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.

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.
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 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.

Jeff Donahue
Robert Garrett
Sarah Collum Hatfield
Sheila M. Hutt
Lee Keet
Virginia M. Lawrence
Lawrence Master, Ph.D.
Sarah Meyland
Sherry Nemmers
Richard L. Reinhold
David Skovron
James L. Sonneborn
Lynette Stark
Thomas D. Thacher II
Joel H. Treisman
Tony Zazula

Time for a Game Change
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.
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.

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.
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
Listed below are Adirondack Council supporters who have given $250 or more. **Thank you to all** of our passionate members who make up this organization. Every gift makes a difference! We appreciate your confidence in our work of protecting the Adirondack Park.

**FOREVER WILD SOCIETY (Gifts of $500+)**
- Joseph and Joan Cullinan Conservation Foundation Inc.
- Nat Klipper to the Klipper Family Fund
- Charles James and Susan Snyder

**DEFENDERS (Gifts of $25,000 - $49,999)**
- John and Margot Ernst
- The Conservation Alliance
- Harriet Ford Dickinson Foundation
- F.M. Kirby Foundation, Inc.
- The Marshall-Scholle Family Wilderness Protection Fund
- The Wonoweco Foundation
- Brian and Ginni Ruder

**GUARDIANS (Gifts of $10,000 - $24,999)**
- Kurt Abrahamson
- Kevin Arquit
- Anne E. Carmel
- Joanne Waldron Dywer
- Earth Share of New York Contributors
- Lee and Nancy Keene
- Larry and Nancy Master – Master Family Fund 2, Adirondack Community Trust
- Overhills Foundation
- Park Foundation
- Richard L. Reinhold
- Ruth and David Skovron
- Keith D. Stoltz Foundation
- Dorothy C. Treisman

**PROTECTORS (Gifts of $5,000 - $9,999)**
- Robert H. Bliss
- Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bogle
- Fred and Sara Cook
- Anne and Jeffrey Donahue
- Robert E. Friedman
- Mark Gallogly and Elizabeth B. Strickler
- Eugene and Emily Grant Family Foundation
- Adirondack Community Trust
- Keith and Nancy Johnson Family Foundation
- Arthur L. Loeb Foundation
- Tim and Nan Merrick
- National Grid
- Clarence Petty,* Edward Petty Trust
- Albert Poddell
- Meredith M. Prime Fund, Adirondack Community Trust
- Daniel and Dianne Ryterband
- George V. and Jean A. Smith Charitable Trust
- Henry Uhlein II and Mildred A. Uhlein Foundation Trust
- Robert W. Wilson Charitable Trust

**STEWARDs (Gifts of $1,000 - $4,999)**
- Three Anonymous Donors
- Ernest and Kathleen M. Abrahamson
- Louis and Anne Abrams Foundation
- Ken and Carolyn Aldridge
- Jan C.K. and R. Steven Anderson
- E. Nelson Asiel in memory of Betty L. Asiel
- Ben Cohen, Ben & Jerry’s Foundation
- Frances E. Blaisdel
- Etienne and Lisa Gagnon Boillot
- Jeff and Elvira Bronheim
- David Bronston
- John and Meridee Brust
- Judith M. Buechner
- William J. Butler
- Alpin J. and Alpin W. Cameron Memorial Fund
- Charlie and Judy Canham
- Cause & Effect Productions, Inc.
- Joseph Cavaluzzi
- Cerf-Dunbar Fund

