



# Taking a stand to defend the Adirondack Park

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I know it is spring when I hear the white-throated sparrow's song with its pensive whistle. It tells me it is time to follow my beloved sparrow from my Washington home to the boreal forests of the Adirondacks, where, weeks later, I will hear the same calls at my Adirondack camp. It is also time for PROTECT'S annual report.

I recently retired from a long career in wilderness and nature preservation, which I seemed destined to have pursued. My father taught me his love and understanding of nature, which he in turn learned from a professor of his, Aldo Leopold, an early and important environmentalist. Leopold was a forester who went on to develop the fields of wildlife ecology and environmental ethics, his seminal work being "The Land Ethic." His vision, passed through my father to me, led me to pursue the wonderful career I did.

After studying natural resource protection at the University of Michigan, I was fortunate to work at the Sierra Club, the Wilderness Society, and the Natural Resources Defense Council. I continued to be inspired by many significant fathers and mothers of the current environmental movement. George, Bob, and Jim Marshall, well-known Adirondackers, as well as people like the Murie and Zahniser families, and Sigurd Olson, all worked tirelessly to make possible much of the preserved wilderness as we now know it. It was my privilege to learn from them.

The history of the Adirondacks has both inspired wilderness preservation as well as benefited from it. In 1980, wilderness advocates helped pass the Alaska Lands Act, which protected 100 million acres as national parks and wildlife refuges, adding 56 million acres to the National Wilderness System. In my mind, direct inspiration for this and other accomplishments comes from people like Bob Marshall, Howard Zahniser, and others.

I, too, have followed this inspirational leadership to help save Alaska, the Adirondacks, and wilderness areas around the country. After working in the Adirondacks, then moving back to D.C., my wife Gail and I found ourselves longing for the peace and beauty of the Adirondacks. We now have a camp of our own where we enjoy wilderness first hand.

Whether paddling on Hoel Pond near our cabin or rafting down the Canning River in the Arctic Refuge of Alaska, I often wonder at the wholeness of the scene, brought together in harmony, balance, and peace. Aldo Leopold said, "A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."

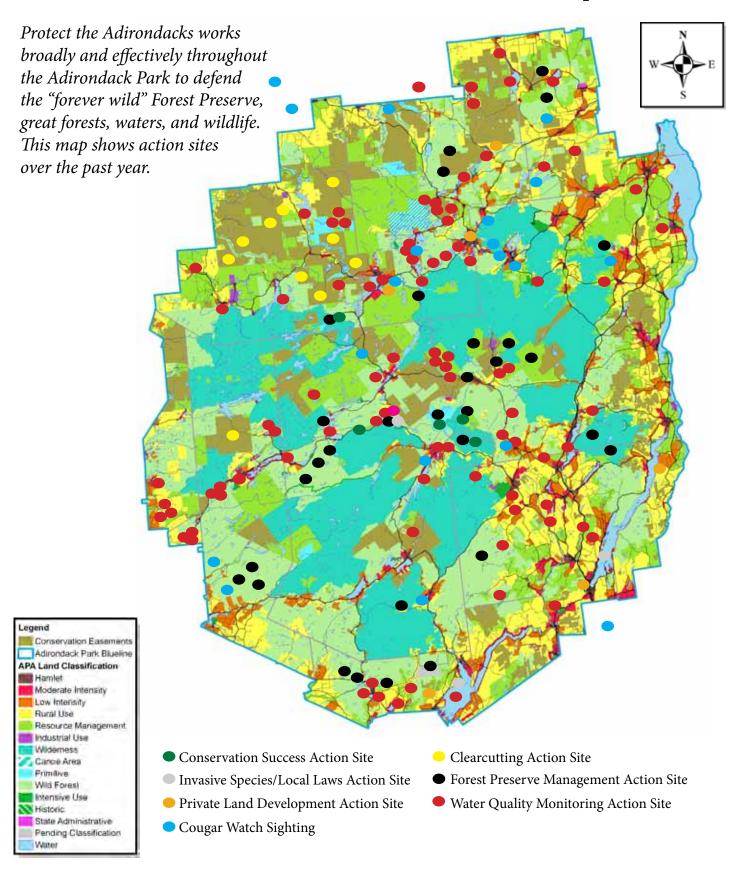
We as humans, as destructive as we are with road-building, logging, mining, oil and gas drilling, dam building, over-fishing and hunting, also long for integrity, stability, and beauty. For me, this "rightness" is one of the greatest rewards in life. And because it is so meaningful to us, we have a responsibility to keep striving for it. Man's destruction continues to create new threats, such as acid rain, mercury in our lakes, and now global warming. Our responsibility to preserve the little wilderness we have left is now more critical than ever.

