play in a high-quality environment. The involvement of key leaders and stakeholders from the Adirondacks will be essential to the successful implementation of any reforms.

As a co-founder of the Common Ground Alliance and member of several diverse coalitions across the region, the Adirondack Council is well-placed as the leading environmental advocacy voice for the Adirondacks. We envision a Park where people and nature thrive together. Wilderness, air and water quality, working forests and farms, and vibrant local communities are the core of our daily efforts at the Council. Thanks to your generous contributions, we are making a difference for all those who care about this special place.

Brian L. Houseal, Executive Director

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## CAPITAL MATTERS: ALBANY

### New York Legislature Wraps-up

Some action amidst budget rangling

In addition to the battle over the Environmental Protection Fund, the New York State Legislature passed several bills of environmental importance during a flurry of activity in July. Among the bills supported by the Adirondack Council were:

**Smart Growth** – This bill would create advisory panels at various state agencies to examine proposed infrastructure grants to municipalities and determine whether the projects would comply with Smart Growth principles before the grant can be awarded. The bill seeks to encourage clustering of new development into easily managed areas, reuse of idle commercial sites, retention of green spaces around communities and efficient use of public resources to manage community needs.

**Phosphorus Limits** – Sets new application guidelines and limits on the phosphorus content in lawn fertilizer and dish detergent. These two consumer products can cause speedy degradation of water quality and rapid weed growth in lakes and ponds with homes (and septic systems) around them.

**Lead Weights on Automobile Wheels** – Just as it did with small lead fishing sinkers (1/2 ounce or less), the Legislature seeks to limit the public's exposure to this toxic metal. Lead weights are used by auto mechanics when they change tires. The weights are clamped to the inside rim of the wheel to balance its weight, so it spins smoothly at high speeds. Inexpensive, non-toxic alternatives are readily available.

However, the Legislature failed to gain final approval for several bills that the Adirondack Council supported. They included:

**Adirondack Park Agency Reforms** – A trio of modest reform bills developed by the APA with help from local officials and environmental organizations failed to gain passage in either house. The bills would have streamlined parts of the APA's review process, encouraged the development of affordable housing projects in Park communities, and allowed the APA to charge a fee for reviewing projects and to collect fines from violators, with the revenue slated for community planning grants.

**Climate Change** – The Assembly passed strict limits on greenhouse gas emissions from nearly all sources of emissions, but the Senate would not. Both houses considered a revised version that limited its regulation to electric power plants, but neither house has passed the new version.

**Commercial Water Withdrawal** – The bill would require businesses seeking to extract large amounts of water from any community for commercial purposes to first gain permission from the Department of Environmental Conservation. This bill's importance will only grow as more businesses seek permission to remove water from the rivers and springs of the Adirondack Park. The bill passed the Senate, but did not pass the Assembly.



*Above: Bucky the Beaver, an advocate with the We Love New York environmental coalition (and an Adirondack Council intern) urges Assemblymembers Barbara Lifton, D-Ithaca (L) and James Brennan, D-Brooklyn (R) to support the Environmental Protection Fund.*

## ACTION UPDATE

### Look for Acid Rain Action Alert

Your letters needed

We will soon be mailing and e-mailing an action alert urging you to write to the US Environmental Protection Agency during the public comment period for the new Transport Rule, asking EPA to strengthen the rule. Your personal letters and e-mails are significantly more effective than pre-packaged e-mails or petitions. When you receive the Action Alert, please take a few minutes to write on the Park's behalf. It makes a difference. Thank you!

**Note: The lack of Congressional action on climate change is terribly disappointing. Regardless, the Council is seizing this opportune time for national action on acid rain and mercury emissions.**



*Adirondack Council Legislative Associate Alanah Keddell (L) and Legislative Director Scott Lorey (R) congratulate state Senator Suzi Oppenheimer (center) on the passage of her bill, the Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Policy Act, outside the Senate chamber in June. (See article at left.)*

## IN AND ABOUT THE PARK



### Defending First Amendment

Lawsuits against the Council and APA

Lawsuits filed separately in New York State Supreme Court and US Federal Court challenge the Council's core mission of advocating for the Adirondack Park, claiming that the Council (and the Adirondack Park Agency) broke the law by communicating with one another about wetlands violations by a developer in Silver Lake. The Adirondack Council and the APA have filed motions to have both cases dismissed. The plaintiffs are seeking more than \$70 million in damages in these two cases. The State Supreme Court judge recently approved a request by the plaintiff's attorney to stay the state case and combine the issues raised in an amended federal suit, consolidating the legal process and associated expenditures of time and resources. We are confident that this is a positive first step toward a dismissal of this case that is clearly a SLAPP suit, Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation, a violation of our and your first amendment rights of free speech and the right to petition government. Through this process, our legal team has effectively taken on our defense, so we can stay focused on what matters most and doing what we do best – speaking out and advocating for the environment, the communities and the economic well-being of the Adirondack Park.



