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## PROTECT Applauds Governor Cuomo's Historic Expansion of Environmental Protection Fund

*Governor to propose \$300 million EPF in state budget*

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Lake George, NY – Protect the Adirondacks applauds Governor Cuomo for his plans to expand the NYS Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) to \$300 million in his new state budget to be released later this month. This expansion marks the largest funding level ever for the EPF.

The EPF funds a variety of environmental programs such as land acquisition, farmland protection, invasive species prevention and eradication, waterfront revitalization, solid waste management, state lands stewardship, and environmental justice projects, among other things.

“Protect the Adirondacks applauds Governor Cuomo for his announcement that he will expand the Environmental Protection Fund to \$300 million. This marks a recognition of the tremendous environmental threats facing New York and the great opportunities to protect open space, improve public recreation on state lands, and combat invasive species,” said Peter Bauer, Executive Director of Protect the Adirondacks.

### **Protect the Adirondacks**

Protect the Adirondacks is a privately funded, IRS-approved not-for-profit organization dedicated to the protection of the 6-million-acre Adirondack Park in northern New York. PROTECT was formed through the merger of the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks and the Residents' Committee to Protect the Adirondacks in 2009. PROTECT pursues its mission to protect the Adirondack Park and defend the public “forever wild” Forest Preserve through citizen advocacy, grassroots organizing, education, research, and legal action. PROTECT is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. PROTECT maintains an office in Lake George. For more information see [www.protectadks.org](http://www.protectadks.org).

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