We urge you not only to support PROTECT, but also to pick up your pen or turn on your computer and send letters and emails to legislators, the governor, DEC, and APA. Fellow PROTECT members, this is our mission: to protect wilderness while we still have it. Please read this annual report and discover all the things PROTECT is doing the save the wilderness. Then, please renew or join this quest. Thank you very much!

-- Chuck Clusen, Chair, Board of Directors

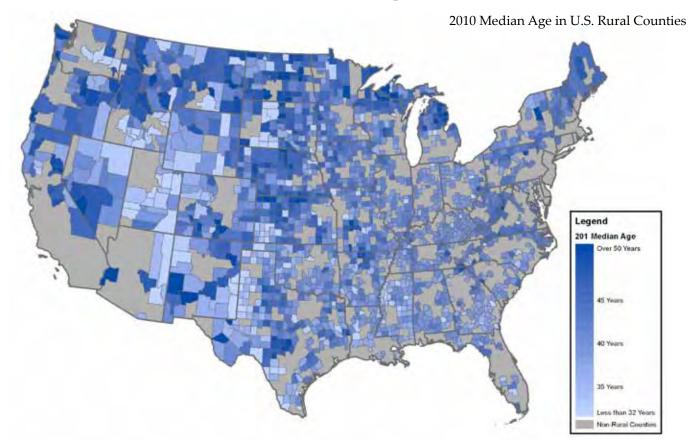


# Protect the Adirondacks' Action Map





## 2013-14 saw major program successes



In the past two years, Protect the Adirondacks has made a stand to protect the wildlands, great forests, clean waters, wildlife and ecological integrity of the Adirondack Park. While we racked up an impressive list of accomplishments since mid-2013, we did not win them all. But we always faithfully put protection of the Adirondack environment at the top of our list as our chief objective and guiding light.

These are critical times for the Adirondack Park. Directives from Albany to make the Adirondack Park "open for business" guide the decisions and priorities of state agencies. Natural resource protection is a distant secondary consideration, often ridiculed as getting in the way of progress. It's against this landslide that PROTECT worked for a wild Adirondack Park.

A core part of our work is advocacy to protect existing Wilderness lands and to create new Wilderness areas. In December 2013, after a sustained successful campaign, we saw the creation of the new 23,500-acre Hudson Gorge Wilderness area. In the years ahead, these former industrial logging lands will grow into rich old growth forests in the hills and mountains above the whitewater of the Hudson River. Dozens of miles of logging roads will be reclaimed by the forest. In the wake of the new Hudson Gorge Wilderness area we launched a new advocacy effort for the new

12,000-acre West Stony Creek Wilderness in the southern Adirondacks.

One measure of a great park is the quality and abundance of its wildlife. In 2014, PROTECT started the Cougar Watch project to gather reports of big cats in the Adirondacks. We have received and catalogued dozens of cougar sightings from across the Adirondacks. We also worked to oppose the state's expansion of bobcat hunting and to oppose federal efforts to rollback protections for the gray wolf under the Endangered Species Act. PROTECT believes that the Adirondack Park should once again be home to big predators such as the wolf and cougar. This goal will only happen through creative, sustained and principled advocacy.

State governmental agencies oversee management of the Adirondack Park in partnership with local governments. These bodies make major decisions over public and private land use across the Adirondacks. PROTECT believes that the natural resources and public Forest Preserve are protected when decisions are made in public forums. Management decisions for public lands are always best made in the sunshine of open disclosure. PROTECT manages an active independent public oversight project to monitor the decisions made by government bodies and to ensure that open and transparent processes are followed.





Independent public oversight work also takes us out into the field to investigate what's happening on the ground. Last summer, we uncovered and exposed numerous violations of Forest Preserve management by state agencies. We're now pressing for resolution of these violations and remediation of areas that experienced degradation.

PROTECT experienced a setback when we lost our lawsuit that challenged the Adirondack Park Agency's (APA) approval of the 6,000-acre Adirondack Club & Resort project. This lawsuit was an attempt to protect the natural resources of the Adirondacks. We tried to hold state agencies accountable for decisions that will degrade Adirondack forests, rather than protecting the great forests of the Adirondack Park. We also went to court to uphold Article 14 of the NYS Constitution, the "forever wild" clause. We will continue to build our case in this lawsuit in the months ahead. This lawsuit is likely to be resolved by the end of 2015.

We made a stand for Adirondack waters. We helped to pass a new statewide law that bans the launching of a boat at a public, private or commercial boat launch that may carry aquatic invasive species. PROTECT is now working with many others to make this law a reality across the Adirondacks by building a network of inspection and decontamination stations. We also proudly continue to manage and grow the largest water quality monitoring program in the Adirondacks. In partnership with Paul Smith's College, and scores of volunteers and lake associations, we have expanded the Adirondack Lake Assessment Program (ALAP), which studied over 70 lakes and ponds in 2014.