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### Adirondack Club and Resort Project Resurfaces

Developer submits revised proposal

Heading into the summer months, representatives of the proposed Adirondack Club and Resort (ACR) in Tupper Lake (650 housing units, ski area redevelopment, great camps on 6,400 acres, marina) held several public meetings to build support for their project. At the end of June, a new project design was submitted to the Adirondack Park Agency. Throughout the past year, the Council met with the design team to examine options that would alleviate some of our concerns. The Adirondack Council believes it is possible to design a resort at the former Big Tupper Ski area that minimizes environmental impacts and helps revitalize the nearby village of Tupper Lake. The Council is carefully reviewing the project and will participate in the adjudicatory hearing to ensure the project meets the standards required by law so that the development in Tupper Lake will benefit the environment, the community and the Adirondack Park. We will keep you informed as details of the project emerge.



*Looking west toward the former Big Tupper Ski Area, the focal point of the proposed Adirondack Club and Resort development. Subdivision of surrounding lands would be for "great camps."*

I want to commend the Adirondack Council too for recognizing this achievement and for pioneering and promoting the notion that farmland stewardship *is* conservation and that thriving human communities are essential components of this diverse region for which we share such love. This notion is a much-evolved view from the prevalent one when I was a kid here.

*Aaron Woolf (Director and Producer of the award-winning film King Corn), spoke about sustainable agriculture and local economies at the Council's Forever Wild Day in July. The Council honored local food advocate Adirondack Harvest as the Conservationist of the Year for their efforts to connect farmers to regional markets, encourage conservation of open farmland, and promote healthy local food choices for consumers.*



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August, 2010

Dear Fellow Adirondack Council Members,

What is the value of your investment in being a member of the Council? I don't mean to seem too bottom line here, but we all have many choices of where to place our hard earned funds we earmark for not-for-profits.

Your Adirondack Council has paid a handsome return for your investment. Here is a small sampling of some recent efforts:



- We led the effort to pass two statewide referendums for constitutional amendments to preserve drinking water in one Park town and re-route a power line to protect sensitive flora and fauna in another. Both were possible only by us as the dominant media force for Adirondack issues. We canvassed the state newspaper editorial boards and got high profile support;
- We advocated for a comprehensive clean air bill in Washington that wouldn't have gotten nearly so far without us on the scene;
- We are co-founders of the Common Ground Alliance that has made great strides in finding pragmatic and reasonable answers to age-old economic and environmental challenges in the Park by working directly with enlightened local community leaders;
- We are in direct talks with the Tupper Lake developers of the Adirondack Club and Resort to "right size" the project, make it economically and environmentally appropriate for Tupper Lake so it may be approved;
- We have given New York State a clear vision of streamlined and more efficient state oversight of the Park.

We are a constructive, forward-thinking, solutions-oriented group that staunchly defends the wilderness while always pursuing opportunities to enhance quality of life in the Park's many communities.

I deeply appreciate your confidence in us to fully execute our important agenda and your continued support. We are independent, take no corporate or government funding and rely on people like you to enable our advocacy work.

Best regards,

Brian Ruder  
Board Chair

The mission of the ADIRONDACK COUNCIL is to ensure the ecological integrity and wild character of the ADIRONDACK PARK for current and future generations.

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**CLARENCE PETTY INTERNSHIP FUND AT  
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The following gifts of \$100 or more were given in memory of Clarence Petty who died in December at the age of 104. Thank you for all of the many gifts made in Clarence's memory.

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Anonymous  
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**ADIRONDACK LEGACY SOCIETY**

Members of the ADIRONDACK LEGACY SOCIETY have informed us that they have arranged for a gift to the Adirondack Council in their estate plans. These future gifts to the Adirondack Council's FOREVER WILD FUND will help ensure the conservation of Adirondack lands and water for current and future generations of people and wildlife. Many thanks to those listed below and those who choose to make their future gifts anonymously.

