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Cover picture: *The Shingle*
Shanty River, William C.
Whitney Wilderness Area

Dear PROTECT members:

We're only a few months from 2020, the beginning of a new epoch, and hopefully a year when we'll all see things ever more clearly. 2019 was a year of big wins and major achievements for Protect the Adirondacks, and we see many possibilities for big wins in 2020.

Over the past year I have had the privilege once again to serve as the Chair of Protect the Adirondacks. I worked to help build upon our past successes and to grow the organization so that we can expand our work to defend—and expand—the Forest Preserve, and protect the forests, waters and mountains of the Adirondack Park.

This past year I was very proud of our work to publish *The Adirondack Park and Rural America: Economic and Population Trends 1970-2010*. For decades I have heard unsubstantiated allegations and complaints that Adirondack communities were different from other rural areas and suffered at the hand of environmental protections. Our analysis of long-term trends found that Adirondack communities are faring similar to other rural areas, sometimes better, sometimes worse. I was also very proud of our legal work. We started a lawsuit 2013 to defend the public Forest Preserve and while the wheels of justice have been slow, we were enormously gratified by the decision this past July that ruled in favor of Protect the Adirondacks, finding that the cutting of over 25,000 trees violated the forever wild protections of the Forest Preserve.

These are exciting times in New York. The State Legislature passed landmark climate change legislation last spring, which other states are looking to replicate. An environmental bill of rights was also passed, which will be on the state ballot in 2021. Protect the Adirondacks also worked closely with local governments to create a new Health and Safety Land Account, where a small acreage of Forest Preserve will be made available for municipal purposes to assist in the delivery of basic community services. This was an effort to build strong communities and make the Adirondack Park work.

I continue to marvel at the commitment of my fellow Board members. They drive thousands of miles each year to Board and policy meetings. They take on major legal and policy research. They participate in seemingly endless public stakeholder meetings. They get out into the Forest Preserve and around the Adirondacks to see things first-hand. They do their homework and come prepared for meetings. And, if all that was not enough, they all make very generous financial contributions to the help grow Protect the Adirondacks and keep us afloat.

As always we are incredibly grateful for the support of our members. You have all stood up with us and for us year after year, and that has allowed us to win new and longstanding protections for the Forest Preserve and Adirondack Park. We simply could not do this work without you. Thank you.

Chuck Clusen, Chair, Board of Directors



2018-2019 Protect the Adirondacks' Action Map

Protect the Adirondacks works broadly and effectively throughout the Adirondack Park to defend the “forever wild” Forest Preserve, great forests, waters, and wildlife. This map shows action sites over the past year.



Legend

-  Conservation Easements
- Land Class 2018
-  Hamlet
-  Moderate Intensity Use
-  Low Intensity Use
-  Rural Use
-  Resource Management
-  Industrial Use
-  Wilderness
-  Canoe Area
-  Primitive
-  Wild Forest
-  Intensive use
-  Historic
-  Administrative Use
-  Pending Classification
-  Water

-  Conservation Success Action Site
-  Clearcutting Action Site
-  Invasive Species/Local Laws Action Site
-  Forest Preserve Management Action Site
-  Private Land Development Action Site
-  Water Quality Monitoring Action Site
-  Cougar Watch Sighting

Victory for the “forever wild” Forest Preserve at the Appellate Division, now onward to the Court of Appeals, New York’s highest court



Report by Peter Bauer, Executive Director

The last year has been an eventful and successful year for Protect the Adirondacks. Our work to defend the forever wild Forest Preserve, the people’s land, was highlighted by a July 3rd decision by the Appellate Division, Third Department in Albany, which reversed a decision by a lower court, and ruled 4-1 in favor of Protect the Adirondacks that cutting of over 25,000 trees on the Forest Preserve violated the State Constitution.

This decision was six years in the making. We launched this lawsuit in 2013 to challenge the con-

struction of the first of what was projected to be hundreds of miles of new wide, road-like Class II community connector snowmobile trails in the public Forest Preserve. These trails represented the largest potential expansion of motor vehicle use in the history of the Forest Preserve. They are built with heavy machinery, graded flat for miles, and