The map on the top left shows a satellite image of the new proposed 12,000-acre West Stony Creek Wilderness area in the southern Adirondacks. The picture top right is a vista from a peak looking west over West Stony Creek. PROTECT has advocated consistently for Wilderness protections and against clearcutting of forests on private and conservation easement lands.

We also challenged the popular, yet false narratives that environmental protections have harmed the Adirondack economy and quality of life. While these charges are prolific, and often unquestioned, there is little data to back them up. This has allowed a false narrative to develop in the Adirondack Park that undermines long-term environmental protection and, even more dangerously, sees community and economic development professionals chase false remedies. The map in the top left shows U.S. rural counties shaded by median age. The Adirondacks has been purported as the "second oldest region" in the U.S., yet this map shows places that includes 14 million people in a landscape covering 17% of the U.S. who live in areas as old or older than the Adirondack Park. Rural areas across the U.S. are home to communities with aging populations that produce low rates of children. This trend is not unique to the Adirondacks, but is a reality across rural America.

While PROTECT experienced successes and setbacks over the past two years, we have remained vigilant in our dedication to building a strong organization focused on grassroots organizing, research, education, advocacy and legal action.



# Taking a stand against backcountry sprawl subdivisions



In the closing weeks of 2014, the New York Court of Appeals, the state's highest court, denied an appeal by Protect the Adirondacks, the Sierra Club and neighboring landowners, to challenge the July 2014 decision by the New York Appellate Court, Third Department, that upheld the approval by the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) for the 6,000-acre Adirondack Club & Resort (ACR) development in Tupper Lake. This decision was a major setback for ecological protections for the Adirondack Park and enshrined a ruinous precedent that will be widely replicated across the Adirondack Park for backcountry sprawl subdivisions.

This decision will lead to loss of forest habitat locally in Tupper Lake, and in other places across the Adirondack Park, as the APA approves similar projects with the same criteria. This decision opened the doors for degradation of intact forestlands and wildlife habitat, which will be spliced with houses, roads and power lines. These losses will be irreparable as more areas of the Adirondack Park will experience loss of ecological integrity.

Unfortunately, the decision to uphold the ACR approval was widely applauded by Governor Cuomo, state officials, and local government leaders. They see good news in backcountry sprawl and forest degradation.

The impact of the APA's approval of the ACR project and the court's decision is already evident. In January 2015, the APA approved a new backcountry sprawl subdivision design for an 1,100-acre subdivision around Woodworth Lake in the southern Adirondacks. In this subdivision, housing lots were sprawled like a string of Christmas tree lights from one end of the tract to the other. Final approval saw house locations 1.5 miles apart. This will hardly be the last backcountry sprawl subdivision to be approved.

Conservation subdivision design has changed land use planning over the past 20 years. The APA has had numerous presentations about it. Conservation subdivision design is based on advancements in science and land use planning techniques that recognize that the spatial pattern of development is fully as, if not more, ecologically important as its density. Widely scattered development, or "rural sprawl," impairs ecosystem function, decreases biotic integrity, alters species behavior and composition, increases human-wildlife conflicts, fragments ownership, impairs cohesive land management, undermines the open space character of the Park, and threatens its healthy timber industry. PROTECT is now working to change the APA Act to require that Conservation subdivision design is utilized in backcountry developments in the Adirondacks.

PROTECT went to court to protect Adirondack forests and wildlife habitat degraded by the ACR project, but also to protect forests in future subdivisions that will come before the APA. Backcountry sprawl subdivisions need to be repudiated by the APA. PROTECT will continue to oppose backcountry sprawl subdivisions in the Adirondack Park.



## Taking a stand to uphold Article XIV, the forever wild clause



In defense of Article XIV of the State Constitution, the forever wild clause, Protect the Adirondacks started a lawsuit in 2013 to challenge the development and construction of a network of "class II community connector snowmobile trails" across the Forest Preserve. These road-like trails are built with heavy machinery and equipment, require vast alterations, and the cutting of thousands of trees in the parts of the Forest Preserve where they are routed.

To date, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and APA have approved over 40 miles of these trails. Another 25 miles is soon to be approved in the Black River Wild Forest area. PROTECT's lawsuit is focused on two principal arguments. First, the vast number of trees that are cut down and destroyed to make these trails. On the 12-mile Seventh Lake Mountain Trail in the Moose River Plains Wild Forest area over 2,000 trees 3 inches in diameter at breast height (DBH) or higher were chopped down along with tens of thousands of smaller trees. The second argument is focused on the vast alteration of the Forest Preserve terrain to build these trails. The State Constitution requires that Forest Preserve lands be "forever kept as wild forest lands." Whereas hiking trails remain narrow and are built to follow the terrain of the land, class II community connector trails require extensive grading, widening, and bench cuts into the trail sides. These trails also require extensive rock removal, tree cutting, understory removal and construction of bridges capable of holding a several ton trail groomer. These actions constitute a violation of the forever wild clause of the State Constitution.

