



THE ADIRONDACK COUNCIL
Defending the East's Last Great Wilderness

Dear Adirondack Council Member,

As a member of the Adirondack Council, you can be proud of the achievements that your contributions have made possible in the past year:

- Land classified to expand Wilderness areas within the proposed Bob Marshall Great Wilderness, and creating the 11,000-acre Bog River Wilderness;
- Record funding for land acquisition, water quality projects, community planning assistance, scientific water quality monitoring, and invasive species mitigation; and
- Policy advancement to reduce New York power plant emissions of mercury and carbon dioxide.

The Adirondack Council's role as a vigilant guardian of the Park will be more important than ever during this period when the State agencies are in flux, legislators are attempting to further erode the agencies' authority, and the largest onslaught of development projects in the Park's history is underway.

By making an end-of-year contribution, you will help ensure the Council has the resources it needs to protect the Adirondack Park at this especially dynamic time.

With 18,000 members, the Council's strength is in our shared commitment to protect the Park. Your contribution makes a difference.

There are three ways to make a year-end contribution – choose one or all three:

Make a year-end contribution. Your financial contribution supports intensified efforts to improve water quality, advocacy to reduce acid rain, mercury and climate change, and daily scrutiny of all actions that impact the ecological integrity and wild character of the six-million-acre Adirondack Park.

Give a gift membership. By giving a gift membership to people you know who care about the Adirondack Park, clean air and water, and wild places, you will help strengthen the Council's advocacy for the Park.

Purchase Council gifts. The Adirondack Council offers gifts to help raise the funds we need to fight for the Adirondack Park every day. Whether it's a Clean Air Certificate to remove a ton of pollution that causes acid rain, our 2007 calendar or one of the Council's Forever Wild gifts, every purchase helps the Council protect the natural resources of the Adirondack Park.

With your support, a protected Adirondack Park will be our shared six-million-acre gift of wilderness and natural beauty to future generations.

With best wishes for a wild future,

Brian L. Houseal
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Executive Director

*NEW CHARITABLE GIVING OPPORTUNITY
FOR DONORS AGE 70½ AND OVER*

The new Pension Protection Act amends the IRS code to allow tax-free contributions to charity from IRAs and Roth IRAs by individuals age 70½ and over. Charitable distributions of up to \$100,000 to a qualified charity may be made in the tax years 2006 and 2007 only. The transfer must be made directly from the IRA to the charity.

If you plan on making a contribution from your IRA for charitable purposes in 2006 or 2007, we hope you'll consider a gift to the Adirondack Council. Thank you.

*“There is just one hope of repulsing the tyrannical
ambition...to conquer every niche on the whole earth.
That hope is the organization of spirited people
who will fight for the freedom of the wilderness.”*

Robert Marshall

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!