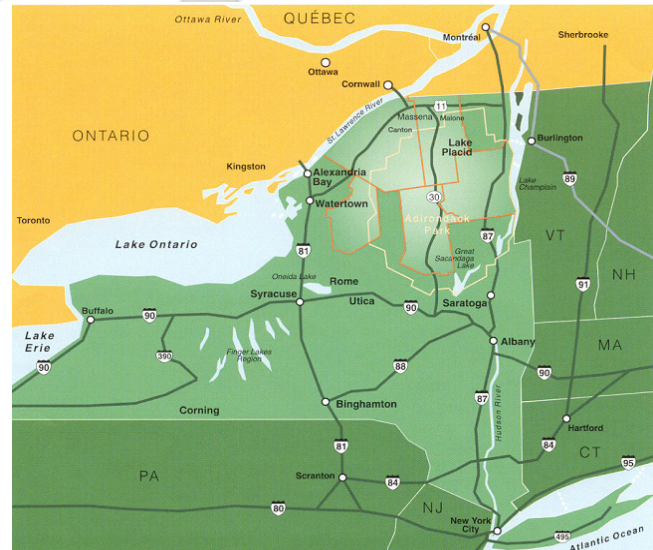


What is the Energy Smart Park Initiative?

The Energy Smart Park Initiative (E\$PI) is a partnership of over 20 agencies, non-governmental organizations, municipalities, academic institutions, and businesses formed in 2006 to address issues related to energy production and use in New York's Adirondack Park region. We promote reliable, affordable, environmentally sound energy options that benefit all Adirondack residents and visitors by working to increase energy efficiency and local energy production from renewable resources. We strive to help make the Park and its communities a working example of what other regions nationwide must do to achieve energy independence and transition to a clean, green, climate-friendly energy future. E\$PI works in concert with NYSERDA's Energy Smart™ and ENERGY STAR® programs.



Current Activities and Accomplishments

E\$PI partners are advancing sustainable energy production and use in the Park through a range of actions, including:

- Conducting energy efficiency training for contractors, code officials, businesses, municipalities and institutions and assessing the retrofitting a former Lake Placid farm into a “sustainable living” and energy efficiency education center, in conjunction with NYSERDA programs.
- Gaining passage of a Resolution of Support by the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages (AATV) and coordinating participation in the 2007 Step-It-Up global warming campaign as well as commitments by the villages of Lake Placid, Saranac Lake, and Jay, and the towns of Franklin, Waverly and Wilmington to implement energy efficiency practices.
- Engaging the Adirondack Park Agency on the need to integrate energy supply, conservation, and efficiency into its Park planning, public education, and project review functions.
- Fostering a commitment by Paul Smith's College to pursue energy independence through greater conservation, efficiency, and reliance on alternative energy sources.
- Holding a formative meeting in May '07 to create operating committees and move forward with specific model projects and programs.

Next Steps for the E\$P Initiative

- **Benchmarking** – E\$PI will gather data to measure energy production and consumption in the Park, as a basis for developing a regional energy plan and measuring the success of E\$PI efforts.
- **Energy Smart Park Dialogue** - E\$PI will meet with Adirondack communities to gain guidance from residents, elected representatives, and various organizations on energy issues important to them. E\$PI has a toll-free contact number and website to help promote the dialogue process.
- **Works in Progress Series** - E\$PI will prepare presentations and case studies showcasing sustainable energy successes around the Park, focusing on NYSERDA ENERGY STAR programs.
- **Building Capacity in the Park** – E\$PI will organize professional training activities targeting contractors, code officials, architects, developers, investors, municipal officials and others to build the workforce to plan, design and deliver energy efficiency and renewable energy services.
- **“Fuels for Schools”** - E\$PI will collaborate in a project to assess the advisability of using locally grown wood-based biofuels in Adirondack schools and other public buildings.
- **Advanced Energy Code +20** – E\$PI is developing an advanced energy code for Lake Placid based on NYSERDA's building performance programs and national work on advanced Commercial codes that will save energy in Lake Placid and be promoted region-wide.
- **Fundraising** – E\$PI will identify and secure funding to support the activities described above, and develop an “Adirondack Efficiency fund” based on Carbon offsets and efficiency savings investment.

The E\$PI Steering Committee includes the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks, Community Power Network of NYS, Adirondack Sustainable Communities, Inc., Community Energy Services/NC Energy Smart Communities, the Adirondack North Country Association, and BCAP/Alliance to Save Energy.

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