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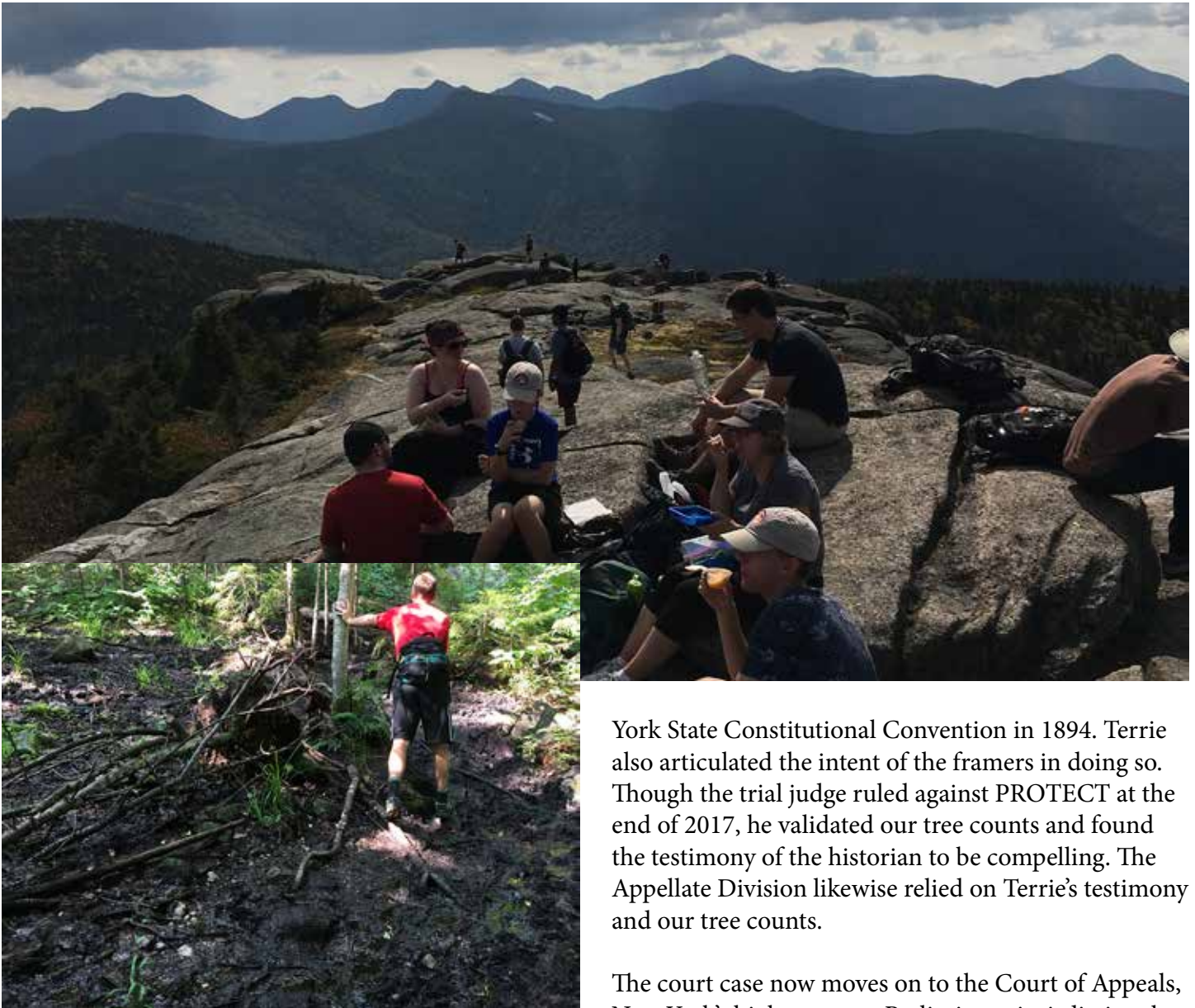
are fundamentally different from other types of trails on the Forest Preserve. We believed that this planned network of road-like trails violated the State Constitution because of the massive terrain alteration and tree cutting required (see pictures above). If these trails are allowed to be built out it will forever change the wild forest character of the parts of the Forest Preserve where they were approved.

The public Forest Preserve is protected by the NYS Constitution in Article 14, Section 1, which reads: “The lands of the state, now owned or hereafter acquired, constituting the forest preserve as now fixed by law, shall be forever kept as wild forest lands. They shall not be leased, sold or exchanged, or be taken by any corporation, public or private, nor shall the timber thereon be sold, removed or destroyed.”

Protect the Adirondacks was able to secure injunctions in 2016 to stop trail construction and tree cutting for these trails, and a trial was held in 2017. To prepare for



John Caffry and Claudia Braymer, two environmental attorneys from Glens Falls, took on the Article 14 lawsuit on behalf of Protect the Adirondacks in 2013 pro bono. Since then they have invested thousands of hours of legal work, including a trial in 2017; several temporary injunction motions to stop tree cutting; and multiple legal briefs – all because of their belief in forever wild, Article 14, Section 1 of the NYS Constitution. Their volunteerism on this case has been extraordinary and Protect the Adirondacks is deeply grateful for the high quality and immense volume of their legal work in defense of the people’s lands, our public Forest Preserve.



the trial, PROTECT undertook a vast amount of field work to catalogue the cutting of over 25,000 trees and to document the many ways that Class II trails negatively impact the Forest Preserve. This data was used in the trial by expert witnesses in the fields of conservation biology, forest ecology, and trail construction.

