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*Cover picture Stony Pond and  
Slim Pond on Whitney Park by  
Nancie Battaglia*

Dear PROTECT Members,

We started 2020 going strong. We had published a landmark report in 2019 on long-term economic and population trends and we had won a major victory at the Appellate Division, Third Department, in our efforts to protect and uphold Article 14, Section 1, of the State Constitution, the forever wild provision. Early in 2020, the Legislative Session was in high gear and we were making great progress on a series of issues, capped with our organizing with other Adirondack groups the Adirondack Park Environmental Lobby Day. And then, as we all know, the COVID-19 virus hit our shores and everything changed.

Since then the Board of Directors and staff have worked to become proficient at new technologies and online meetings. As an organization we have not met face to face in the same room in nearly nine months. The virus has forced us to change the way we go about our work to defend the forever wild Forest Preserve and protect the waters, wildlife, open spaces, and rural communities of the Adirondack Park.

After the Legislative Session in New York was cut short, we pivoted our work to focus on research and fieldwork in the Forest Preserve. The first product of this work was the publication of online hiking trail guides to showcase great opportunities outside the High Peaks. The other major change was that the Board and staff believed that in response to national events and Black Lives Matters protests, which saw over 500 people gather in Saranac Lake, we have to do much more to build an open, inclusive and diverse organization. Surveys and information will be sent to members in the months ahead.

If you live in the Adirondacks, vacation here, or visit regularly to hike or canoe, you saw how busy the Park was this year. It seemed like every trail was being hiked by lots of people and every lake and pond was paddled. The importance of the Adirondacks in this time of the great pandemic cannot be understated. The Adirondack Park was a refuge for many thousands of people in 2020. This fact reaffirmed both our commitment to protecting the Adirondack Park and deepened our belief in our work.

I'm very pleased that we continue to attract high-powered Board members who give generously of their time, expertise, and treasure. This year, we welcomed two new attorneys, Chris Walsh of Saratoga Springs and Dale Jeffers of Elizabethtown. Our 23-member Board directs all positions and decisions of the organization.

Thank you all for your support this year and every year. Your generosity and your decision to step up and be counted supports our work. Our members keep us going.

Thank you very much for your activism and membership!

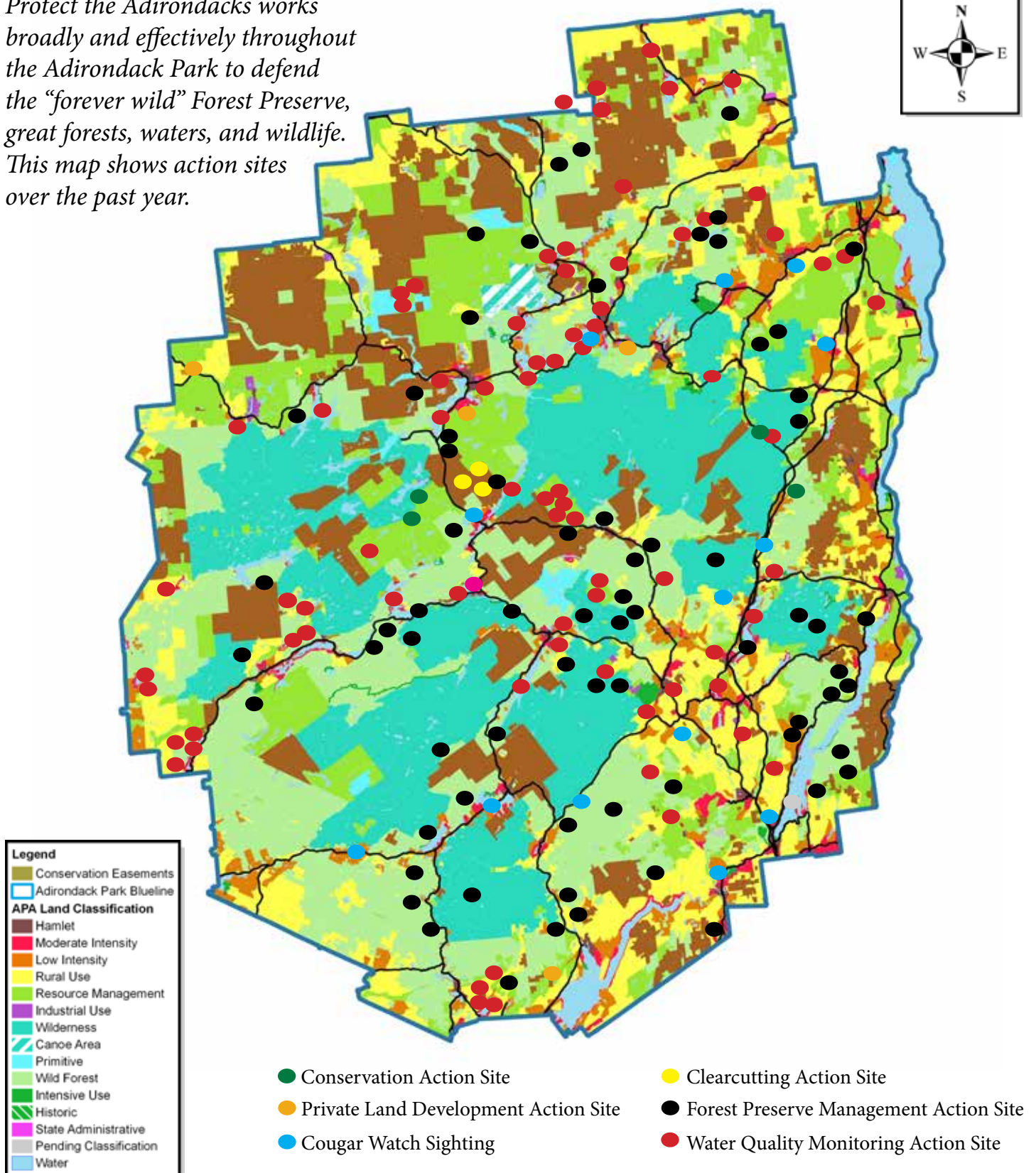
– Chuck Clusen, Chair, Board of Directors



