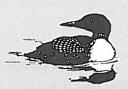


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ADIRONDACK ACQUISITION FUNDS IN JEOPARDY—YOUR STATE SENATOR NEEDS YOUR LETTER NOW

What happens within the State Senate within the next few weeks could determine the kind of Adirondack Park that future generations will inherit from us.

With strong encouragement from the Adirondack Council, Governor Mario Cuomo has called for new land acquisition funds to round out the publicly-owned Adirondack Forest Preserve and permanently protect the natural, open-space character of the entire Adirondack Park. These funds are part of the proposed 1986 Environmental Bond Act, which is primarily devoted to cleaning up toxic wastes, to go before the voters in November.

If the public approves the bond act, as expected, an estimated \$100 million will be available for the Adirondacks over the next 10-20 years to purchase key private lands and to buy the development rights (conservation easements) on other critical open-space holdings. These acquisitions will protect important wildlife habitat and scenic vistas along some of the loveliest highways and backroads in the United States; secure public access to some of the finest Adirondack streams and rivers; open new canoe routes and hiking trails to the public; round out the Adirondack Wilderness System and other units of Forest Preserve; and, overall, expand and help to preserve forever the East's last great wilderness.

As large private tracts continue to break up—a trend clearly evident in the past year—it is particularly important that the State have ample funds on hand to purchase choice lands before they are permanently lost to private development.

The dream of a complete, perpetually-protected Adirondack Park has never been closer to reality. Yet this dream could now be shattered. And it will be shattered if the State Senate moves, as it now appears to be moving, to delete Adirondack acquisition funds from the 1986 Environmental Bond Act. That's why your letter to your State Senator, at this precise point in time, may be the single most important contribution you could ever make to the future of the Adirondacks.

State Senators from the Adirondack area are threatening to block land-acquisition funds with the misguided

argument that the purchase of public land and conservation easements will somehow damage the Adirondack tax base and impair the local economy. In fact, the opposite is true: the preservation of natural beauty and open space will bolster both tourism and forestry, the economic mainstays of the Adirondack Park.

Your message to your Senator (listed inside) should be short, simple, and in your own words. Please urge that at least \$100 million be earmarked for acquisitions in the Adirondack Park. Please urge that these funds be made available for both 1) direct, fee-title purchases of land to be added to **your** Adirondack Forest Preserve, and 2) the purchase of conservation easements to preserve the natural, open-space qualities of key private lands while allowing present economic uses, such as forestry and farming, to continue.

Please ask your Senator to approve the 1986 Environmental Bond Act as proposed—and if possible increase the amount allocated for acquisitions—so that the State's voters can exercise their will in November.

Above all, let your Senator know that you do not want the Senate to deny the entire electorate of New York State the rare once-in-a-decade opportunity to vote for sufficient funds to safeguard the Adirondack Park for the wonder and enjoyment of your children and all who follow them.

SEND YOUR LETTER TO:

Senator_____ State Senate

Albany, N.Y. 12247

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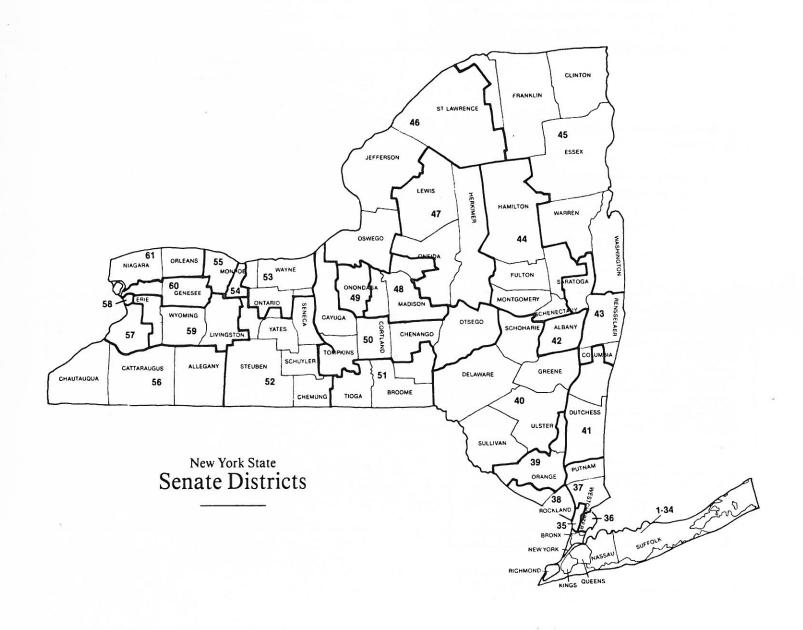
Honorable Warren Anderson, Majority Leader, and Honorable John Marchi, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee Albany, N.Y. 12247