This is a high stakes lawsuit where the future of the Forest Preserve hangs in the balance.

The Department of Environmental Conservation and Adirondack Park Agency are building a network of major, road-like class II community connector snowmobile trails across many parts of the Forest Preserve. These trails require the cutting of thousands of trees, extensive grading to flatten the trail surface, extensive waterbars and drainage ditches, bench cuts along the trail side (see picture on top right with a bench cut on the right side), rock removal, understory clearing, fracturing and breaking apart bedrock, and construction of oversized bridges. Dozens of miles of these trails have been built and many more miles are planned. The development and construction of these trails represent the greatest threat to Article XIV, the forever wild clause, of the Forest Preserve in the last 40 years.

# Help support the defense of Forever Wild

PROTECT is fundraising to raise \$25,000 to help with our defense of Article XIV, Section 1, the famed "forever wild" clause, of the State Constitution. The Adirondack Forest Preserve is in the midst of the largest expansion of motorized use in its history. We need your help to protect the Forest Preserve and uphold "forever wild" in management of public use. There's more information in the article above. Please use the envelope enclosed or see information on the back cover to make a contribution today. Thank you.



# Major changes loom for Forest Preserve management



Major changes loom in 2015 for management of the "forever wild" Forest Preserve. These changes could be farreaching and fundamentally change the way that the Forest Preserve is managed and how it is enjoyed by the public for various outdoor recreational experiences. PROTECT has actively monitored and intervened in this process, which is likely to continue through the next few years.

At the end of 2013, the APA and DEC started a process to revise the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (SLMP) by stating it would examine possible revisions to expand the types of building materials for Forest Preserve bridges and whether to allow mountainbikes on roads in areas classified as Primitive. Since that time, the APA invited the public to comment and provide ideas about other policy revisions to the SLMP. The APA has not yet published a list of issues, a timetable for action, or detailed the total scope of its plans for policy changes to the SLMP.

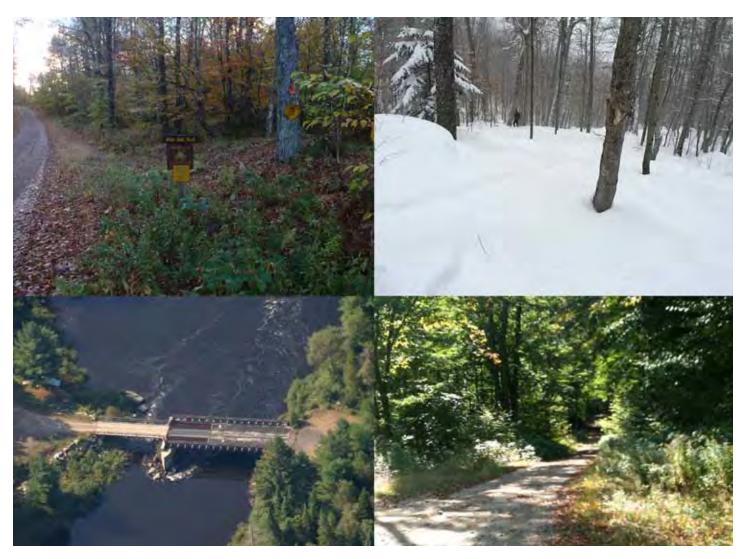
The SLMP was initially passed in 1973 and in the last 40 years has seen policy revisions twice, first in 1979 and then

in 1987. The SLMP has been amended dozens of times for classifications of new Forest Preserve lands. Given the rareness of SLMP policy revisions, there is a pent up demand across the political spectrum of the Adirondacks for major policy changes. PROTECT certainly sees ways in which the SLMP could be changed to improve management of the Forest Preserve and other state lands, but we're concerned about many ideas for enhanced motor vehicle access and weakening of Wilderness protections.

In the summer of 2014, PROTECT called upon the APA to undertake SLMP reform in an open and transparent process where the ideas of all stakeholders would be heard. In its past, the APA has conducted some admirably open public hearing processes where major policy decisions were debated and decided in public forums. Unfortunately, the APA also has a history of making major decisions behind closed doors or despite overwhelming opposition in public comments.

The APA responded to PROTECT's call by organizing a





series of public "listening sessions" across the Adirondacks in the fall of 2014. These meetings were well attended and hundreds of recommendations were made to APA staff. The APA summarized these comments in a 30-page document released to the public and then began stakeholder meetings with various local government leaders, user groups, environmental and business groups.