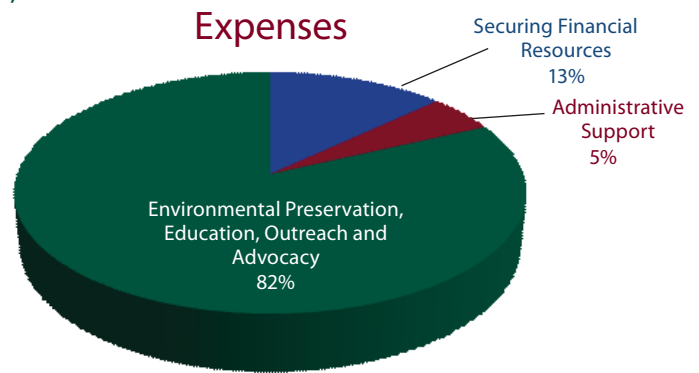
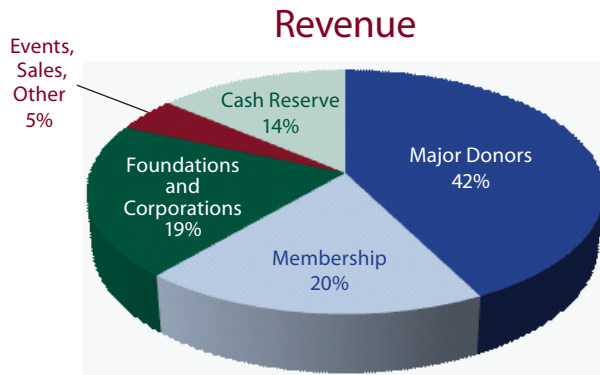
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## ANNUAL SUPPORT SUMMARY ~ unaudited ~

July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010  
Operating Revenue and Expenses  
\$1,528,000



You can view the Adirondack Council's IRS 990 at [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org).  
A complete audited financial statement can be obtained by calling the Adirondack Council at 877-873-2240.

**The Adirondack Council does not accept government funding of any kind.**

## ADIRONDACK COUNCIL Accomplishments 2009-2010

With strong partner organizations, collaboration with elected officials and citizen participation, the Adirondack Council successfully advocates for policies and funding that benefit the Adirondack Park.

- Helped launch an advertising and advocacy campaign to secure funding for the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). While the EPF was drastically reduced by 35 percent from the previous year, the Council's advocacy helped prevent the elimination of all state land protection funding.
- Successfully urged the state to include habitat connectivity principles in the Adirondack Park Open Space Plan, increasingly important to mitigate the impacts of climate change.
- Conducted media outreach across the state to encourage editorials about the statewide vote on a Constitutional Amendment that approved a land swap creating a power line route that protected old growth forest and expanded the Forest Preserve.
- Collaborated with local farmers to identify policies and incentives needed to encourage and support farming in the Adirondack Park, finalized an agriculture position paper (on our website), and honored Adirondack Harvest as the Conservationist of the Year.
- Helped secure almost \$12 million in the last two state budgets for water quality efforts.
- Received an award from the National Atmospheric Deposition Program for our advocacy to secure federal research funding for acid rain monitoring programs.
- After citizen efforts failed to get a local town to address salt contamination in a nearby lake, the Council's legal action resulted in state agency enforcement and local government plans to properly store road salt and comply with the federal Clean Water Act.
- As part of a four-state Northern Forest coalition, the Council successfully advocated for the creation of the federal Northern Border Regional Commission to provide resources for economic growth in our region that is compatible with the environment and culture of the Northern Forest.



## ADIRONDACK FACTS AND FIGURES



### Avoid Spreading Invasive Species to Park Waters

Take action and spread the word

Summertime in the Adirondacks means enjoying the wonderful waters of this great park. We have to remember, however, not to bring unwanted passengers with us on our trip. Whether you are fishing in a trout stream or just cruising along on a lake, keep these things in mind to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species:

**Inspect and clean your boat, motor, trailer and anchor:** Anything that comes into contact with the water should be cleaned and allowed to dry thoroughly before your boat moves from one water body to another. If that is not possible, disinfectant should be used on all such surfaces.

**Clean your fishing gear:** Inspect your gear before making that first cast. Remove and dispose of (away from the water) any plant material or small crustaceans that may be clinging to your equipment.

**Use only locally obtained live bait:** If you use minnows or other live bait, be sure you use only baits purchased or caught inside the Park.

**Let your wading boots dry after cleaning:** Most invasive aquatic species need to stay moist to survive. Allow boots and wading shoes to dry completely between uses.

**Don't dump worms:** Night crawlers are invasive species that don't belong in Adirondack forests and can cause damage to the forest ecosystem. Don't dispose of them in the woods.

**Don't release bait fish:** Don't release leftover bait fish into water bodies. Release of a predator species into trout waters, for example, could spell the end of the trout population within a few seasons.

