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Annual Report 2017-18



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Cover picture of Mount Colden and Avalanche Lake by Nancie Battaglia Dear PROTECT Members,

The end of each year gives me an opportunity to take stock of our work and impact. I'm pleased to report that the past year saw a series of victories, large and small, for the Forest Preserve and Adirondack Park. They're listed throughout this report. I'm proud of the key role that Protect the Adirondacks played to push these victiories over the finish line. It says a lot about the formidable defenses organized by Protect the Adirondacks and many others that even in these trying and difficult times the Adirondack Park still sees major environmental wins that will benefit New Yorkers and others for generations.

The decision to classify Boreas Ponds as the state's newest Wilderness lands, which was three years in



the making, was a major milestone in the history of the Adirondack Park and Forest Preserve. This decision was a compromise, but it achieved the most important results. The Boreas Ponds will be managed as motorless lakes and over 11,000 acres of surrounding forests are now part of the High Peaks Wilderness.

Protect the Adirondacks also worked to reaffirm the principle that the Adirondack Park is a protected eco-region where activities tolerated in other parts of the country are not allowed here. Last spring, the last of over 100 oil tanker railcars was removed from the Sanford Lake Railway, which runs from North Creek to the Tahawus Mine. A railroad company had planned to put between 2,000 and 3,000 oil tankers on that line indefinitely. PROTECT worked with local government leaders, state leaders, state agencies, and other groups, to defeat this plan. There will be no linear junkyard in the Adirondacks.

The High Peaks Wilderness was expanded to over 275,000 acres. We helped stop a plan to cap state Forest Preserve tax payments that would have undermined local communities. We supported new conservation design legislation. We put interns, volunteers and staff out into the Forest Preserve for fieldwork to gather important data. Our Adiron-dack Park Assessment Program continues to provide essential data for monitoring the long-term water quality of Adirondack lakes and ponds.

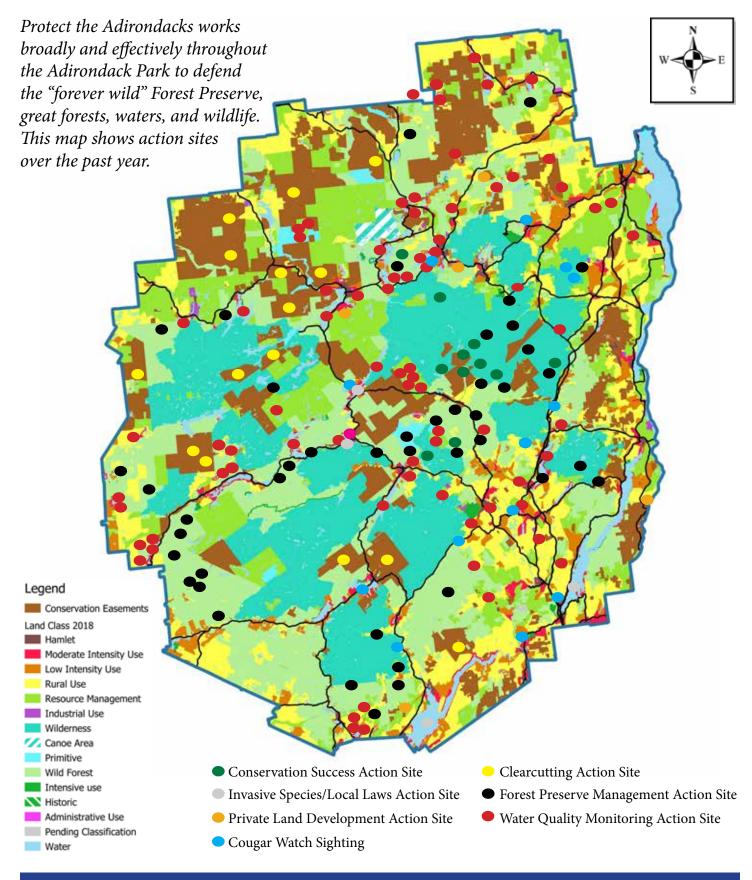
We also now have a new home. The gift from Doug Cole has given us a permanent headquarters outside of North Creek in the central Adirondacks. This building is solarand wind-powered. It's currently under renovation but will be a home for our staff, interns, and meetings. It came with financial resources to maintain it for the long-term. And we have a new Director of Development, Juliana Carattini of Schroon Lake. If you have not already heard from Juliana you will. She joins our team as we're working to expand our impact and build Protect the Adirondacks for long-term durability.