In early 2015, PROTECT called upon the APA to fully research different policy change options. Many changes are being advocated with only anecdotal evidence. PROTECT believes that policy changes should be made with good data and analysis based on actual Forest Preserve conditions and public recreational use.

Reform of the SLMP in 2015 marks a major moment in Forest Preserve history. Governor Cuomo has shown a management preference to divide the Forest Preserve among different users irrespective of natural resource protections and his agencies have dutifully followed. PROTECT will be vigilant in our advocacy to protect the Forest Preserve.

Major changes are being considered through revision of the SLMP. A hiking trail in a Wilderness area is on the lefthand page. Many are calling for allowing mountain-biking on trails in Wilderness areas. Right now they are limited to trails in Wild Forest areas.

The picture in the top left shows a road in the Long Pond Conservation Easement lands where ATVs are allowed. PROTECT is advocating for formal APA oversight on state held conservation easement lands. Top right shows a trail managed for backcountry cross-country skiing. Many skiers are calling for new management policies to formally manage skiing areas through limited tree cutting in Wilderness and Wild Forest areas. The picture in the lower left shows the Polaris Bridge over the Hudson River that is part of the new Finch-Nature Conservancy lands purchased by the state. The state wants to retain this bridge, though it violates SLMP requirements and the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Act. Lower right is a picture of a former logging road in the new Essex Chain Lakes Primitive area. Many are calling for mountainbiking on these roads.



# PROTECT's field work finds numerous violations of Forest Preserve protections and management



When most people visit the Forest Preserve they're seeking wild experiences in beautiful places. Many areas of the "forever wild" Forest Preserve, both Wilderness and Wild Forest areas, offer timeless opportunities where wild places remain beautiful and preserved. Visitors depend on the Forest Preserve to remain constant where the same wild experience can be had decades apart despite the ceaseless changes of the world around us.

During the summer field season of 2014, Protect the Adirondacks surveyed various Forest Preserve units to examine the state of public recreational opportunities. We were alarmed to find significant continued trespass of All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) in many parts of the Forest Preserve, roads still open that state policies required to be closed, and a lean-to turned into a private hunting camp complete with gas stoves and bunk beds.

PROTECT's field work found signs of ATV damage in the Ferris Lake and Black River Wild Forest areas. Roads and trails were widely rutted with new routes blazed through

the forest. Such damage is long-lasting and state enforcement is limited. Damage to the Forest Preserve from illegal ATV use continues to be a major problem on the Forest Preserve.

The Black River Wild Forest area in the western Adiron-dacks is also home to the curious case of the Chub Pond Lean-to. This lean-to was extensively modified and, in essence, converted to a private cabin. The interior of the lean-to had been outfitted bunk beds, counters, shelves, a gas stove, trash can, and with tables and chairs. The lean-to has two skylights and a chimney where the wood stove is attached. A gas powered lawn mower is stored on site and used to mow an open field. There are numerous violations of Forest Preserve laws and regulations by the parties involved. It appeared that regional staff at the Department of Environmental Conservation turned a blind eye to these activities for years. PROTECT's report inspired an investigation by state agencies that is ongoing.

PROTECT also investigated two roads in Wilderness areas





that remain open to motor vehicles despite decisions and policies that require that they be closed. The continued use of these roads has led to widespread environmental damage and the spread of invasive species. Both the West River Road in the Silver Lake Wilderness Area and the Crane Pond Road in the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness area violate existing laws and regulations. Both roads should have been closed years ago.

PROTECT's field work in the summer of 2014 showed the need for an extensive survey of the Forest Preserve and a new system for the public to report Forest Preserve violations. PROTECT has now organized a Forest Preserve Violations reporting system on our website. We will catalogue and investigate new reports and if we find violations we will notify state agencies. PROTECT will also continue to advocate that state agencies resolve these violations.

Protection of the Forest Preserve is at the core of PRO-TECT's work. The Forest Preserve faces many challenges and public vigilance is needed to help protect it.

The picture on the lefthand page shows damage from ATV use incurred through illegal public use or from a state search and rescue operation on the Gull Lake Trail in the Black River Wild Forest area. The Department of Environmental Conservation has not stated whether it will remediate damaged areas. The picture above in the top left is the end of the West River Road in the Silver Lake Wilderness. State agencies were supposed to develop a plan to close this road four years ago. The top right picture shows more ATV damage from illegal use on the Forest Preserve. The picture on the bottom right shows the Chub Pond lean-to that was modified as a private camp with a woodstove, gas stove/oven, bunk beds and large quantity of stored supplies. The picture in the lower left shows a large mud pit in a wetland area on the Crane Pond Road that degraded in the summer of 2014 to the point where many cars and trucks got stuck. This road was ordered closed by state agencies 20 years ago, an action upheld by the courts, yet this road in the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness area continues to be open and used by motor vehicles. The DEC illegally filled the wetland with gravel last fall.