*Chuck Clusen, Chair*

## 2019-2020 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.*



## Meeting Challenges, Getting Results

*The COVID-19 pandemic forced changes to organizing and advocacy, and fueled an explosion of outdoor recreational use in the Adirondacks throughout 2020*



Report by Peter Bauer, Executive Director

In the months before the COVID-19 outbreak, the Adirondack Park faced enormous challenges. These ranged from continued over-use of the most popular trails in the High Peaks Wilderness, chronic under-investment in the Adirondack Park by the State of New York, weak management of the Adirondack Park, and growing road salt pollution of Adirondack lakes and ponds. The pandemic created many new challenges and amplified and compounded others. The pandemic also forced Protect the Adirondacks to change the way that we organized and advocated for stronger protections for the Adirondack Park and revitalization of Adirondack communities. We added virtual online



*Peter Bauer, Executive Director*



programming for meetings with members, our annual meeting, and meetings of committees and our Board of Directors. In addition to use of online meeting tools, we re-focused our work on Forest Preserve fieldwork and research into building trends and land use. The highlights of our work over the past year follow. None of this would be possible without the ardent and generous support of our wonderful members. We are truly grateful.

### **Reform of High Peaks Wilderness Management**

We have been engaged in this work for years with the aim of rebuilding the management of the most popular hiking area in the Adirondacks. The COVID-19 pandemic inspired an even greater crush of hikers, starting on Memorial Day weekend, when New York relaxed its lock-down rules, and it's still going. All records for use

*Page 3: Top picture shows hikers grouped on the summit of Cascade Mountain. Lower picture shows PROTECT's Executive Director testifying at a state budget hearing. Above: a sample of worn and poorly maintained trails in the High Peaks Wilderness area.*

have been smashed. The numbers of hikers in the High Peaks has been going up annually for the last 10 years, but spiked this year due to travel limits on Americans abroad, COVID-19 outbreaks across the U.S. throughout this summer, and the general sense that hiking was a safe activity where social distancing could be easily practiced. In many ways, the Forest Preserve proved to be indispensable for New Yorkers who relied upon the hiking trails and wildlands for vital outdoor experiences during the pandemic. In our hour of need, the Forest Preserve was there to shower us in beauty, safety and emotional relief, at a time when everything



else seemed like it was falling apart. High public use in 2020 keenly illustrated the importance of the Forest Preserve.

Unfortunately, the state's management efforts were unable to meet the challenges from this unprecedented high public use. From Memorial Day onwards, parking areas and roadsides near the most popular hiking trails in the High Peaks filled to capacity by 6:00 AM. Some parking areas were enforced to prevent spill-over roadside parking while others saw vehicles lined up for miles. Many people who were forced to park on roadsides walked for miles before they began their hikes up their desired mountain.