Another change is that our Board is now 21 wonderful volunteers. I'm very pleased that we continue to attract high-powered Board members who give generously of their time, expertise, and treasure. I am also extremely grateful to you our members for your steadfast support. You keep us going. Your generosity and your decision to step up and be counted helps to defend and advance environmental protections for the Forest Preserve and Adirondack Park. Thank you very much for your activism and membership!

-Chuck Clusen, Chair, Board of Directors



### 2017-2018 Protect the Adirondacks' Action Map





### A Year of Major Victories and Major Challenges

Protect the Adirondacks met the major tests in 2017-2018 to defend the wild places and advance environmental protections for the Adirondack Park



Report by Peter Bauer, Executive Director

Throughout the past year, Protect the Adirondacks has been engaged in a variety of issues to defend the forever wild Forest Preserve, advance environmental protections for the Adirondacks, and protect the great forests, waters, and rural communities of the Adirondack Park. This work takes us throughout the Adirondacks, Albany, New York State and beyond.

The Adirondack Park, with its unique landscape of mountains, abundant lakes, ponds, rivers and wetlands, and vast, sweeping forests, poses a number of unique challenges every year. Protect the Adirondacks works to meet these challenges head-on in a way that makes the Adirondack Park work for residents, Wilderness, businesses, wildlife, local communities, the Forest Preserve, and visitors. Over the last year, our efforts have yielded a number of victories for the wild places of the Adirondack Park.

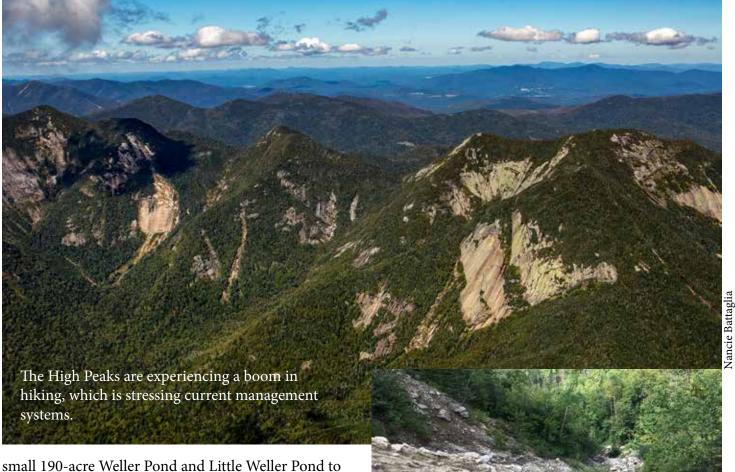
Working for More Motorless Waters: In August, PRO-TECT organized a Canoe-In for Motorless Waters on Weller Pond, part of the Saranac Lakes Chain. Weller Pond



Peter Bauer

is a small pond accessed by a navigable channel from Hungry Bay on Middle Saranac Lake. 50 people in 36 canoes, kayaks, and guideboats demonstrated for the





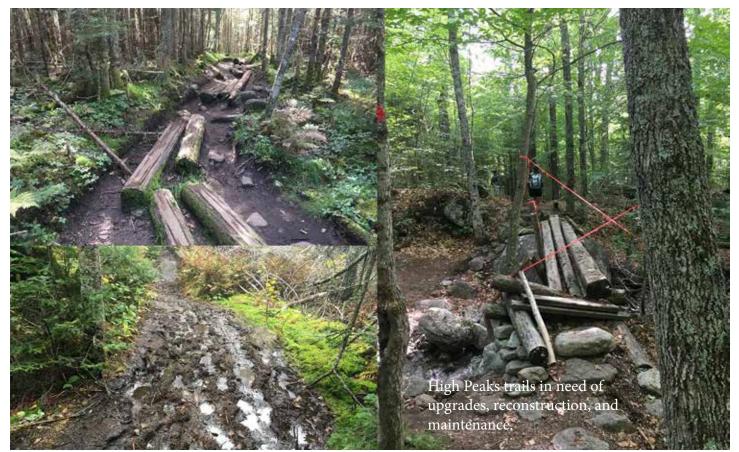
small 190-acre Weller Pond and Little Weller Pond to be managed as motorless lakes.