### Clean water action is vital to the future of the Adirondacks



# Sustainable, increased funding needed to combat aquatic invasive species infestations in the Adirondacks

PROTECT was on the forefront of advocacy to pass a new law in New York that bans the launching of boats that may have aquatic invasive species (AIS) at public, private and commercial boat launches. The regulations to fully implement this law will not be ready until the fall of 2015. In the wake of the successful mandatory boat control program on Lake George, PROTECT is now working with a variety of partners to organize a Park-wide boat inspection and decontamination program to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. PROTECT is also advocating for a surcharge on motorboat registrations to provide a sustainable funding source for AIS control.



Emmy Held worked as the Blue Mountain Lake Steward in the summer of 2014.

# Salt pollution takes its toll across the Adirondack Park

Road salt continues to be a major problem in the Adi-rondacks, but is getting some action. PROTECT's ALAP data was used in a parkwide report by the Adirondack Watershed Institute that showed the extent of road salt pollution across the Park. Lake George researchers have have tracked a 300% increase in salt levels. PROTECT is working with other groups to identify alternative winter road clearing methods and treatments.



#### Blue Mountain Lake Steward protects Forest Preserve islands and surveys for aquatic invasive species

The Blue Mountain Lake Steward is a project managed by PROTECT in partnership with the Blue Mountain Water-Watch group. The purpose of this program is for the Lake Steward to monitor public use of the campsites and day use areas on the islands and north shore of Blue Mountain Lake so that these sensitive natural resources are protected and enjoyed for the long-term. The Lake Steward explains Forest Preserve rules to campers about things such as no tree cutting. The Lake Steward also monitors Blue Mountain Lake for the presence of aquatic invasive species (AIS) and inspects the entire littoral zone of the lake each year.



## PROTECT completes 17 years of water quality monitoring

Protect the Adirondacks has long recognized the threats to water quality throughout the Adirondack Park, largely a consequence of intensive shoreline development and stormwater pollution from roads. 2014 saw completion of the 17th year of the Adirondack Lake Assessment Program (ALAP), a "citizen science" water quality monitoring project jointly managed in a partnership between PROTECT and the Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI) at Paul Smith's College. PROTECT manages the water sampling by dozens of volunteers. AWI developed the scientific protocol used by volunteers, analyzes the samples and compiles the reports, which are posted on the PROTECT website. Most of the lakes and ponds that are monitored are done so through a lake association or community group.

Established in 1998, ALAP has grown to one of the largest, most professional, volunteer driven water quality monitoring programs in the Adirondack Park. Under ALAP, over 70 lakes and ponds were studied in 2014. ALAP tests for a variety of leading water quality parameters including pH, alkalinity, calcium, calcite saturation index, total phosphorus, cholorophyll-a, Secchi disk transparency, nitrate, chloride, conductivity, color, aluminum, and dissolved oxygen. Results from analysis of these parameters inform volunteers



Corey Laxson, a scientist at the Adirondack Watershed Institute, in the laboratory at Paul Smith's College. Picture courtesy of the Adirondack Watershed Institute.

and lake associations about short- and long-term water quality trends.

There are openings in 2015 to enroll your lake or pond. For more information about how to enroll a lake or pond go to PROTECT's website at www.protectadks.org.

### Lakes and Ponds Enrolled in the Adirondack Lakes Assessment Program

Adirondack Lake Amber Lake Arbutus Pond Auger Lake Austin Pond Balfour Lake Big Moose Lake Blue Mountain Lake Brandreth Lake Brant Lake Buckhorn Pond Bullhead Pond Canada Lake Carry Falls Reservoir Catlin Lake Chapel Pond Chazy Lake Cranberry Lake

Dug Mountain Pond

Eagle Lake

Deer Lake

Echo Pond (Essex County)

Egg Pond Eli Pond Fern Lake Fifth Lake Fish Creek Pond Floodwood Pond Follensby Clear Pond Garnet Lake

Great Sacandaga Lake

Gull Pond Hewitt Lake Hoel Pond

Indian Lake (Fran. County) Indian Lake (Ham. County)

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Loon Lake (Town of Franklin)
Lower Chateaugay Lake
Lower Saranac Lake
Lower St. Regis Lake
Middle Pond