The state organized a study group to look at High Peaks' management efforts in 2019. This effort was

*Above: Forest Rangers were busy with search and rescue missions during the busy 2020 summer. Trailhead logbooks were often overwhelmed and hikers wrote their own information on slips of paper. Parking stacked up for miles on the South Meadow Road and Adirondack Loj Road due to high use. Right: The top picture shows activists assembled for a day of lobbying in Albany and the smaller picture shows a saltshed filled to the gills in the southern Adirondacks.*

heavily Town of Keene focused in its membership, as this community bears the brunt of the state's chaotic management. An interim report this past spring was warmly received by the state, but few of its recommendations were implemented. Protect the Adirondacks has made dozens of recommendations to the study committee for ways to improve the long-term management of the High Peaks. Our recommendations



involve: 1) greater public education efforts both online to educate hikers before their visit and at the trailhead; 2) scientific assessment and analysis of trail conditions to evaluate natural resource impacts, wildlife impacts, and the hiker experience; 3) greater investments in staffing including Wilderness managers, trail crews and Forest Rangers; 4) improved facilities, including parking areas, a High Peaks Visitors Center in Keene Valley, and sustainable trails to re-route, consolidate, and rebuild 200-300 miles of hiking trails in the High Peaks. A final report is expected by the end of 2020.

### **Adirondack Park Environmental Lobby Day**

In February 2020, dozens of Adirondack activists travelled to Albany to join with Adirondack Park Environmental Lobby Day. Over 75 legislative offices were lobbied by staff from Protect the Adirondacks, Adirondack Wild, Adirondack Mountain Club and the Adirondack Council and scores of activists from across New York. Lobby Day focused on building



legislative support for the Conservation Design bill that amends the APA Act to protect open space, a bill to create a task force to study road salt pollution in the Adirondacks, and legislation for mandatory boat washing and boat controls in New York. Additionally, budget matters were pressed for greater investment in Forest Rangers, state lands facilities, and trail crews. This effort was highly successful and the sponsoring organizations pledged to work to make it an annual organizing event, once the COVID-19 virus is contained.



## Save Whitney Park

The 36,000-acre Whitney Park in Long Lake in the central Adirondacks is up for sale. With 22 lakes and ponds and over 100 miles of undeveloped shoreline, this extraordinary tract has been at the top of New York's land protection priority list for 50 years. This sale raises serious issues for all who are concerned about the future of the Adirondack Park. Protect the Adirondacks believes that the State of New York must buy Whitney Park and add it to the public forest preserve. We oppose the calls of those who want to cap the Forest Preserve and give up on the 125-year bipartisan and multi-generational tradition of protecting and expanding the public Forest Preserve.

The dramatic increase in public use over the last six months have shown us all that we need more Forest Preserve, not less. The Forest Preserve in the Adirondack Park underwrites our local quality of life and economy. The Forest Preserve keeps the waters in our many world-class lakes clean. The Forest Preserve has

inspired and made memories for millions. It would be a profound mistake to give up on the dream of the Forest Preserve because some people who hike there are poorly educated about how to use it, and because state agencies have failed to adequately manage it.

Whitney Park could be a paddling paradise for people in canoes and kayaks. In the 19th century, the lakes and ponds of the Whitney tract were popular as important links in historic canoe routes that were open to the public for decades. Little Forked Lake, Salmon Lake, Moose Pond, Flat Fish Pond, Slim Pond, and Stony Pond, among others, were parts of popular canoe routes documented and written about by George Washington Sears under the pen name "Nessmuk". If purchased for the public Forest Preserve, these canoe trails from Little Tupper Lake to Stony Pond and Slim Pond could once again be opened to the public. Additionally, the historic canoe route from Little Tupper Lake to Rock Lake to Little Salmon Lake to Salmon Lake could be restored and opened to the public more than 100 years after it was closed off.



The Whitney lands are bordered by public Forest Preserve on its northern boundaries. In 1997, Governor George Pataki purchased 14,700 acres from Mary Lou Whitney at the north end of the Whitney lands. This tract included Little Tupper Lake, Rock Lake, Hardigan Pond, Little Salmon Lake, Lilypad Pond, Doctors Pond, among others. Governor Pataki combined the Little Tupper Lake tract with the Lake Lila Primitive area to create the William C. Whitney Wilderness Area, which stands at over 20,000 acres in size, in honor of the Whitney family. For over 20 years, this Wilderness area has been exceedingly popular for paddling, hiking, camping and fishing. The area has scores of campsites that are heavily used throughout the summer. The William C. Whitney Wilderness could be expanded if the Whitney Park lands were purchased.