Across the Adirondacks there are relatively few opportunities for motorless waters on large lakes and ponds. Most of the major Adirondack lakes are open to all manner of motorized watercraft. Of the 100 largest lakes in the Adirondacks, from Lake Champlain to Beaver Lake in the western Adirondacks, 77 are open for all manner of motorized boating and floatplanes, 14 lakes are privately owned and provide no public access, and just 9 are motor-free. Just 17 of the biggest 200 lakes are easily accessible and motor-free. The demand is high for motor-free experiences, but the supply is low. The public deserves greater opportunities for motor-free waters across the Adirondack Park.

Wild places grow fewer each year. The Adirondack Park offers great opportunities for hiking in wild places, where the longer one hikes the more remote the country one can access, but opportunities to do this by boat are limited. For many, canoe or kayak access is how they get to wild places and enjoy Wilderness. Greater opportunities are needed for motorless waters in the Adirondacks and Weller Pond is one such opportunity that must be seized. PROTECT plans to organize more canoe-in floating demonstrations in the future.

Working for Greater Investment in the High Peaks Wilderness: The High Peaks are experiencing a boom in public recreational use unlike anything ever seen. Popular hikes, such as Cascade Mountain, are seeing over 40,000 hikers a year. Others, like Giant Mountain and Mount Marcy, are seeing over 30,000 hikers a year. So far the state's response to the hiking boom in the High Peaks Wilderness has been reactive with minor adjustments to a problem that has engulfed not only





the High Peaks Wilderness Area, but neighoring areas like the Giant Mountain and Hurricane Mountain Wilderness Areas.

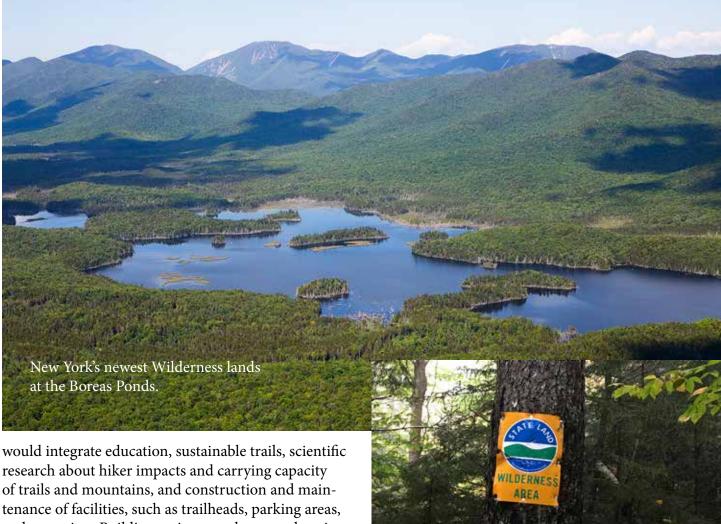
PROTECT has been advocating for a greater investment in the High Peaks Wilderness to build a comprehensive new management system. This world class landscape deserves world class management. Unfortunatley, state agencies are not prepared for wholesale upgrades, prefering timid actions and inadequate investments.

This fall, state agencies praised the opening of a new state campground at Frontier Town. This new campsground cost over \$7 million and will never see public use numbers anywhere near the High Peaks. The High Peaks have never seen anything like a \$7 million investment. Today, trails throughout the High Peaks, especially at high elevations, are eroded and in disrepair. These trails are eroded trenches of mud and water in many places, worn to bedrock in others, and stretch to widths of over 25 feet as hikers search for a safe route. PROTECT is working to ensure that the High Peaks Wilderness receives the stewardship and management this extraordiunary landscape deserves.

PROTECT put interns, volunteers and staff into the High Peaks this past summer to catalogue trail conditions. We inventoried trails to record their conditions and catalogued the status of various facilities, including bridges, boardwalks, stone staircases, bog bridges, campsites, pit privies, areas with eroding, side trails, widening, and water damage, among other trail features. Poorly maintained trails degrade the natural resources and hiker experience in the High Peaks. The High Peaks needs a sustainable trails system. Gathering trail condition information is highly useful for making the case for greater investment trails in 2019.