Middle Saranac Lake Mirror Lake Moss Lake

Mountain View Lake Nick's Lake

Oseetah Lake Osgood Pond Otter Pond

Oven Mountain Pond

Paradox Lake Perch Pond Pine Lake Pleasant Lake Polliwog Pond Raquette Lake Rich Lake Rock Lake Rollins Pond Rondaxe Lake Sagamore Lake Schroon Lake Second Pond Seventh Lake Sherman Lake Silver Lake Simon Pond

Snowshoe Pond

Spitfire Lake

Sprague's Pond
Star Lake
Stony Creek Ponds
Sylvia Lake
Thirteenth Lake
Tripp Lake
Trout Lake
Trout Pond
Tupper Lake
Twitchell Lake
Upper Cascade Lake
Upper Chateaugay Lake
Upper St. Regis Lake
White Lake
Windfall Pond

Wolf Lake

Zach Pond

(reports are available online at PROTECT's website)



### Protection of wildlife is vital to a great park



Wildlife management in New York State has become highly predictable. The common theme in new wildlife management plans enacted by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is that "harvests" are always increased for fur bearing animals. This was the case with bobcats (*Lynx rufus*) and black bears (*Ursus amaericanus*), and is now happening in the draft plan for fishers (*Martes pennanti*). Another theme is that New York has zero interest in reintroduction of top predators, such as the gray wolf (*Lupus canis*) or cougar (*Puma concolor*). The DEC has long been sporting the slogan that "New York is Open for Hunting and Fishing" but has not investigated strategies around wildlife watching tourism.

In 2013, PROTECT opposed implementation of the *Management Plan for Bobcat in New York State 2012-2017* because it was not based on a "scientifically sound" study of the state's bobcat population, as required by the DEC Bureau of Wildlife's own mission statement. The DEC concluded that since more bobcats were being trapped, the state's bobcat population must be higher. The DEC study only solicited trappers and small game hunters to gain preliminary input regarding the future management of the bobcat species. The DEC never correlated the increase in the number of bobcats trapped to record high prices being paid for bobcat pelts.

This is simply bad science. There can be no question that there are scientific methods that wildlife experts use to collect data on bobcats, such as motion sensor camera traps, live cage traps to provide evidence of predator/prey interactions and population changes before making such determinations on population control by hunting and trapping. Similar strategies are being employed by other states such as New Jersey, and with great success. Yet, in New York no serious bobcat population study was undertaken. The



The map above shows proposed fisher hunting areas. Light green are current areas, dark green are areas proposed for new fisher trapping seasons.

DEC has built a program on pelt price management for bobcats, completely ignoring the importance that bobcats hold as a major predator in the various complex ecosystems of New York. The DEC projected that there are 5,000 bobcats in New York and in the first expanded hunting season in 2013-14, 663 bobcats were hunted across the state, roughly 13% of the state's population.

For black bears planning was much the same. The DEC estimates that there are 6,000-8,000 black bears in New York, with 50-60% living in the Adirondack Park, 30-35% in the Catskills, 10-15% across central and western New York. Hunting levels were expanded outside the Adirondacks and Catskills.

In the current draft fisher management plan, the DEC recommends to expand hunting in many other parts of New York. Fisher hunting levels peaked in 2006 when over 3,000 animals were taken. DEC estimates that there are over 20,000 fishers across the state. A final plan is likely within the next few months that codifies expanded fisher hunting across New York.

PROTECT believes that the return of top predators, such as the gray wolf and cougar, should be studied thoroughly by the State of New York. The importance of these species to complex ecosystems like the Adirondack Park has long been understood. The question of the return of these species deserves a complete and open vetting by top scientists from across the U.S.



# 2015 Annual Meeting at Paul Smith's VIC on July 5th. Register today.

#### Special Guest: Christopher Spatz, Cougar Rewilding Foundation

PROTECT is excited to announce that our 2015 annual meeting will be held at the Paul Smith's Visitors Interpretive Center on Sunday July 5th starting at 9:30 AM.

Invitations and information have been mailed. You can also sign up online at www.protectadks.org. The business meeting will start at 10:00 AM, including new Board members, financial report, and a program report. PROTECT is pleased to feature Christopher Spatz from the Cougar Rewilding Foundation who will speak about the viability of the return of these big cats to the Adirondack Park. Refreshments and lunch will be served. Guided hikes and canoe trips nearby will also be organized.



#### PROTECT welcomes three new members to the Board of Directors

Protect the Adirondacks was very pleased to welcome three new members of our Board of Directors who started new 3-year terms of service in 2014. They each bring a great deal of knowledge, passion, and skills to their volunteer work to defend the natural resources of the Adirondacks as new members of PROTECT's Board of Directors.