Help us save Whitney Park by purchasing it for the public Forest Preserve. Protect the Adirondacks has organized a public petition drive to buy Whitney Park. Go to [savewhitneypark.com](http://savewhitneypark.com) and sign your name to help make these lands public Forest Preserve.

*Left: Aerial picture shows Salmon Lake, one of the jewels of Whitney Park. Salmon Lake is connected to Rock Pond and Little Tupper Lake, shown in the distance, by navigable channels and portages. Above: aerial of the closed Camp Gabriels Prison complex between Paul Smith's and Saranac Lake.*

### **Proposed Amendments to Article 14**

This past year three potential amendments to Article 14, Section 1, the famed forever wild clause of the State Constitution, were reviewed and debated in the Adirondacks and Albany, but failed to move ahead to formal legislative introduction. These amendments sought to resolve problems on the Forest Preserve in three areas in the Adirondack Park. Draft amendments were reviewed and assessed by state agencies, local government leaders, Protect the Adirondacks and other Adirondack environmental groups, and legislators and staff in Albany, though no agreement was reached. The 2020 legislative session in Albany this year was heavily circumscribed by the COVID-19 outbreak, which limited overall legislative output.



The first effort dealt with an amendment to clear title to remove the former Camp Gabriels state prison (see page 8), now closed, from the Forest Preserve. Under New York State law all state-owned lands in the Adirondack Park are Forest Preserve and the only way to remove them is through an amendment to the State Constitution. An amendment would clear title for the prison complex so that the facility could be re-purposed for a variety of community development activities and the buildings removed from the Forest Preserve. A final plan to organize a “land swap” amendment where 55 acres or so around the prison complex were removed from the Forest Preserve and new lands were purchased, was close at the end of the legislative session, but not completed. Protect the Adirondacks will continue to work on this amendment.

A second amendment was developed to bring the Olympic Winter Sports Complex at Mount Van Hoe-

venberg, outside of Lake Placid, into compliance with Article 14. This facility is managed by the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) and is undergoing a massive expansion in order to meet international winter sports competition requirements (see picture above). There has long been a series of violations of Article 14 with trails, parking lots, and buildings, among others actions. Other state facilities managed by ORDA, such as the alpine ski centers at Gore Mountain and Whiteface Mountain, are managed in compliance with longstanding Article 14 amendments. There has never been an amendment for Mount Van Hoevenberg, like Gore and Whiteface, and an amendment would help to clarify and limit the overall footprint of developed winter sports facilities in the complex and uphold forever wild protections. Protect the Adirondacks will continue to work on this amendment to bring this facility on the right side of forever wild.



The third draft amendment sought to locate a Hamilton County and State Police emergency communications tower on Cathead Mountain, a privately owned mountain within an inholding in the Silver Lake Wilderness in southern Hamilton County. This amendment was the most complicated as it involved possibly establishing motorized access to the privately owned mountaintop through the Forest Preserve in exchange for hundreds of acres of land to reduce the size of the inholding. Discussions centered on building a new road and electric line to the summit, to restoring public access to Cathead Mountain, closed the last 20 years, to building a massive mountaintop solar farm to power the communications tower, among other issues. An agreement proved illusive. Protect the Adirondacks will continue to work on this amendment.

In all cases, the Forest Preserve should be compensated with new lands for all lands removed or changed to

*Summer interns who worked on our online hiking trails guide project. Clockwise from the top left: Jaylim Aboneaaj, of Atlanta, Georgia, a student at Brown University; Isabel Greene, of Madison, Wisconsin, a student at the University of Minnesota; Kuno Haimbodi, of Wilmington, Delaware, a student at Brown University; Jake Collins, of Blue Mountain Lake, a recent graduate from SUNY Potsdam.*

allow new uses. Amendments should solve real problems and provide a public benefit.

### **New Online Hiking Trail Guides**

It was clear in the spring of 2020 that the COVID-19 pandemic was inspiring unprecedented levels of people to hike and camp in the Adirondack Forest Preserve. The High Peaks Wilderness were already seeing dramatically increased levels of use. In response, we organized an effort to publish online hiking trail



guides to showcase other great hiking destinations outside of the High Peaks in many other parts of the Adirondack Park. The final result is 50 online trail guides that are published on our website. We plan to publish 100 by the end of year.

