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FOREVER ADIRONDACKS

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New York's Adirondack Park is a national treasure but is threatened.

We must act now to preserve it and build a better future for visitors and residents. Aaron Mair, as Director of the Forever Adirondacks Campaign, will raise awareness across New York State and the nation of the need to fund clean water, jobs, and wilderness protection in the Adirondack Park.

PROTECTING CLEAN WATER

The Park has more than 2,800 large lakes and ponds, 1,500 miles of rivers, 30,000 miles of brooks and streams, and billions of trees. Its protected forests sequester carbon and replace it with oxygen, help fight climate change, filter our drinking water, and provide the clear air we breathe, and keep our rivers and streams cool enough for native trout and salmon to survive.



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AARON MAIR
Director of the Forever Adirondacks Campaign:

Aaron joined the Adirondack Council in May 2021. He is a national wilderness advocate and environmental justice pioneer who has worked over the last 40 years in the spaces of health, environment, climate change disparities, and park protection. He is an urban environmental activist and a regional and national environmental justice organizer and strategist who has advised two presidents and Congress, and served on the national board of directors of the Sierra Club as its 57th president.

"Aaron Mair has been at the forefront of the national movement for environmental justice. What good news that he is bringing his passion and expertise to bear on the six million acres inside the Blue Line, where I have no doubt he will make a tremendous difference!"

- Bill McKibben, Environmental author, climate activist/expert, and Adirondack Park resident



Forest Rangers are asking the state to hire additional rangers

INVESTING IN NEW ADIRONDACK JOBS

The Adirondack Park's 130,000 year-round residents and 130 communities need state and federal investments to upgrade green infrastructure; to double and diversify the Forest Ranger force; to put people to work, foster more vibrant communities, and preserve the Park's clean water and wilderness.

The Park can expand job opportunities and build a sustainable year-round population with new investments in improved housing, education, childcare, visitor management, cell service, and broadband communications infrastructure.

PRESERVING WILDERNESS

The Adirondack Park is home to 90% of all motor-free Wilderness from Maine to Georgia and irreplaceable wildlife such as moose, trout, and loon. The wilderness should be managed and enjoyed sustainably. The Park needs funding to address overuse and protect the Whitney Estate and Follensby Pond properties.



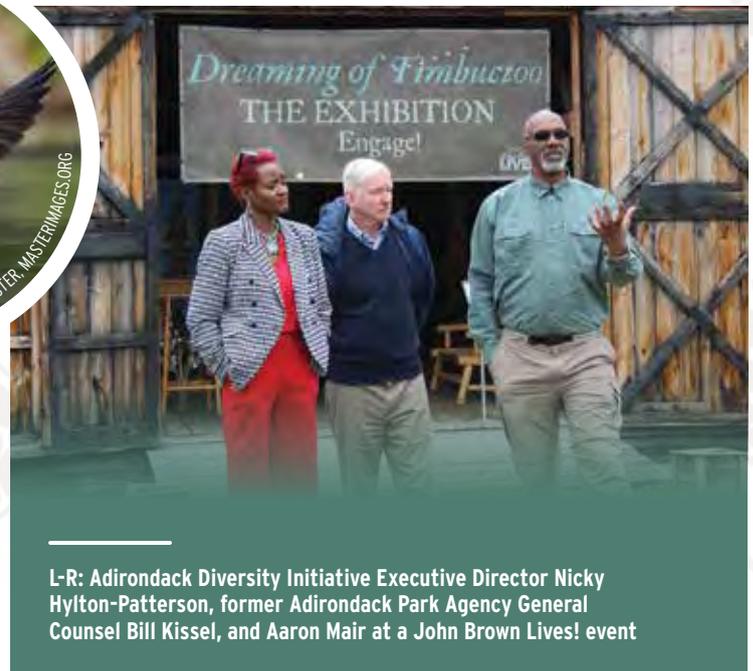
FUNDING SCIENCE

Resources for science, climate monitoring, acid rain research, and restoration have been cut significantly. They must be restored and expanded to protect nature and public health.

ADIRONDACK GREEN NEW DEAL

A Green New Deal for the Adirondack region would improve the quality of life by funding community-centered development, expanded housing options, better wilderness protection, clean water, and a welcoming, safe environment for all. Better visitor-management would help spread out economic benefits and relieve congestion in crowded communities.

Renewable energy, green transportation, and climate-smart farm projects would build the economy in ways that complement Park protection. More long-term rental housing and reasonable purchase options would help provide affordable living spaces for new residents, young families, and professionals.



L-R: Adirondack Diversity Initiative Executive Director Nicky Hylton-Patterson, former Adirondack Park Agency General Counsel Bill Kissel, and Aaron Mair at a John Brown Lives! event