A major focus of the trial was on the use of the word “timber” in Article 14. The trial featured historian Phil Terrie, a PROTECT Board member, as an expert witness who testified that the word timber was as commonly used in the late 19th century as a noun for a stand of trees, and was used interchangeably with the word “trees” by the framers of Article 14 at the New

York State Constitutional Convention in 1894. Terrie also articulated the intent of the framers in doing so. Though the trial judge ruled against PROTECT at the end of 2017, he validated our tree counts and found the testimony of the historian to be compelling. The Appellate Division likewise relied on Terrie’s testimony and our tree counts.

The court case now moves on to the Court of Appeals, New York’s highest court. Preliminary jurisdictional questions are now being considered before the court, and we expect a briefing schedule to be set soon. Protect the Adirondacks will vigorously defend its victory at the Appellate Division against an appeal by state agencies. It is likely that there will be a decision at some point in 2020.

Advocacy for Comprehensive Management of the High Peaks Wilderness

The High Peaks Wilderness is in the midst of a major boom in the number of hikers, which has stressed the region’s management. The crowds hiking in the High Peaks are at an all time high. The current dismal



state of many of the hiking trails does not seem to be a major deterrent to the throngs of people eager to hike one of the High Peaks. For many people, hiking a mountain like a High Peak is no sure thing and is—and should be—a challenge. There are plenty of highly used and popular smaller mountains throughout the Adirondacks that provide stunning views, but the allure of hiking a High Peak is immense. For many the view from a High Peak summit and one's sense of personal accomplishment, however measured, erases their slog over long sections of eroded trails that damage the natural resources of these mountains. We need to change this equation so that people can continue to enjoy the High Peaks, push themselves to hike big mountains, create lifelong memories with friends and

family, and do all this while hiking over beautiful and sustainable trails that protect the natural resources of this area and uphold Wilderness values.

The hiking trails throughout the High Peaks and associated Wilderness areas are in disrepair. Throughout the High Peaks, hiking trails generally run straight up the mountainside. Many of these trails were built, or stomped out, in the years after the Civil War in the late 1800s. Many of the “trailless” peaks in the High Peaks have no formal marked trails, but have a network of unmarked “herd paths” that are haphazardly maintained and often include a series of side trails and dead-end trails. Hiking trails in the High Peaks are often wide, eroded, degraded gashes on a moun-



taininside that undermine the wilderness character and atmosphere of the area and negatively impact the area's natural resources.

The best news in years, and a hopeful sign for the future, is the construction of two new sustainable hiking trails to the summits of Cascade Mountain and Mt. Van Hoevenberg. These trails implement new designs for state management that route trails along mild grades that follow the contours of a mountainside (see page 6). These trails are designed to shed water throughout the trail system to prevent erosion and chronic wet areas. These trails are also built to facilitate heavy use and are projected to require low levels of maintenance.