**Watch your shoreline for changes:** Are there new weeds in the water? It might be Eurasian watermilfoil. Are the rocks covered in a slippery, brownish film? That slime might be rock snot (Didymo). Report any significant changes to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. Find your regional office at [www.dec.ny.gov/about/558.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/558.html).

New York and other states are maintaining databases about invasive aquatic plants and animals to help people identify and track the spread of harmful species. See what could be affecting your neck of the woods at [www.dec.ny.gov/animals/265.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/265.html).



### More on Climate Change in the Adirondacks

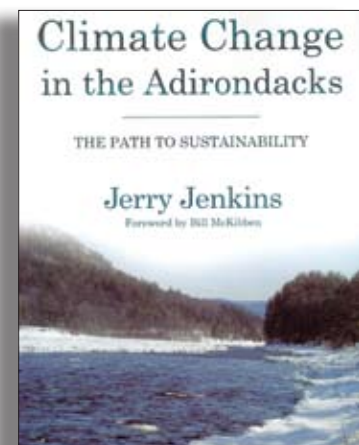
The Vermont and Adirondack Chapter of the Nature Conservancy also released *Climate Change in the Lake Champlain Basin*. You can view the report at <http://tiny.cc/3670g>.

The Adirondack Council will host a conversation with Jerry Jenkins, Council members and friends, and elected officials to discuss climate change in the Adirondacks and ways that citizens and government can make a difference. (September 10th, Whallonsburg, NY)

### Climate and the Adirondacks

New book: data and solutions

Although global in scale, the impact of climate change will be felt, and its effects will need to be fought, at the local level. In a new book, Jerry Jenkins, renowned ecologist and author with the Wildlife Conservation Society Adirondack Program, explains the problem of climate change in the Adirondacks and maps a possible solution. *Climate Change in the Adirondacks: A Path to Sustainability* shows that the natural and human communities of the Adirondacks, like many others around the world are in grave danger. It says that the tools already exist that could eliminate fossil fuels and avert this danger. And it challenges the people who care about these communities, in the Adirondacks and beyond, to take up these tools and lead the way to a sustainable future.



As with Jerry's popular book, *The Adirondack Atlas* (2004), *Climate Change in the Adirondacks* includes many helpful and accessible maps, charts and graphs. The Adirondack Council is proud to be one of the fiscal sponsors of this important book. You can purchase a copy of the book through the Council at 877.873.2240 or [www.AdirondackCouncil.org](http://www.AdirondackCouncil.org). (Source: *Wildlife Conservation Society Adirondack Program*)

## WATER MATTERS



### Clarence Petty Interns

Students take on critical projects



Daniel Stevens

Daniel is returning for his second summer as a Clarence Petty Intern. He will be creating a comprehensive map for the Council's proposed Bob Marshall Great Wilderness in the western portion of the Park. Since last summer, he has been working as a consultant on *Hamlets 3*, a smart growth planning handbook for hamlet expansion in the Adirondack Park. Daniel has a bachelor's degree in economics from SUNY Binghamton and is working towards his Master of Urban Planning and Master of Landscape Architecture at the Harvard School of Design. An avid outdoor recreationist, Park advocate and lifelong visitor to the Park, Daniel looks forward to calling the Adirondacks his permanent home.



Jason Stoltz

Jason is a senior at Georgetown University majoring in Liberal Studies, with leadership and environmental sciences as specific areas of focus. Over the summer, Jason will be working on the issue of climate change; how it will affect the Adirondack Park, how to mitigate those effects, how to cut down on greenhouse gas emissions from the Park's residents and businesses, and helping to determine where the Adirondack Council's efforts should be directed. Jason's family has a home in Lake Placid. He enjoys hiking around the High Peaks, paddling the area's lakes, cooking, and playing guitar.



Allison Buckley

From Piercefield, NY, Allison is graduating with a master's degree in Environmental Law and Policy from Vermont Law School this August with a particular interest in land use policy and smart growth. After spending several years in northern California, she has enjoyed her time in the Northeast rock-climbing and skiing.

### Water Extraction a Growing Concern

Lack of local laws and state regulations expose waters to risk

In early May, with the assistance of an expert consultant, the Council submitted comments to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) on a water extraction permit for the towns of Greig and Turin, Lewis County. The Council is calling for additional studies to be conducted, as well as for DEC to hold a public hearing regarding a bottling project that would withdraw 288,000 gallons of water per day from groundwater sources in the Black River watershed.