In addition to advocating for greater investment in trails and other facilities, PROTECT is also advocating for long-term planning and management improvements. Right now, the High Peaks is managed piecemeal. A modern, comprehensive management system





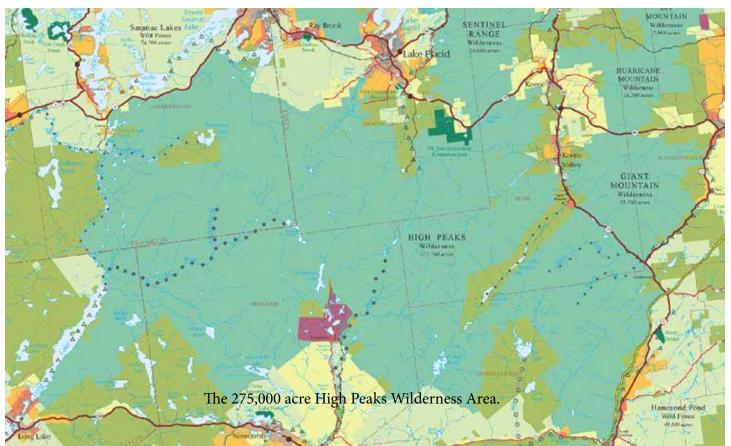
research about hiker impacts and carrying capacity of trails and mountains, and construction and maintenance of facilities, such as trailheads, parking areas, and campsites. Building an improved, comprehensive management program for the High Peaks Wilderness is a major priority for 2019.

Victory! Wilderness at Boreas Ponds: In February 2018, Governor Cuomo and state agencies classified over 11,000 acres around the Boreas Ponds as Wilderness. These lands were part of more than 25,000 acres of newly purchased lands that were classified as Wilderness and added to the High Peaks Wilderness area. The classification of the Boreas Ponds was a major milestone in the history of the Forest Preserve and Adirondack Park. This classification provided a new and significant new motorless lake for the public. The classification of new lands as Wilderness in the Adirondacks is a slow process. In 1970, the Temporary Study Commission reported that the Adirondack Forest Preserve totaled 2,245,760 acres, divided between

Wilderness/Primitive (1,072,900) and Wild Forest (1,165,000). The Adirondack Park Agency states that in 2018 the Forest Preserve had grown to 2,595,802 acres. That would put the growth of the Adirondack Forest Preserve at just over 350,000 acres. After the February 2018 classifications, Wilderness/Canoe/ Primitive lands now stand at around 1,242,000 acres and Wild Forest stands at 1,324,000 acres. The remaining balance is made up of Intensive Use, Historic and State Administrative areas. In nearly 50 years, the Wilderness lands in the Adirondack Park have grown by just over 150,000 acres. The relatively slow growth of Wilderness lands shows just what a major accompishment the addition of over 25,000 acres was in 2018.

One way that PROTECT evaluates Adirondack Park





management decisions is on whether or not they advance environmental protections. That's the goal. The list of environmental victories in the Adirondacks is long and has created the Adirondack Park that we all are blessed to know, experience, and enjoy today. The Boreas Ponds classification decision advanced environmental protections for the Adirondack Park and is consistent with the grand sweep of history for Forest Preserve acquisitions and classifications. The newly purchased and classified Wilderness lands around Boreas Ponds will grow wilder year after year, decade after decade.

**Expanded High Peaks Wilderness is now the 3rd largest Wilderness east of the Mississippi River:** The classification as Wilderness of the Boreas Ponds, the MacIntyre West tract on the flanks of Santanoni Mountain, the MacIntyre East tract in the headwaters of the Opalescent River, and the Casey Brook tract northwest of Elk Lake expanded the High Peaks

Wilderness by over 25,000 acres and linked the Dix

Mountain and High Peaks Wilderness areas. State

agencies combined these areas into one grand, unbroken 275,000-acre High Peaks Wilderness area, which is now the 3rd largest wilderness east of the Mississippi River. PROTECT advocated for this decision. This is a major milestone and accomplishment in Forest Preserve and Adirondack Park history. PROTECT congratulates state agencies and all involved who worked to make the new expanded High Peaks Wilderness a reality.

