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New Executive Director Named at Protect the Adirondacks

Environmental attorney Claudia Braymer succeeds Peter Bauer in organization's planned transition

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Protect the Adirondacks, an environmental advocacy and watchdog non-profit organization, is pleased to announce that Claudia Braymer became the new Executive Director of Protect the Adirondacks on January 1, 2025. Braymer brings a deep commitment to the protection and stewardship of the Adirondack Park. Braymer was hired as Deputy Director in February 2023 as part of the organization's planned staff succession strategy. She succeeds long-time Adirondack Park advocate Peter Bauer who has transitioned to a part-time role within the organization.

"The Board of Directors is delighted to see Claudia Braymer step into the role of Executive Director of Protect the Adirondacks. She brings a great wealth of knowledge, passion and energy for Adirondack advocacy. We thank Peter Bauer for his many years of dedication and work ethic and for ensuring the hand off to Claudia went smoothly and successfully," said Charles Clusen, Chairman of Protect the Adirondacks.

Braymer is an attorney who has worked on environmental cases across New York State and was co-counsel on Protect the Adirondacks' successful, nearly 10-year-long lawsuit that upheld and defended the Forever Wild clause in the New York State Constitution that protects the public Forest Preserve. Braymer has a degree in Environmental Resource Management from the Pennsylvania State University where she studied several areas of natural resources science. After graduation, she worked as an environmental consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton in Arlington, VA assisting clients such as the Environmental Protection Agency with environmental regulatory matters. Following her work as an environmental consultant, Braymer attended law school and earned a degree from Albany Law School. She was licensed to practice in New York in 2010. Outside of work, Braymer is married with two children. She and her family have hiked, paddled, camped and cross country skied throughout the Adirondacks. Braymer is also active in coaching youth rugby, as a former U.S. Women's Rugby Team member from 2005 to 2010, participating in two World Cups during that time.

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“I am incredibly excited and grateful to serve as the new Executive Director of Protect the Adirondacks, an organization that plays a crucial role in advocating for the protection and stewardship of the public and private lands in the Adirondacks,” said Claudia Braymer. “I hold a strong belief in protecting the Adirondacks from overdevelopment and mismanagement, ensuring that its natural resources are preserved for current and future generations. At the same time, I am committed to making its human communities vibrant, supporting those who live, work and play here.”

Claudia Braymer continued, “I look forward to continuing and strengthening PROTECT’s legacy of effective advocacy for the protection of both the natural and human communities within the Adirondack Park. Our work with partners, and with stakeholders with differing viewpoints, is critical to ensuring that the Adirondacks remain forever a place of beauty, wildness, and sustainability,” said Claudia Braymer, Executive Director of Protect the Adirondacks.

As Executive Director, Braymer will lead the organization’s advocacy efforts, education and outreach, public oversight of state and local agencies, legal action, and engagement with others in the ongoing dialogue about the future of the Park.

Protect the Adirondacks

Protect the Adirondacks is an IRS-approved non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and stewardship of the 6-million-acre Adirondack Park. Our mission is to protect the Adirondack Park’s wild character for current and future generations. PROTECT pursues this mission through a combination of advocacy, grassroots organizing, independent public oversight, research, water quality monitoring, education, and legal action. Protect the Adirondacks was formed in 2009 as the result of a merger between two long-standing environmental conservation groups in the Adirondack Park, the Resident’s Committee to Protect the Adirondacks (est. 1991) and the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks (est. 1901).

Protect the Adirondacks is managed by a 22-member Board of Directors of Adirondack leaders with expertise in environmental law, local government, Adirondack environmental and cultural history, state agency management, and small business. Protect the Adirondacks maintains an office in a 100% energy efficient, solar-and wind-powered office in Johnsbury in the central Adirondacks. For more information see www.protectadks.org and @ProtectAdkPark.

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