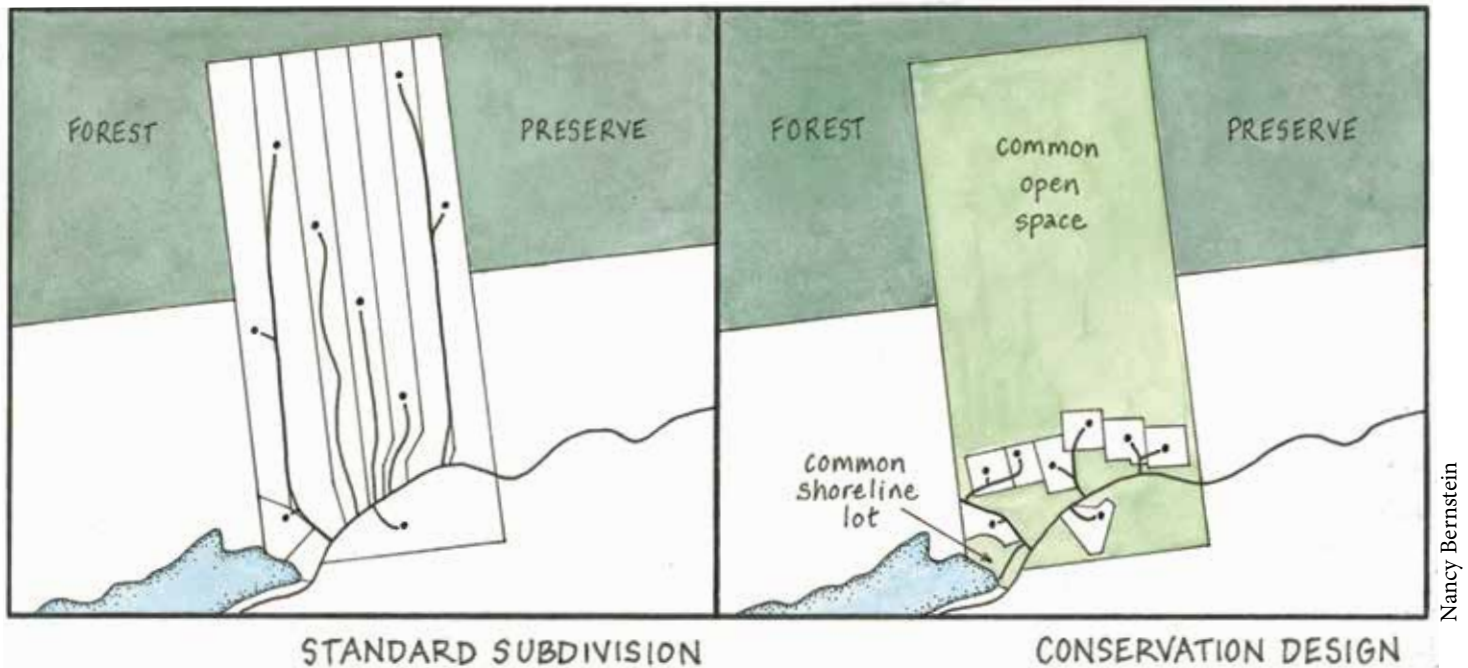
Boat Control in the Adirondacks

Protect the Adirondacks is campaigning to strengthen New York's invasive species control laws. We're working to create a program for mandatory boat control in the Adirondack Park to help stop the spread of aquatic

invasive species and protect Adirondack waters. This program is modelled after the successful program implemented five years ago that required mandatory inspection and boat decontamination for all boats that were operated on Lake George. This is a high priority because the Adirondack Park is the last place in New York where there are still major lakes and ponds that are free of aquatic invasive species.

In 2014, PROTECT helped pass a new law in New York that made it illegal to transport aquatic invasive species. The law required that all boats must be clean, drained and dry before they can be launched in a waterbody in the state. This law expired in 2019 and was renewed for one year. Legislative leaders want to strengthen this law in 2020.

The transport law greatly assisted the stellar work of the robust effort to build a network of stewards who work at major public boat launches and undertake boat inspections and public education and work with other stewards at regional boat washing stations. These



Nancy Bernstein

efforts have been organized by the Lake Champlain Basin Program, the Adirondack Watershed Institute, the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program, lake associations, some local governments, and the Lake George Park Commission. These different efforts have successfully created a strong level of protection for Adirondacks waters, but despite the new transport law and extensive stewarding effort, there continue to be new lakes and ponds that become infested with aquatic invasive species.

Despite the new transport law, lakes and ponds in the Adirondack Park have continued to see new infestations. In 2018, Fishhook waterflea was found in Lake Champlain. In 2016, Spiny waterflea was found in Indian Lake. Eurasian watermilfoil has been recently found in Eagle Lake outside of Ticonderoga and Square Pond. Variable leaf milfoil has been found in Franklin Falls Reservoir and Peck Lake.

In 2018, over 191,000 boaters across New York were surveyed by lake stewards who performed over 98,000 inspections. They found over 9.4% of boats had vegetation on them, and 3.7% (over 3,600 boats) carried aquatic invasive species. In 2019, over 205,000 boaters were surveyed and over 100,000 boats were inspected. Nearly 6% had vegetation on them, with 2.68% carrying aquatic invasive species (over 2,600 boats). Protect

the Adirondacks will continue to press for a mandatory boat control law for the Adirondack Park.

Advocacy for Reform of the Adirondack Park Agency

Protect the Adirondacks is also pushing for an amendment to the Executive Law to preserve the ecological integrity, wildlife and open space in the Adirondack Park. The bill would strengthen the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan, originally adopted as part of the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) Act in 1973, by incorporating modern conservation design principles to curtail widely scattered exurban development, or “rural sprawl,” in the Adirondack Park.

Conservation science now recognizes that the spatial pattern of development is fully as ecologically important as its density. Rural sprawl impairs ecosystem function, decreases biotic integrity, alters species behavior and composition, increases human-wildlife conflicts, and undermines the open space character of the Adirondack Park. The greatest threat to the forest products industry in New York is fragmentation of the forest resource into smaller lots and subdivisions. This bill would require that these factors be identified and considered for major, large-scale residential



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subdivisions in Low Intensity, Rural Use and Resource Management areas. The importance of this bill cannot be overstated. It would provide the APA with scientific tools necessary to review and evaluate proposals for large-scale residential development in the most vulnerable areas of the Adirondack Park.