**Defending local communities:** In 2018 New York State budget proposals, Governor Cuomo sought to cap state land and Forest Preserve tax payments. Currently, all local taxes on the public Forest Preserve are locally assessed. The state, like any taxpayer, can grieve their assessments once a year. The proposed tax cap would have limited state local and school taxes for Adirondack communities in the years ahead. Currently, the state pays over \$80 million in local and school taxes to Adirondack communities. By paying local and school taxes at locally assessed rates on the 3 million acre Forest Preserve in the Adirondacks and Catskills,





other states. PROTECT opposed these changes because state payments of local taxes on the Forest Preserve helps to maintain and keep local communities viable. PROTECT worked in coalition with local government leaders and other environmental groups to defeat this proposal.

**Stopped in their tracks:** In the spring of 2018, the last of over 100 used oil tanker railcars that had been stored on remote rail lines that stretched through the Forest Preserve in the central Adirondacks were removed. The company that brought in these 100 railcars had planned to bring in 2,000 to 3,000 oil tankers for indefinite storage. PROTECT protested storage of used oil tankers and fought against the creation of a long linear junkyard through the Forest Preserve and alongside the Hudson and Boreas rivers. We advocated against storage with state and federal elected officials and with state and federal agencies. We kept this issue alive in the press and published a video in partnership with local elected leaders.

Storage of oil tankers posed long-term threats from leakage of chemicals, disruptions to wildlife patterns, and undermined Forest Preserve values. The State of New York is pushing for formal abandonement of the Sanford Lake Railway, which runs from North Creek to the Tahawus Mine in Newcomb. We're also pushing for conversion of the 50-mile Saratoga & North Creek Railway to a multi-use public recreation trail.

The Forest Preserve around Third Lake cleared of all buildings: All of the buildings of the legendary Gooley Club hunting camp on Third Lake deep in the heart of the Essex Chain Lakes have been removed. The site is cleared. The dozen or so cabins, the shower building, the main lodge clubhouse, the various storage buildings, the dozens of gas tanks, and the network of docks





are all gone. The site needs some modest restoration work, but should reforest and rewild steadility in the years ahead.

Under the terms of the state's purchase of the Essex Chain Lakes from The Nature Conservancy in 2012, the hunting camps and clubs on these lands were allowed to remain until the end of September 2018. Their last exclusive big game season was 2017. The Essex Chain Lakes Complex Unit Management Plan (UMP) called for the removal of the Gooley Club buildings once their term of exclusive use was up, but some members of the Gooley Club, along with allies at Adirondack Architectural Heritage (AARCH) and local government leaders, made a last stand to keep these buildings. They argued that the Gooley Club should stay and be preserved and maintained by the state as a kind of living museum of Adirondack hunting and fishing camp culture.

PROTECT and others argued against this. We argued that there are hundreds, if not thousands, of similar

camps and clubs that are successfully operating on private lands owned by clubs, on private lands leased by the clubs, and on leased parts of conservation easement lands. Many of these clubs have been in operation for decades, many have buildings as old or older than the Gooley Club, and there are many clubs that would be interested in sharing their stories and seeing their buildings recognized for their historic values.

The site of the former Gooley Club will make a terrific campsite on Third Lake in the years ahead. It's a beautiful site on a gorgeous bay, lined with islands of towering windblown white pines with long views beyond of forested ridges and Blue Mountain. It's an extraordinary place that now fully belongs to all the people. It's the people's land forever more. These lakes and the forest that surrounds them will grower wilder year after year, decade after decade, a grand showcase of the promise of forever wild. The Essex Chain Lakes suffer from poor campsites, but this spot will be a fine campsite, hopefully forever, a place where generation after generation can enjoy the wild Adirondacks.





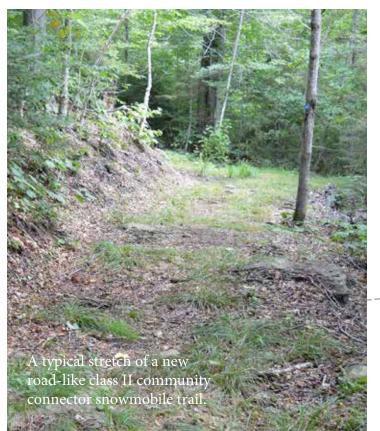
est management on conservation easement lands: The Cuomo Administration has been very supportive of streamlining state review and permitting for major new forest clearcuts on conservation easement lands in the Adirondack Park. The first two terms of the Cuomo Administration have seen more approved clearcuts than at any point since the APA started issuing permits in 1973.