In July, the Council supported an effort by the Town of Greig to amend its zoning and create a Commercial Water Extraction special use area. The town would prohibit commercial extraction via pump, prohibit extraction within 1,000 feet of a residence, and mandate a project sponsor pay for independent expert review and monthly monitoring of any approved project. These changes, adopted by the Town Board on July 14<sup>th</sup>, are likely to be challenged in court in the near future.

At the end of their session, the state Senate passed legislation related to water extraction, but the Assembly has yet to consider the measure. We will continue to advocate for stronger protections for Adirondack water resources.

*Above: The Black River near the Town of Greig. Photo by John Droz, Jr.*



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### Diverse Stakeholders Agree on Road Salt

Joint advocacy will urge reform

In May, the Adirondack Council co-sponsored a conference with Adirondack Action (a regional political action committee) on the impacts of road salt. Those in attendance included environmental groups, local elected officials, highway superintendents, and agency representatives. In addition to degradation of water quality, participants agreed that damage to highway department vehicles and roads, and the cost of applying large quantities of salt to our roads each year, exacts an extraordinary economic cost. A coalition is urging formation of a state-level road salt task force to study methods of storage and application of road salt and suggest reforms.

## SUPPORT THE ADIRONDACK COUNCIL



*Whiteface Mountain from Little Cherry Patch Pond*

### Expand Your Adirondack Art Collection

Nathan Farb donates photograph to benefit the Council\*

Celebrated photographer Nathan Farb donated *Whiteface Mountain from Little Cherry Patch Pond* to the Adirondack Council to support the Council's conservation and advocacy efforts. The Council is holding a raffle for our members to have a chance to own this iconic Adirondack image by one of the Park's most well-known photographers, while supporting the Council's programs in the process. Nathan grew up in Lake Placid and has been examining the Adirondack landscape for over 50 years. His works are included in many public and private collections including The Museum of Modern Art. Nathan is a former professor of photography and mixed media at Rutgers University and has been given honorary Doctor of Arts degrees by St. Lawrence University and State University of New York. Raffle tickets for the Nathan Farb photograph sell for \$100 each with only 100 tickets being sold. To purchase a ticket(s) please call 877.873.2240 or visit the Council's website: [www.AdirondackCouncil.org](http://www.AdirondackCouncil.org).

*\*Signed photograph, 45" x 38". Hand-crafted cherry frame. Value: \$10,000. Drawing December 10, 2010.*

### Matching Gifts

Does your employer match your charitable gifts?

Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match charitable contributions made by their employees. To find out if your company has a matching gift policy, check with your human resources department. Request a matching gift form and send it completed and signed along with your gift to the Adirondack Council. We will do the rest. The impact of your gift to the Adirondack Council may be doubled or possibly tripled! Some companies also match gifts made by retirees and/or spouses. Thank you for all your support.



### CARBON REDUCTION CERTIFICATE

HELP REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT!

For a \$25 contribution to the Adirondack Council's *Cool Park/Healthy Planet* program, we will permanently retire three tons of carbon dioxide from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), the nation's first multi-state effort to reduce carbon emissions.

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### ADIRONDACK PARK MAP

WITH WATERCOLOR ILLUSTRATIONS (35" X 43")

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UNLAMINATED MAP: \$25

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## Adirondack Harvest Receives Honors

### Conservationist of the Year

The Adirondack Council presented Adirondack Harvest with the prestigious *Conservationist of the Year* award at the Council's annual Forever Wild Day celebration on July 10<sup>th</sup> at Hohmeyer's Lake Clear Lodge. To commemorate the award, Adirondack Harvest received a museum-quality, hand-carved common loon, created each year for our award winner by Council member Dr. Robert Poe. The Forever Wild Day celebration included a 100-mile-lunch, in which all ingredients for the meal were from 100 or fewer miles from Lake Clear, and the Adirondack Council's 35<sup>th</sup> annual members' meeting. Featured speaker Aaron Woolf, director and producer of the award-winning film *King Corn*, shared his future vision for sustainable agriculture and rural infrastructure.



*L to R: Aaron Woolf (filmmaker), Tom Both (Adirondack Harvest), Brian Houseal (Adirondack Council), Laurie Davis (Adirondack Harvest), John Stouffer (Office of the State Comptroller), and David Soffer (OSC).*

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*The Adirondack Common Ground Alliance held its fourth annual summer conference in Long Lake on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Discussion focused on strategies for building long-lasting, private-sector employment in the 103 towns and villages that comprise the Adirondack Park. The Alliance works to promote the common good of the communities, residents, and resources of the Adirondack Park.*