Philip Terrie, Ph.D, splits his time between Ithaca, New York and his camp on Long Lake. Phil is emeritus professor of American Culture Studies, English, and Environmental Studies at Bowling Green State University, where he taught classes in American environmental and cultural history and American literature. He is the former Assistant Curator at the Adirondack Museum. He is the author of Contested Terrain: A New History of Nature and People in the Adirondacks and Forever Wild: A Cultural History of Wilderness in the Adirondacks and numerous other writings. He is a regular contributor to the Adirondack Explorer. He is a 46-er and enjoys hiking, biking, kayaking, and birding.

James Long lives on Canada Lake in the Town of Caroga. James is a consultant in psychophysiology. He enjoys bushwhacking, hiking and cross-country skiing in the southern Adirondacks. He is co-author of the second edition of *50 Hikes in the Hudson Valley* and monitors Canada Lake for the Adirondack Lake Assessment Program.

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Liabilities         2013-14         2012-13           Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses         \$25,222         \$37,555           Demand Notes Payable         0         0           Long-Term Debt         0         0           Total Liabilities         \$25,222         \$37,555           Expenses         2013-14         2012-13           Salaries         \$117,705         \$112,441           Payroll Expenses & Benefits         20,615         22,252           Contracted Services         4,035         4,203           Insurance         5,051         4,274           Occupancy Costs         6,901         6,451           Telephone         1,255         1,613           Supplies         1,954         2,112           Printing         10,862         18,915           Postage         2,338         14,853           Conferences & Events         1,408         1,627           Bank Charges         1,435         796           General Misc.         611         156           Advertising         7,385         12,135           Interest Expense         0         0           Dues & Subscriptions         278         716	Investments - Restricted	3,645	3,342
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses         \$25,222         \$37,555           Demand Notes Payable         0         0           Long-Term Debt         0         0           Total Liabilities         \$25,222         \$37,555           Expenses         2013-14         2012-13           Salaries         \$117,705         \$112,441           Payroll Expenses & Benefits         20,615         22,252           Contracted Services         4,035         4,203           Insurance         5,051         4,274           Occupancy Costs         6,901         6,451           Telephone         1,255         1,613           Supplies         1,954         2,112           Printing         10,862         18,915           Postage         2,338         14,853           Conferences & Events         1,408         1,627           Bank Charges         1,435         796           General Misc.         611         156           Advertising         7,385         12,135           Interest Expense         0         0           Dues & Subscriptions         278         716           Legal Defense         118,655         45,609	Total Assets	\$656,889	\$706,059
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Dues & Subscriptions       278       716         Legal Defense       118,655       45,609         Professional Fees/Services       7,686       13,859         Travel       3,615       3,771         Website and Technology Services       21,925       16,220         Investment Fees       84       85         Program Expense       17,394       19,588         Miscellaneous       611       0         Amortization       5,850       5,528	Advertising	7,385	12,135
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Income	2013-14	2012-13
Contributions & Grants	\$195,986	\$196,244
Dues & Fees	51,772	50,119
Investment Income	0	0
Realized Gain on Sale of Investments	0	0
Realized Loss on Sale of Assets	0	0
Investment Holding Loss	0	0
Event Income	1,325	4,845
Lease Income	0	0
In-Kind Donations	60,901	15,940
Program Services	11,275	16,650
Total Assets	\$321,259	\$260,425

Program, Administrative & Fundraising Expenses	2013-14	2012-13
Program Expenses	(85%) \$305,785	(76%) \$234,322
Administrative Expenses	(7%) \$24,839	(19%) 58,751
Fundraising Expenses	(8%) \$29,197	(5%) 14,131
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$359,821	\$307,204

#### Notes

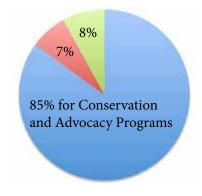
Protect the Adirondacks' fiscal year runs from July 1 - June 30th.

An independent audit was prepared by Cusack & Company in Latham, New York.

All information reported in this summary is also available in PROTECT's NYS CHAR 500 and federal 990 filed with the NYS Attorney General's Office.

The \$462,664 listed under Assets "Property" is the contents of the Adirondack Research Library on permanent loan to the Kelly Adirondack Center of Union College in Niskayuna, New York.

#### 2013-14 Total Resource Allocation



Administration 7% Fundraising 8% Programs 85%





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Please make a special contribution today to help defend our "forever wild" Forest Preserve from a massive expansion of motorized recreational uses. State leaders and agencies are administering the greatest expansion of motorized use in the Forest Preserve in its history as they work to build a network of road-like snowmobile trails.

Protect the Adirondacks has gone to court to challenge the state's plans, which we believe violate the State Constitution. This is a critical moment in Forest Preserve history and if this expansion of motorized uses is not contained, the Forest Preserve will endure long-lasting natural resource damage. Please help with a generous contribution today.

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