PROTECT has long championed state purchase of conservation easements in the Adirondacks. We believe that easements are an investment in the economy and environment of the Adirondacks. The advent of widespread clearcutting on easement lands raises many questions. While clearcuts have long-term impacts there is little data about the success of clearcuts in the Adirondacks. There is little data about regeneration, loss of soil, impacts on different tree species, and wildlife impacts. State agencies should have a moratorium on new clearcuts until these questions have been examined.



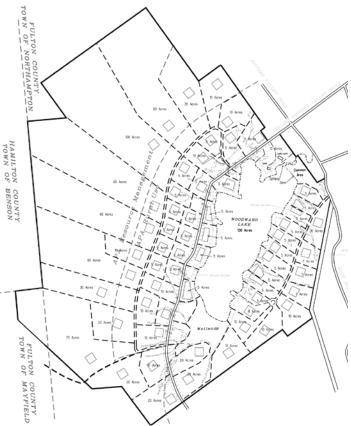
Howard Zahniser Adirondack Award 2018 to The Nature Conservancy Team for Heart of the Adirondacks Campaign: The 2018 Howard Zahniser Adirondack Award was made to The Nature Conservancy's "Heart of the Adirondacks Campaign" team, which included many people from Adirondack Chapter, state and national offices. This campaign ran for 10 years and secured the protection of over 69,000 acres of lands in the Forest Preserve, including the Essex Chain Lakes, Blue Ledges in the Hudson Gorge, Boreas Ponds, and long stretches of the Opalescent, Hudson and Cedar rivers. Former Adirondack Chapter executive director Mike Carr, now with the Adirondack Land Trust, and Dirk Bryant, Science Director with the Adirondack Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, accepted this award as pictured above.





Legal Actions to Defend Forever Wild: PROTECT is involved in two legal actions. Our lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of road-like class II community connector snowmobile trails, which often see 1,000 trees cut down per mile of new trail, is currently in appeal. PROTECT is appealing an adverse decision in State Supreme Court in Albany County at the Appellate Division, Third Department. A decision is expected in 2019. PROTECT is also working with Earthjustice and Adirondack Wild to challenge state actions to allow motor vehicles in a part of the Hudson River corridor classified as "Wild" under the NYS Wild, Scenic and Recretaeational Rivers Act. We're appealing to the state's highest court, the Court of Appeals, after a split decision at the Appellate Division. This case should also be decided in 2019.

**Reform the APA Act to require conservation design for major subdivisions in the Adirondack Park:** A controversial new 1,200-acre development is under review by the Adirondack Park Agency to create 37 building lots in the southern Adirondacks, outside of Northville. Under this project 17 lots will ring



Woodward Lake in a typical piano-key-lot format and another 18 will be located further back from the lake (see one option for this development above). Parcels will range from 5 to 200 acres. Lakeshore lots will be smaller, many less than 10 acres, and some of the back lots will be 100 to 200 acres.

Last spring, the leaders at the APA staunchly opposed legislation championed by NYS Assembly Conservation Committee Chair Steven Englebright to amend the APA Act to require conservation design for all major subdivisions in the Adirondacks. PROTECT supports this legislation. Conservation design is a practice where subdivisions are analyzed to identify the most important natural resource features, which are then protected from development. All residential structures and supporting infrastructure, such as roads, utility lines, and housing, are clustered in order to consolidate and limit their impacts. The Woodward Lake developers have refused to utilize conservation design practices at this time. PROTECT will continue to push for reform of the APA Act to require conservation design in 2019.





#### Lakes and Ponds Enrolled in the Adirondack Lake Assessment Program in 2018

Adirondack Lake Amber Lake Arbutus Pond Augur Lake Austin Pond Big Moose Lake Blue Mountain Lake Brandreth Lake Butternut Pond Canada Lake Caroga Lake (East) Caroga Lake (West) Catlin Lake Chase Lake Chateaugay Lake (Lower) Chateaugay Lake (Upper) Chazy Lake Cranberry Lake Deer Lake Eagle Lake Eli Pond Fern Lake Frank Pond

Garnet Lake Gull Pond Hewitt Lake Hoel Pond Indian Lake (Franklin Cty) Indian Lake (Hamilton Cty) Iordan Lake Kiwassa Lake Lake Abanakee Lake Clear Lake Colby Lake of the Pines Lake Titus Lens Lake Little Long Lake Long Lake Long Pond Loon Lake (Franklin Cty) Loon Lake (Warren Cty) Lower Saranac Lake Mink Pond Moss Lake Mountain View Lake