The conservation development legislation was modified in a number of critical ways to meet the concerns of local government leaders in the Adirondack Park. Incentives were added to maximize conservation benefits and a limited transferable development rights program was added, among other changes.

PROTECT is working with many other organizations and interests to pass conservation development legislation in early 2020 to update the APA Act. This legislation is vital to protect the great open spaces and forests of the Adirondack Park and to ensure that the Adirondacks is a place where the highest quality subdivisions and developments are approved and undertaken.

Cleaning Up Longstanding Forest Preserve Violations at the Mt. Van Hoevenberg Winter Sports Complex

Since before the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, a number of facilities at the Mt. Van Hoevenberg Winter Sports complex have long violated the constitutional protections of the Forest Preserve. This facility straddles Forest Preserve lands and private lands owned by the Town of North Elba. The bobsled track is on town lands, but many of the cross-country ski trails are on the Forest Preserve. As evident in the picture above, the winter sports complex is undergoing a series of major changes (see above) necessary to host major international winter sports events.

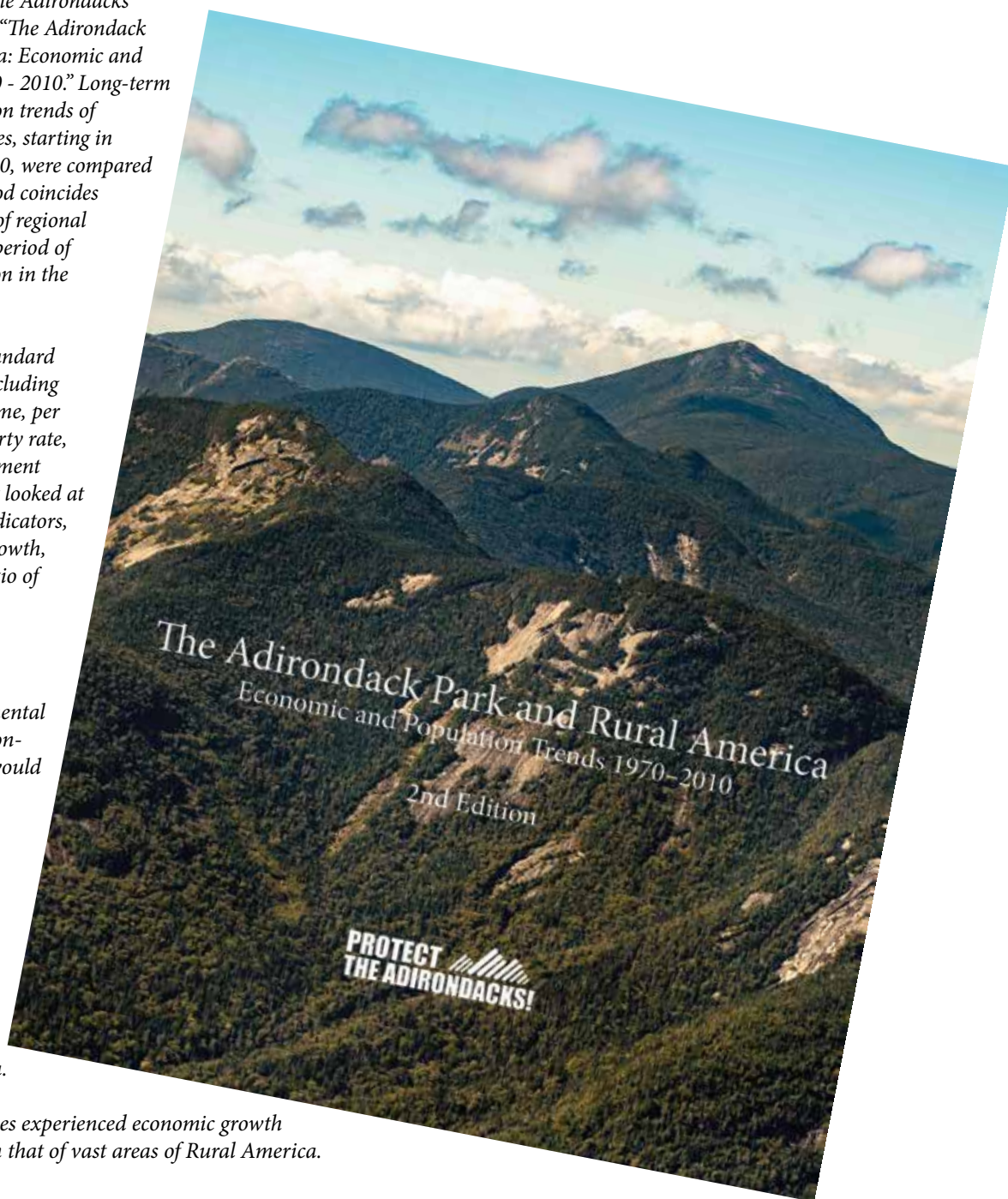
Given the expansion and focus on the Mt. Van Hoevenberg complex, which is managed by the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA), Protect the Adirondacks believes that it is time to bring the winter sports facility into compliance with the forever wild

In April 2019, Protect the Adirondacks published a new report “The Adirondack Park and Rural America: Economic and Population Trends 1970 - 2010.” Long-term economic and population trends of Adirondack communities, starting in 1970 and ending in 2010, were compared in this report. This period coincides with the establishment of regional land-use zoning and a period of sustained land protection in the Adirondack Park.