We enlisted the help of four terrific interns (see page 10) who together hiked 125 trails all across the Adirondacks outside the High Peaks Wilderness. They catalogued trail conditions and features, took pictures, gathered GPS data on trails, and recorded natural and cultural features in the trail corridors. They used this information to draft online hiking trail guides. These guides include maps, pictures, and trail narratives that are easy to download. This information helps people plan a hiking trip in the Adirondacks. These guides also include “Leave No Trace” hiking trail etiquette education and information about how to hike safely

and protect natural resources. These trail guides have been widely read and heavily used on our website.

### **Diversity and Inclusion**

The Black Lives Matters protests throughout the past six months forced the Board and staff to look at our organization and we’ve realized that we have a lot of work to do to build a more open, inclusive, and diverse organization. We’ve worked to assess what we do well and where we fall short and we’re now reaching out to experts to help us to improve. Over the next few months, we plan to reach out to our members for your feedback, ideas, and interest in participating in this work. We are in agreement that this historic moment in American history demands action by every organization, no matter their size, budgets, mission or geography.

### **Forever Wild Lawsuit**

The first round of filings by both sides was completed earlier this fall in the lawsuit by Protect the Adirondacks against the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Adirondack Park Agency that is now being heard by the New York Court of Appeals, the state’s highest court. Protect the Adirondacks is currently defending a victory at the Appellate Division, Third Department, against an appeal by the state. (See filings posted on our website.) Each side will get to reply the other’s briefs in the months ahead. It is expected that the case will be fully briefed by early 2021 and that oral arguments at the Court of Appeals will be set at some point mid-year. It is possible that there will be a decision in 2021.

PROTECT launched this lawsuit in 2013 with two primary allegations. First, we argued that the level of tree cutting of around 1,000 trees per mile violated the protection accorded to trees on the Forest Preserve by Article 14. Second, we argued that the construction of class II trails, which requires extensive grading, flattening, excessive widths, removal of rocks and roots, and substantial benchcutting on side slopes, among other intrusive construction practices, violated Article 14’s mandate that the Forest Preserve “shall be forever kept



*Left: Beautiful scenes outside the High Peaks Wilderness. Clockwise: View from Lyon Mountain firetower and a view from Jay Mountain. Above: trees marked for cutting, which was blocked by an injunction, to build a class II community connector snowmobile trail in Minerva and a newly built wide and flat class II trail south of Raquette Lake.*

as wild forest lands.” The stakes are high as the outcome of this lawsuit will shape Forest Preserve management policies and decisions for years to come.

## 2021 Goals

2021 poses enormous challenges for the Adirondack Park. As we head into what seems like an even more terrible second wave, the COVID-19 pandemic is likely to continue to shape the way we work for most of 2021 and perhaps beyond. Despite these major obstacles we’re confident that we can successfully advance

environmental protections across the Adirondack Park and strengthen the public Forest Preserve. Here are the major goals for 2021.

**Land Use Trends Research:** We continue to track development trends from 2000-2019 and land use trends across the Adirondacks. We anticipate this report will be completed in 2021.

**Defending Forever Wild:** Final papers will be submitted in 2021 to the New York Court of Appeals, followed by oral arguments with a decision likely by the end of the year.

**Online Hiking Trail Guides:** Throughout 2021, we will promote 100 online trail guides that spotlight terrific hiking trips outside of the High Peaks.

**Land Protection:** Our campaign to support purchase by the State of New York of the 36,000-acre Whitney Park tract to add to the public Forest Preserve will be expanded in the months ahead.

**High Peaks Wilderness Management Reform:** We will continue to press for reforms built around sustainable trails; public education; improved parking areas, visitors center, and trailheads; more trail crews, managers, and Forest Rangers; and, use of long-established scientific assessment programs to analyze natural resource impacts. The status quo is unacceptable.

**Legislation and State Budget:** New York’s state budget has been tremendously impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which will impact environmental spending. We will press for boat control, conservation design, and Environmental Protection Fund reforms.

**Building an Inclusive and Diverse Organization:** We will continue to work on building a more inclusive and diverse organization with a number of projects, including Board and staff training, and enlisting our members to help with this work.

**Adirondack Lake Assessment Program (ALAP):** 2021 marks the 24th year of ALAP, one of the top long-term water quality management programs.



## Lakes and Ponds Enrolled in the Adirondack Lake Assessment Program in 2020

The Adirondack Park Lake Assessment Program (ALAP) is a partnership between Paul Smith's College Adirondack Watershed Institute and Protect the Adirondacks. 2020 marked the 23rd 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 United States.