Osgood Pond Otter Pond Paradox Lake Pine Lake Pleasant Lake Raquette Lake Rich Lake Rondaxe Lake Schroon Lake Silver Lake Simon Pond Star Lake Stoney Creek Ponds Sylvia Lake Thirteenth Lake Tripp Lake Trout Lake Tupper Lake Twitchell Lake White Lake Windover Lake Wolf Lake

The Adirondack Lake Assessment Program is a partnership between the Adirondack Watershed Institute at Paul Smith's College and Protect the Adirondacks. 2018 marked the 21st season of ALAP water quality monitoring. ALAP has grown into one of the best citizen science longterm water quality monitoring programs.

The annual report for all ALAP lakes is available online on PROTECT's website www.protectadks.org.



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Protect the Adirondacks makes every effort to assure the accuracy of this list of generous donors. This list is for donors from July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018. If you see an error on this list please bring it to our attention.

Protect the Adirondacks is extremely grateful for the support of members and partners. Thank you very much!



### There are many ways to support Protect the Adirondacks

## There are many ways to help build our membership and support programs that are vital to the public Forest Preserve, waters and forests of the Adirondack Park

Protect the Adirondacks is extremely grateful for your support over the years. Your membership strengthens the voice of PROTECT throughout the Adirondack Park. There are many ways to give to PROTECT and all of them help us to continue our mission of preserving the wild character of the Adirondacks for current and future generations.

**Direct Contribution:** The most popular way to contribute to Protect the Adirondacks is by mailing a check to:

Protect the Adirondacks P.O. Box 48 North Creek, NY 12853

Gifts can also be made directly to Protect the Adirondacks using our online platform through our website www.protectadks.org. We also process credit card gifts over the phone.

**Forever Wild Endowment:** Members can become a part of PROTECT's legacy by contributing to our Forever Wild Endowment Fund. Endowment funds ensure the longevity of Protect the Adirondacks. Gifts of cash, stock or assets can be made directly to Protect the Adirondacks or through the custodian of one of our long term funds, The Adirondack Foundation. Bequests in a will, trust life insurance policy, or retirement plan can also be directed towards our Forever Wild Endowment Fund.

**IRA Contribution:** Changes to the tax laws in 2017 may affect your decisions on how to give this year. If you are 70.5 or older you may consider making a gift through your IRA. Gifts of up to \$100,000 can be made from either a traditional or Roth IRA. The gift will count against your required minimum distribution for the year and is excluded from taxable income.



Juliana Carattini, Director of Development

To make a gift from your IRA simply notify the IRA custodian.

**Donor Advised Fund:** Donor Advised Funds (DAF) are another great way to ensure that Protect the Adirondacks is able to continue our works for years to come. A DAF can be established through groups such as the Adirondack Foundation. Your contributions can be made as often as you like but the funds will not be dispersed to PROTECT until you say so. This gives you a chance to let your donation grow over time. Each contribution to your DAF can be counted as a tax deduction even when you do not choose to disperse the funds. Donating long-term appreciated securities to a DAF will result in an avoidance of capital gains taxes.

If you have any questions about the different ways you can give to Protect the Adirondacks email us at info@ protectadks.org or call Juliana at (518) 251-2700. No matter which method you choose, your gifts will make a difference in preserving the great forests, lakes and river of the Adirondack Park.

—Juliana Carattini





### Generous Bequests Helped PROTECT in 2017-18

At the end of May 2018, Protect the Adirondacks received an extraordinary bequest from Douglas Cole of Johnsburg. Doug was a rafting and ski guide, a volunteer with the Southern Adirondack Search and Rescue, and physical therapist. He donated his newly constructed home on Oven Mountain Road to be used as a new headquarters. PROTECT moved into this new space in June 2018

The building was accompanied by a financial gift to be used for short-term renovations and long-term maintenance. The building is an energy efficient design powered by a large solar array and a wind tower. The building has radiant geothermal heat.

PROTECT is currently working on interior renovation plans and a site plan for the grounds, over 11 acres. These projects will continue into 2019. We aim to use the new headquarters for office space and intern housing. Protect the Adirondacks is grateful for this gift of a long-term office and headquarters.