This report analyzed standard economic indicators, including median household income, per capita income, the poverty rate, and the rates of employment and self-employment. It looked at standard population indicators, including population growth, median age, and the ratio of children to adults of childbearing age.

If there were negative impacts from environmental protections in the Adirondack Park, the region would stand out as significantly different from other rural areas over this 40 year time period. Far from unique, the economic and population challenges facing the Adirondacks are the norm in Rural America.

In many cases, Adirondack communities experienced economic growth that was far better than that of vast areas of Rural America.



clause of the State constitution. In 2020, we plan to advocate for a constitutional amendment for a land swap to expand the High Peaks Wilderness, add new lands to the Forest Preserve, and expand the Town of North Elba lands that ORDA manages. This will ensure that winter sports complex can successfully meet the requirements for hosting major winter sports competitions while safeguarding the Forest Preserve.

Research Reframes Adirondack Debate

Last spring, PROTECT published *The Adirondack Park and Rural America: Economic and Population Trends 1970-2010*. This report has helped to refocus the debate about community development in the Adirondacks. The challenges facing Rural America in places like the Adirondack Park are immense. Major trends



are transforming rural areas and impacting rural communities. We hope that Adirondack Park leaders use the findings of this report to develop viable strategies for community development that harmonize economic planning with the protected landscape of the Adirondack Park.

Building Rail Trails in the Central and Southern Adirondack Park

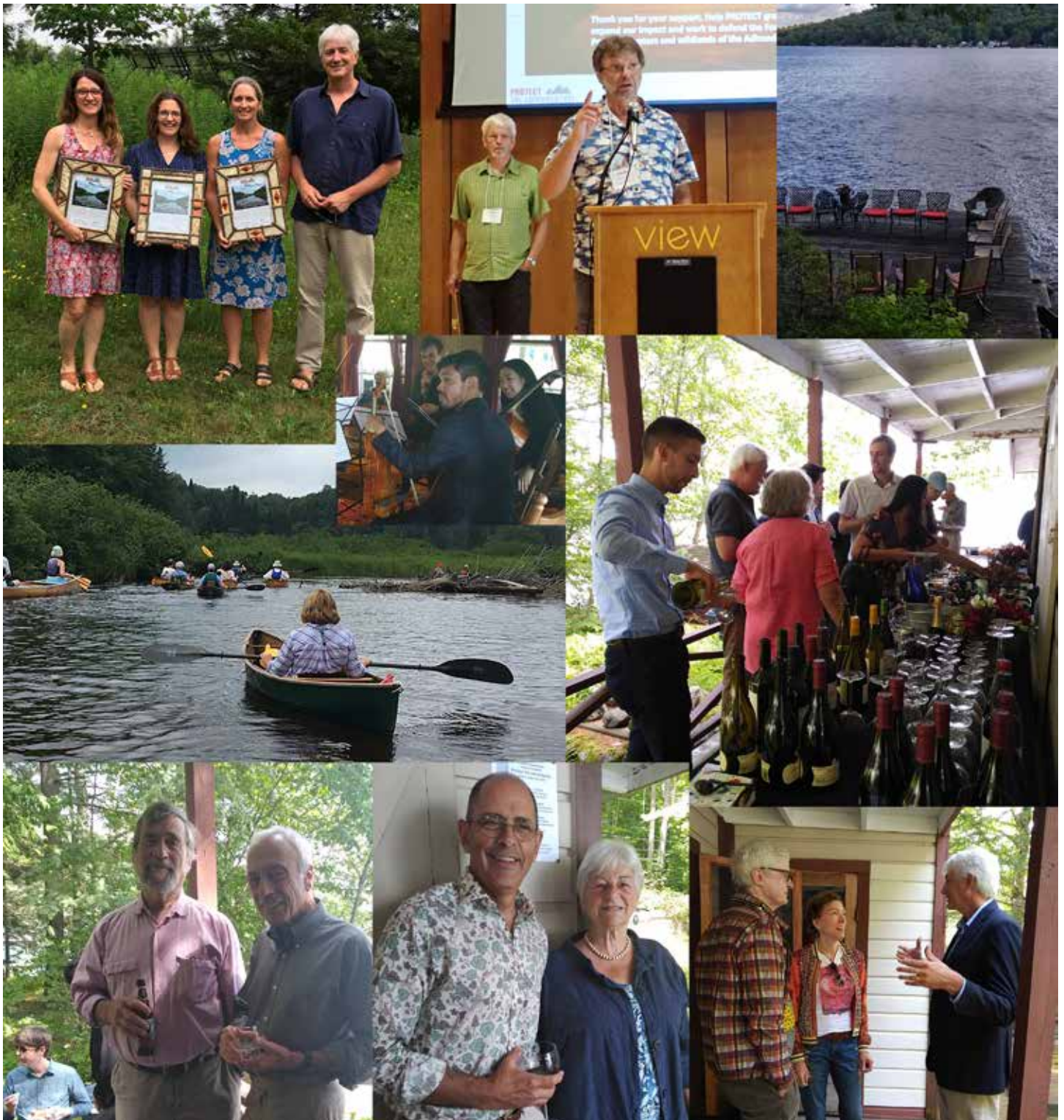
In 2017 and 2018, PROTECT opposed a plan to store 2,000-3,000 used, out-of-service oil tanker railcars on the 30-mile Tahawus Railway owned by Iowa Pacific Railroad that runs from North Creek to the Tahawus Mine in Newcomb. The state blocked this plan and all railcars were removed in 2018. Recently, the state reached an agreement with Iowa Pacific Railroad for a voluntary abandonment of the rail line. This agreement blocks use of the railway for storage of railcars and preserves the rail corridor for possible transition to another use.