The annual report for all ALAP lakes is available on the ALAP website: [www.adirondacklakeassessmentprogram.org](http://www.adirondacklakeassessmentprogram.org). Following is a list of the lakes studied in 2020:

Adirondack Lake	Garnet Lake	Osgood Pond
Amber Lake	Gull Pond	Otter Pond
Arbutus Pond	Hewitt Lake	Paradox Lake
Augur Lake	Hoel Pond	Pine Lake
Austin Pond	Indian Lake (Franklin Cty)	Pleasant Lake
Big Moose Lake	Indian Lake (Hamilton Cty)	Raquette Lake
Blue Mountain Lake	Jordan Lake	Rich Lake
Brandreth Lake	Kiwassa Lake	Rondaxe Lake
Butternut Pond	Lake Abanakee	Silver Lake
Canada Lake	Lake Clear	Simon Pond
Caroga Lake (East)	Lake Colby	Star Lake
Caroga Lake (West)	Lake of the Pines	Stoney Creek Ponds
Catlin Lake	Lake Titus	Sylvia Lake
Chases Lake	Lens Lake	Thirteenth Lake
Chateaugay Lake (Lower)	Little Long Lake	Tripp Lake
Chateaugay Lake (Upper)	Long Lake	Trout Lake
Chazy Lake	Long Pond	Tupper Lake
Cranberry Lake	Loon Lake (Franklin Cty)	Twitchell Lake
Deer Lake	Loon Lake (Warren Cty)	White Lake
Eagle Lake	Lower Saranac Lake	Windover
Eli Pond	Mink Pond	Wolf Lake
Fern Lake	Moss Lake	
Frank Pond	Mountain View Lake	

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by Pru Chapman, Director of Development

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# 2019-2020 Financial Summary

Assets	2019-20	2018-19
Cash	\$123,713	\$82,806
Cash (Designated)	81,104	72,454
Cash (Temporarily Restricted)	83,538	83,989
Cash (Permanently Restricted)	63,660	585,515
Investments - Board Designated	31,380	31,939
Investments - Restricted	0	6,425
Investments - Permanently Restricted	511,764	0
Property (Adirondack Research Library)	450,000	450,000
Property (Headquarters)	213,345	191,910
Equipment and Furnishings	67,216	67,216
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(73,050)	(66,951)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,552,670</b>	<b>\$1,505,302</b>

Revenues	2019-20	2018-19
Contributions & Grants	\$255,723	\$212,141
Dues & Fees	60,605	55,795
Investment Income	9,516	1,908
Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments	946	(106)
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	1,166	985
Event Income	6,900	2,425
In-Kind Donations	22,428	62,911
Program Services	26,955	20,625
Miscellaneous	1,804	317
Loss on Sale of Property	0	(20,738)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$386,043</b>	<b>\$336,263</b>

Program, Administrative & Fundraising Expenses	2019-20	2018-19
Program Expenses (78.1%)	\$290,871	(80.5%) \$352,625
Administrative Expenses (8.3%)	\$30,982	(8.1%) \$35,535
Fundraising Expenses (13.6%)	\$50,493	(11.4%) \$49,868
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$372,346</b>	<b>\$438,028</b>

Expenses	2019-20	2018-19
Salaries	\$175,661	\$149,429
Payroll Expenses & Benefits	31,389	28,883
Contracted Services	3,559	2,512
Insurance	6,518	5,301
Occupancy Costs	11,527	29,992
Telephone	--	3,050
Supplies	8,947	5,610
Printing	13,806	42,673
Postage	8,808	6,997
Conferences & Events	3,294	3,436
Bank Charges	1,414	1,855
Advertising	4,135	2,207
Dues & Subscriptions	495	1,073
Legal Defense	23,749	70,413
Professional Fees & Services	11,287	10,614
Travel	8,711	8,211
Website & Technology Services	18,249	9,260
Investment Fees	375	576
Program Expense	34,323	48,136
Miscellaneous	--	2,193
Depreciation and Amortization	6,099	5,607
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$372,346</b>	<b>\$438,028</b>

## 2019-20 Total Resource Allocation



Administration 8.3%  
Fundraising 13.6%  
Programs 78.1%

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## 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.

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 (\$213,345) is located in Johnsburg, NY.



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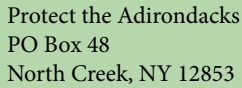
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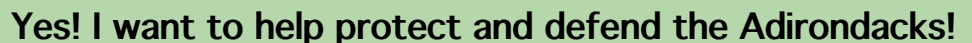
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