At the end of 2017, Protect the Adirondacks also received a generous bequest from the Estate of Harold Boyce of Liverpool, New York. Harold worked for as a systems engineer with General Electric for nearly 40 years. He retired to travel and hike widely. He was an Adirondack 46er and enjoyed hikes on the Finger Lakes Trail and the Catskills.

Harold made gifts to a number of Adirondack organizations to sustain their work to protect the Adirondacks and to dozens of other non-profits in central New York.

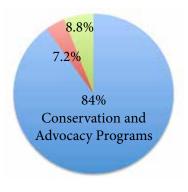


### 2017-2018 Financial Summary

Assets	20	17-18	2016-17
Cash	\$1	14,491	\$36,948
Cash (Designated)		87,021	96,548
Cash (Temporarily Restricted)	1	01,993	65,464
Cash (Permanently Restricted)	3	20,544	0
Grants Receivable		0	7,500
Other Temp./Perm. Restricted Rece	ivables	91,300	0
Investments - Unrestricted		31,508	20,510
Investments - Restricted		3,933	3,790
Property Held for Sale (Perm. Restr	icted) 2	50,000	0
Property (Adirondack Research Lib	rary) 4	50,000	450,000
Property (Headquarters)	1	91,645	0
Equipment and Furnishings		64,530	61,291
Less Accummulated Depreciation		51,345)	(60,969)
Total Assets	\$1,6	45,620	\$681,082
Liabilities	20	17-18	2016-17
Accounts Payable & Accrued Exper	ises	\$9,671	\$7,000
Total Liabilities		\$9,671	\$7,000
Revenues	20	17-18	2016-17
Contributions & Grants	\$1,1	20,790	\$183,397
Dues & Fees		51,773	56,903
Investment Income		611	205
Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments		(2,242)	(193)
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investme	ents	1,617	2,459
In-Kind Donations		44,507	204,882
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Miscellaneous		31,270 66	20,073
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Expenses	2017-18	2016-17
Salaries	\$118,780	\$114,826
Payroll Expenses & Benefits	17,029	14,296
Contracted Services	1,657	1,812
Insurance	4,729	5,598
Occupancy Costs	6,325	6,900
Telephone	1,194	1,189
Supplies	3,964	1,334
Printing	16,989	7,920
Postage	7,054	3,863
Conferences & Events	4,291	3,950
Bank Charges	1,055	1,199
Advertising	2,410	2,355
Dues & Subscriptions	458	612
Legal Defense	47,137	243,822
Professional Fees & Services	8,123	8,249
Travel	6,392	9,789
Website & Technology Services	6,592	6,867
Investment Fees	525	530
Program Expense	30,184	18,190
Miscellaneous and Maintenance	1,261	457
Depreciation and Amortization	376	643
Total Expenses	\$286,525	\$454,401

#### 2017-18 Total Resource Allocation



Administration 7.2% Fundraising 8.8% Programs 84%

#### Notes

Protect the Adirondacks' fiscal year runs from July 1 to 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.

The Adirondack Research Library (\$450,000) is on permanent loan to the Kelly Adirondack Center of Union College in Niskayuna, NY, and PROTECT's headquarters (\$191,645) is located in Johnsburg, NY.



### Make a bequest and leave a gift of wildness

Protect the Adirondacks has set up a new Forever Wild Endowment to support our work to defend the Forest Preserve and great forests and waters of the Adirondack Park for the long-term. It's vital for the Adirondack Park that the voice, activism, research, and advocacy of Protect the Adirondacks is sustained for the long haul. We have established two ways for people to contribute to funds that will be managed for the long-term viability of Protect the Adirondacks.

The first is through the Forever Wild Endowment managed by the PROTECT Board and professional financial advisors. Here, gifts may be made in a number of ways directly to PROTECT and designated for the Endowment. The second is through the Protect the Adirondacks Fund at the Adirondack Foundation. Both funds will be managed for longterm growth where income will be provided for PROTECT's programs based on an annual allocation. The Forever Wild Endowment and the Protect the Adirondacks Fund at the Adirondack Foundation are designed to ensure that PROTECT's work continues for decades ahead. To make a gift contact Peter Bauer or Juliana Carattini at 518-251-2700 or at info@protectadks.org. Thank you!



Protect the Adirondacks PO Box 48 North Creek, NY 12853



### Special appeal to protect Forever Wild: Please help now

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.

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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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