South of North Creek is the 55-mile-long North Creek

and Saratoga Railway, which is owned by the Town of Corinth and Warren County. In the past, this rail line has been leased and operated as a tourist train, though such operations have not proven to be economically viable. This rail line is currently dormant, and PROTECT is now advocating to convert this rail corridor to a public multi-use recreation trail.

Stopping Salt Pollution in Adirondack Waters

A major issue that is confronting many Adirondack communities is the degradation of lakes and ponds, in addition to wells for private residences, due to salt pollution from winter road maintenance practices. Research has found that while many major Adirondack lakes have stable or high water quality, they are also among the most highly polluted in the state from chloride and sodium. Recent studies that have looked at residential wells have found a high number that have become contaminated due to salt pollution. PROTECT will continue to advocate for changes to highway management practices as well as new state laws to reduce or eliminate the use of road salt.



Pictured on the top left are Zoe Smith, Heidi Kretser, and Michale Glennon, recipients of the Howard Zahniser Adirondack Award for 2019, the highest award bestowed by Protect the Adirondacks. This award was made to the Wildlife Conservation Society Adirondack Program. At the top center is John Nemjo of Mountainman Outdoor Supply Company in Old Forge and Saratoga Springs, who was awarded the Adirondack Park Green Business Award. Other scenes show paddlers on the Moose River at PROTECT's annual meeting in July in Old Forge and a fundraising event at the home of Anita and James McMartin Long on Canada Lake featuring chamber music by the musicians of the Caroga Arts Collective.



Lakes and Ponds Enrolled in the Adirondack Lake Assessment Program in 2019

The Adirondack Lake Assessment Program (ALAP) is a partnership between Paul Smith's College Adirondack Watershed Institute and Protect the Adirondacks. 2019 marked the 22nd season of water quality monitoring. ALAP has grown into one of the best long-term citizen science programs of its kind in New York and the eastern U.S.

The annual report for all ALAP lakes is available online on the PROTECT or PSC-AWI websites. Following is a list of the lakes studied as part of ALAP in 2019:

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
Chases 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)
Jordan 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
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

There are many ways to support Protect the Adirondacks

Protect the Adirondacks is grateful for all of the support we've received over the years. Our members are the backbone of PROTECT and ensure that our vital programs are sustained, helping us to fulfill our mission to protect and steward the public and private lands of the Adirondack Park.

Become a Member

By joining Protect the Adirondacks, you are helping to sustain our vital work of securing new protections for the Adirondack Park and defending the public Forest Preserve. Members receive our quarterly newsletter, get Action Alerts to let them know when to act on critical issues, and are invited to an Annual Membership meeting each year, among other benefits and opportunities. To join today, visit www.protecttheadirondacks.org.

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Monthly Giving Program: Giving automatically on a monthly basis is a great way to give to PROTECT with ease while providing a steady stream of charitable income we can rely on. Visit us at www.protecttheadirondacks.org to set up your monthly donation.

Direct Contribution: Make a gift online through our website, www.protecttheadirondacks.org. You may also call us with a credit card at (518) 251-2700, or mail us check: Protect the Adirondacks, PO Box 48, North Creek, NY 12853.

