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Adirondack Council Warns About Budget Cuts

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Albany — The Adirondack Council says state budget cuts to environmental initiatives and staff losses at regulatory agencies are threatening the Adirondack Park.

The non-profit groups Legislative Director spoke at a state budget hearing on environmental spending on Tuesday.

He called for an immediate increase in the state's Environmental Protection Fund and in staffing at the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Adirondack Park Agency.

In 2008, the Environmental Protection Fund was at \$255 million. It's now down to \$134 million. Staffing at DEC is just under 3,000 — 650 fewer than in 2008.