WHO THEY ARE

Following is a list of State Senators by district, indicating the counties they represent:

District	Senator	Counties Represented	District	Senator	Counties Represented
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2	James J. Lack	Suffolk			Westchester
3	Caesar Trunzo	Suffolk	38	Eugene Levy	Rockland Orange
4	Owen H. Johnson	Suffolk	39	Richard E. Schermerhorn	Orange
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9	Dean G. Skelos	Nassau			Schoharie
10	Andrew Jenkins	Queens			Ulster
11	Frank Padavan	Queens Nassau	41	Jay P. Rolison, Jr.	Duchess Columbia
12	Leonard P. Stavisky	Queens	42	Howard C. Nolan, Jr.	Albany
13	Emanuel R. Gold	Queens	43	Joseph L. Bruno	Rensselaer
14	George Onorato	Queens			Saratoga
15	Martin J. Knorr	Queens Kings	44	Hugh T. Farley	Columbia Schenectady
16	Jeremy S. Weinstein	Queens Kings			Mont- gomery
17	Howard E. Babbush	Kings			Fulton
18	Donald M. Halperin	Kings			Hamilton Saratoga
19	Martin M. Solomon	Kings	45	Ronald B. Stafford	Warren
20	Thomas Bartosiewicz	Kings	.5	Nonaid D. Stanford	Washington
21	Marty Markowitz	Kings			Essex
22	Valmanette Montgomery	Kings			Clinton
23	Christopher J. Mega	Kings			Franklin
24	John J. Marchi	Richmond			St. Lawrence
25	Martin Connor	New York Kings Richmond	46	John M. McHugh	Oswego Jefferson St. Lawrence
26	Roy M. Goodman	New York	47	James H. Donovan	Herkimer
27	Manfred Ohrenstein	New York			Lewis
28	Franz S. Leichter	New York	40	Names Laureina Haffaran	Oneida
29	David Paterson	New York	48	Nancy Larraine Hoffmann	Madison Oneida
		New York			Onondaga
30	Olga Mendez	Bronx	49	Tarky J. Lombardi	Onondaga
31	Joseph L. Galiber	Bronx	50	L.S. Riford, Jr.	Cayuga
32	Israel Ruiz, Jr.	Bronx			Tompkins
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	Yates Seneca Ontario Wayne Ontario	57	William T. Stachowski Anthony M. Masiello Dale M. Volker	Erie
		58 59		Erie
				Livingston
				Wyoming Erie
		60	Walter J. Floss, Jr.	Genesee
	Monroe Monroe			Erie
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ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Here are basic questions and answers about State acquisitions in the Adirondack Park:

Q. Will additions to the public Forest Preserve "lock up" Adirondack lands and close them to future use—as some claim?

A. The opposite is true. Forest Preserve lands are open to everyone. The State Land Master Plan-insures that all types of outdoor recreation, from rock climbing to snowmobiling, are accommodated in the various Forest Preserve classifications. Sportsmen, hikers, backpackers, naturalists, photographers and other outdoor recreationists have free access to Forest Preserve lands. The Adirondack Forest Preserve is **our** preserve—the finest public recreation resource east of the Rocky Mountains.

Q. Are additions to the already sizable Forest Preserve really necessary?

A. Absolutely necessary. Many key tracts of private land should be in State ownership because of their extraordinary value for wildlife habitat, watershed, recreation, and other open space benefits. And the consolidation and rounding out of existing (and still fragmented) Forest Preserve tracts is essential in some areas.

Q. What are conservation easements?

A. This is where some land rights are acquired from a landowner but underlying ownership is retained by the owner. Usually some or all development rights are given up by the landowner but rights to harvest trees, grow crops, and the like are often retained. Such acquisitions can provide public access, protect wildlife habitat, preserve scenic roadside vistas, and perpetuate other openspace values that make the Adirondack Park unique.

Q. How do State acquisitions of land or conservation easements affect the local Adirondack economy?

A. The State pays its fair share of taxes on all Forest Preserve lands. And conservation-easement legislation passed in 1983 requires that the State reimburse local governments for any reduction in tax revenues caused by the easements.

Overall, additional State acquisitions will inevitably benefit the Park's economy. The primary Adirondack industry is tourism, which will be bolstered by public acquisitions that protect the Park's natural beauty and expand its recreational resources.



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