Tribute Gift: Make a gift in honor or celebration of a loved one, or in someone's memory. We will gladly notify tributees or next of kin of your generosity.

Forever Wild Endowment: Become part of PROTECT's legacy. Gifts to our endowment fund serve as a financial bedrock to sustain the organization and ensure its perpetuity. Contributions can be made directly to PROTECT or through The Adirondack Foundation.

Gift of Securities: Make a gift of stock and receive



Long-time member and environmental advocate, Douglas Cole (1954-2017) willed his estate to Protect the Adirondacks, including the solar- and wind-powered geodesic dome that now serves as our headquarters.

additional tax benefits. Please call (518) 251-2700 to inform us of your transfer so that we can properly credit and acknowledge your gift.

Make a Planned Gift

Bequest and Estate Plan Gifts: Include a provision in your will or living trust, or name Protect the Adirondacks as the beneficiary of your retirement plan or life insurance policy.

IRA Contribution: If you are 70½ years or older, you can make a tax-free IRA charitable rollover gift directly from your Individual Retirement Account. Gifts of up to \$100,000 can be made from either a traditional or Roth IRA. Contact your financial professional for information.

Donor Advised Fund (DAF): Make a tax-deductible gift to PROTECT to establish a fund today, while later advising us on how you would like your gift to be used. A DAF can be established through the Adirondack Foundation or the foundation of your choice.

No matter which method you choose, your gift will directly support the PROTECT's critical work. For more information about these or other ways to help, contact Pru Chapman, director of development, at (518) 251-2700 or pchapman@protecttheadirondacks.org.

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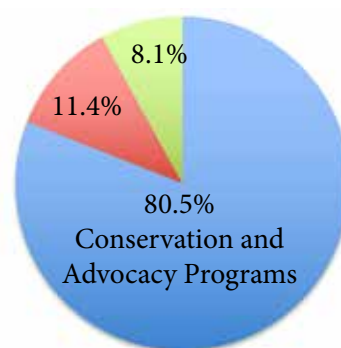
Assets	2018-19	2017-18
Cash	\$82,806	\$114,491
Cash (Designated)	72,454	87,021
Cash (Temporarily Restricted)	83,989	101,993
Cash (Permanently Restricted)	585,515	320,544
Grants Receivable	0	0
Other Temp./Perm. Restricted Receivables	0	91,300
Investments - Unrestricted	31,939	31,508
Investments - Restricted	6,425	3,933
Property Held for Sale (Perm. Restricted)	0	211,000
Property (Adirondack Research Library)	450,000	450,000
Property (Headquarters)	191,910	191,645
Equipment and Furnishings	67,215	64,530
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(67,216)	(61,345)
Total Assets	\$1,505,037	\$1,645,620

Revenues	2018-19	2017-18
Contributions & Grants	\$212,141	\$1,081,790
Dues & Fees	55,795	51,773
Investment/Event Income	4,333	611
Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments	(106)	(2,242)
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	985	1,617
In-Kind Donations	62,911	44,507
Program Services	20,625	31,270
Miscellaneous	317	66
Loss on Sale of Property	(20,738)	0
Total Income	\$336,263	\$1,209,392

Program, Administrative & Fundraising Expenses	2018-19	2017-18
Program Expenses	(80.5%) \$352,625	(84%) \$240,744
Administrative Expenses	(8.1%) \$35,535	(7.2%) \$20,505
Fundraising Expenses	(11.4%) \$49,868	(8.8%) \$25,276
Total Expenses	\$438,028	\$286,525

Expenses	2018-19	2017-18
Salaries	\$149,429	\$118,780
Payroll Expenses & Benefits	28,883	17,029
Contracted Services	2,512	1,657
Insurance	5,301	4,729
Occupancy Costs/Building Maintenance	29,992	6,325
Telephone & Internet	3,050	1,194
Supplies	5,610	3,964
Printing	42,673	16,989
Postage	6,997	7,054
Conferences & Events	3,436	4,291
Bank Charges	1,855	1,055
Advertising	2,207	2,410
Dues & Subscriptions	1,073	458
Legal Defense	70,413	47,137
Professional Fees & Services	10,614	8,123
Mileage & Travel	8,211	6,392
Website & Technology Services	9,260	6,592
Investment Fees	576	525
Program Expense	48,136	30,184
Miscellaneous	2,193	1,261
Depreciation and Amortization	5,607	376
Total Expenses	\$438,028	\$286,525

2018-19 Total Resource Allocation



Administration 8.1%
Fundraising 11.4%
Programs 80.5%

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Giant Mountain, with Rocky Peak in the background,
Giant Mountain Wilderness

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