**ADVOCATES (Gifts of $500 - $999)**
- Five Anonymous Donors
- Julia Knapp Albertalli
- Susan Allen
- Tristan Arthaud in honor of his godmother, Cynthia Jefferts
- Harold N. Asiel
- John Asiel
- Ruth and Louis Baker Family Foundation
- Frederick and Susan Beckhorn
- Mary Ann Bernald
- Michael and Ellen Bettmann
- Bill and Vicki Boies
- Lynn H. Boillot Family Fund
- John H. Brock
- H.B. Bullard
- Marilyn Burns and Jeffrey Sellon
- John Cahill
- Mary-Lynne V. Campbell
- Alan Cole and Louise Trevillion
- Nancy C. Collins
- Frederic J. and Linda Scholle Cowan
- Lucy and Mike Danziger
- Evan Davis
- George Davis and Susan Bacot-Davis
- In honor of Gary Randorff
- C. Basil Dearborn in memory of his wife, Dagmar Dearborn
- Philip and Lenore Defieше
- Eastwood Litho, Inc.
- Michael and Nancy Lester Elitzer
- N. D. Field
- Ben Ford and Jean Dugan
- Wendy Fuller-Mora and Jeffrey Mora
- Irwin Gooen
- Bruce Andrew Graham
- Yvette and Larry Grailla
- Stephen Gray and Kathleen Ulrich
- G. David Phelps Hamar
- Walter Harrison III
- Charlie and Sarah Collum Hatfield
- Sheila Hosni
- Sheila M. Hutt
- J. William Ingeman
- Francisc P. Irwin
- Richard C. Jackson
- Karen and Peter Jakes
- Raymond and Lola Johnson
- Sally P. Johnson in honor of Gary Randorff
- Jesse and Mari Krasnow
- Jody Lisberger in honor of Jim Sonneborn
- Robert Locke and Sarah Thorne-Locke
- Serge and Caroline Lussi
- Arneys M. Marrella
- Deborah Taylor Martin
- Cecilia and Michael Mathews
- Helen Mattin
- Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott Mc Graw
- Sarah J. Meyland
- Daniel A. Moros, MD
- "Ann W. Schongalla, MD
- Charles J. Mullin
- David and Vivian Otteney
- Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Paddock
- Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Poe
- The Kim Prince Memorial Fund
- Elizabeth Raleigh and Vincent Guarino
- Mr. and Mrs. David F. Remington
- Hanson S. Reynolds
- Ruth B.M. Robinson
- Francis Rosewarne
- John M. Rozett
- Steve and Karin Sadove
- Arthur V. Savage
- Marilyn Seagars
- Kira Sergievsky
- Elizabeth Hutchins Short
- Michael Silver
- Lynette M. Stark
- Daniel B. Strickler, Jr.
- The Lookout Fund
- Annette Merle-Smith
- Enos and Muriel Throop
- Ginny and Roger Valkenburgh
- William A. Veronesi
- Robert L. Vogel and Bonnie H. Malkin
- David and Candace Weir Foundation
- Jonathan Webber
- Wild Woods Foundation
- Woodzell Family Gift Fund
- Wray Family Fund, Adirondack Community Trust
- Prof. and Mrs. Julian Yudelson

**CONSERVATIONISTS (Gifts of $250 - $499)**
- Five Anonymous Donors
- Cyrilus H. Adams
- Christopher Aidun
- Jessica Ancker
- Woody and Cynthia Andrews
- Tony and Penny Atkiss
- Carter F. Bales
- John Balint, MD
- Lionel O. Barthold
- Ronald Becker
- Belvedere Foundation
- Mr. and Mrs. Peter H. Hickford
- Kenneth Bijur
- Terry and Lynn Birdsong
- Arthur D. and Sandy E. Bissell
- Mrs. George P. Bissell, Jr.
- Lewis H. Bochner Wildlife Trust
- Marion Bochner
- Elsa and William Boyce
- David K. Broadwell, MD
- Christine R. Wilmot
- Peter Broner
- The Brooks Foundation
- Caleb Burchenal
- Burnham Financial Services, LLC
- Tara Bush
- Mr. and Mrs. John Butterworth
- Fred C. Calder
- Jeff and Harriet Carter
- Lynda Carver
- Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Cassilly
- Champlain National Bank
- Mr. and Mrs. William B. Chappell, Jr.
- William and Laurie Clark
- Kathryn and Douglas Cochran
- Marjory and Howard Cohen
- Bob and Linda Cooley
- Kitely Covill and Thomas McShane
- Sage and John Cowles
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Craft, Jr.
- Paul and Lisa D’Angrea
- Richard G. Davis
- Gail Doreing
- Mr. and Mrs. Rodney W. Dow
- Mary Beth and Jeffrey Doyle
- Patrick J. Dunleavy
- Jake and Nancy Eddy
- Rudolf O. Eger
Glenn A. Parker
Peter S. Paine, Jr.
Jerome F. Page and Katherine L. Frank
Alan and Virginia Pabst
Dana L. Oviatt
Glenn and Linda Ostrander
Barry Oreck
Stephanie and Robert M. Olmsted
Nancy Nicholas and Ralph Blackwood
Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Nash
Alvin E. Nash, Sr.
Robert Murphy and Dr. Cynthia E. Rye
Carolyn Moss and Dan Hawkins
Jim and Marcia Morley
Barbara F. and Richard W. Moore
Suzanne V. Moffat
Matthew J. Miller Charitable Fund
Barbara W. Meyer
Richard and Jackie Jenkins
Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Johnson II
Walter and Peggy Jones
Samuel F. Justynski
Steven and Helen Kellogg
David H. Kernan
Douglas Kerr and Joan Walter
Miriam and John Klipper
Margaret Kinossian
William F. Koebelmann
Harold G. and Jamie B. Kotler
Janice Kyle and Hans Himelein
Steve Lakomy, MD
Patricia Lauch
William D. Launzy
Douglas Lee
Douglas and Carol Leith
Alethe and Frank Lescinsky, Pass-Through Fund, Adirondack Community Trust
Howard and Charlotte Linke
Robert and Darlene Lloyd
Marllyn R. Loeb
Russell Luke and Anja Sturm
Daniel and Carol Luthringshauser
Roy and Nancy Malpass
Gerald and Madeline Malovany
Lorraine Mara
David and Amy McNamara
Merle D. Melvin
Richard and Joan Meril
Barbara W. Meyer
Matthew J. Miller Charitable Fund
Suzanne V. Moffat
Barbara F. and Richard W. Moore
Jim and Marcia Morley
Carolyn Moss and Dan Hawkins
Robert Murphy and Dr. Cynthia E. Rye
Alvin E. Nash, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Nash
Nancy Nicholas and Ralph Blackwood
Ted O'Leary
Stephanie and Robert M. Olmsted
Barry Oreck
Glenn and Linda Ostrander
Dana L. Oviatt
Alan and Virginia Pabst
Jerome F. Page and Katherine L. Frank
Peter S. Paine, Jr.
Glenn A. Parker
Patricia Parsons
Mr. and Mrs. William Peabody
Anita Christophell Pell
Cheri Phillips
Thomas and Marcy Pluta
Miriam Pollet
Peter W. Post
Katharine M. Preston
Fred and Barbara Rankin
Paul and Nancy Resnick
Vincent Riggi
Johanna Rionx
John Rosenthal
Petre and Becky Ruegger
David Ruppert
Bryan Rutledge
Kay and Richard Ryder, MD
Douglas and Alyson Schultz
Peg Schutz
Susan Schuur
Shirley B. Shamel
Maureen Sheehan
Syl Silverman
Laurel and Michael M. Skarbinski
Margaret M. Smith
Sue S. Stewart
Bill and Lisa Stromberg
Mr. and Mrs. David B. Strong
Martha J. Swope
David Tappcott and Gail Epstein
Mr. and Mrs. Maury Tigner
Michael B. Trister and Nancy Duff Campbell
Garry and June Pauley Trudeau
Robert W. Tyler
Gary and Jane Ward
Henry De Forest Webster
Ethel and Anne Winter
Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Worth
Fred Yoica
Ihor and Barbara Zajac
Gift to the Forever Wild Fund
Anonymous Bequest
Estate of Jack Fesi
Estate of Barbara Girdler
Estate of Judith A. Lane
Estate of Marie Y. Murray
Overhills Foundation
Gifts in Memory of:
Richard N. Brown
Joanne G. Emerson
Seymour Levine
Jean Mueller
John Harmon Noble
Clarence Petty
Beatrice Sheinfeld
Edward J. Sutton
* deceased

