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DEC official Janeway to head Adirondack Council

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ELIZABETHTOWN, N.Y. — Willie Janeway has been chosen as executive director of the Adirondack Council after serving since 2007 as the Department of Environmental Conservation's regional director for the Hudson Valley and Catskills.

The not-for-profit Adirondack Council is an environmental research, education and advocacy organization dedicated to protecting the Adirondack Park. It seeks to combat acid rain, climate change, pollution and invasive species and promote well-planned economic development in the 6-million-acre park's communities.

Diane Fish was appointed acting director of the council in October after Brian Houseal resigned. Fish will return to her job as deputy director when Janeway takes over in May.

Janeway has played a prominent role in several environmental organizations, including the Adirondack Mountain Club, the Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission, the Nature Conservancy and Friends of New York's Environment.