The Adirondack Council has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of this list. If you discover an error, please contact us at 877.873.2240.

CLARENCE PERRY INTERNSHIP FUND AT
ADIRONDACK COMMUNITY TRUST

Evergreen, Adirondack Community Trust:
Nordlys Foundation, Inc.
Clarence Petty,* Edward Petty Trust

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.

$1,000 - $4,999
Jane N. Mooty Foundation Trust

$100 - $499
Frances Blaisdell
Karla Brieant
Robert and Carolyn Eisenmenger
David Fisher
Dave Hughes
Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Jeffrey, II
Jocelyn R. Jerry

$500 - $999
Anonymous
Ronald Becker

Matching Gift Companies
Aetna Foundation
AllianceBernstein
American Express
Bank of America
C.R. Bard Foundation
The Boston Consulting Group, Inc.
Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation
Chevron CNA Foundation
Frederic W. Cook & Co., Inc.
Cleveland H. Dodge Foundation, Inc.
Elais Inc.
The GE Foundation
Google
Glaxosmithkline Foundation
IBM International Foundation
Insurance Services Office, Inc.
The Kresge Foundation
Microsoft The Moody's Foundation
The New York Times Company Foundation
Pfizer Foundation
The Prudential Foundation
United Technologies
Universal Leaf Foundation
Verizon

ADIRONDACK LEGACY SOCIETY

M

Gender 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.

Reginald H. Bedell
Frances Blaisdell
David E. Bronston
Kay Cramer
Lynn Dumoulin
Joanne Waldron Dwyer
Gloria Fant
Diane and Peter Fish
George Giannakos
David Gaskell
Irwin Gooen
Steven Jervis
Douglas S. Luke
Edward Petty
John Rundle, Jr.
Kay and Richard Ryder, MD
Jean Shirley
Tricia and Philip Winterer
Tony Zazula
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.
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.

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.

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.

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 14th, 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.

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.

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

Photos © Larry Master, masterimages.org
Support the Adirondack Council

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.


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.

Adirondack Park Map
With watercolor illustrations (35” x 43”)
Laminated Map: $40
Unlaminated Map: $25

Forever Wild Shopping Bag
99% recycled content
18” x 14.5” in a 3” x 4” pouch $10

Additional items are available on our website.

You can place an order for these and other products by calling the Adirondack Council at 877.873.2240 (toll-free) or order online at www.AdirondackCouncil.org

Proceeds from sales benefit Adirondack Park conservation.
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 10th 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 35th 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.


The Adirondack Common Ground Alliance held its fourth annual summer conference in Long Lake on July 14th. 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.