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Honorable David Paterson
Governor
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Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Paterson:

Enclosed is the annual report listing the Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) and Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's (OPRHP) open space land acquisition activities for calendar year 2008 undertaken using Environmental Protection Fund Resources, the Natural Resources Damage Fund, Clean Water and Clean Air, Court of Claims, Federal Forest Legacy Funds and funds from local governments across the state.

We are pleased to let you know that DEC and OPRHP combined forces to protect 140,115 acres in fee and conservation easements on a wide variety of critical landscapes, continuing the state's longstanding and proud Open Space Conservation program. Dating back to the 19th century, the state's Open Space Conservation program protects watersheds, promotes tourism, connects New Yorkers to nature and contributes to the State's economic well being and high quality of life.

DEC continued its drive to protect environmentally sensitive landscapes across the state in 2008. Highlights include completing the 100,000 acre Sable Highlands project in the northeast portion of the Adirondack Park in Clinton County; closing on 35 acres in the Long Island Pine Barrens located in Suffolk County; adding 330 acres at Overlook Mountain in Woodstock, Ulster County to the Catskill Park; closing on an important addition of 220 acres to the High Tor Wildlife Management Area in Yates County, which helps protect the Canandaigua Lake watershed; and the closing on 245 acres in the Jackson Hill State Forest which consolidated state lands, enhanced public access and protected two tributaries of the Lansing Kill in Oneida County.

In 2008, OPRHP used EPF funds to buffer, improve and protect the state's unparalleled park system. OPRHP acquisitions protected the sensitive moorlands of Montauk Point; secured ridgetops and watershed lands adjacent to Harriman State Park in Rockland County; expanded the entrance to Watkins Glen State Park in the Finger Lakes in order to better accommodate visitors; and added recreational facilities to Wilson Tuscarora State Park in Niagara County through the acquisition of a faltering YMCA camp next door. The bulk of OPRHP's acquisitions took place in highly developed areas of the state where the maximum number of New Yorkers could be served. A number of the acquisitions leveraged local funds in order to maximize the reach of state funds.

Projects listed in the report come directly from the 2006 New York State Open Space Conservation Plan. In 2008, the state continued working with the nine regional advisory committees and the public to produce the 2009 draft update of the plan, which has been released for public comment and hearings.

This year's draft update of the New York State Open Space Plan, while built upon previous versions of the plan, takes a fresh approach expressly recognizing the success of the New York State Open Space Conservation program is based upon multi-faceted partnerships which go far beyond the fundamental policy of protecting land through acquisition. In the interest of greater efficiency and leverage, DEC and OPRHP increasingly reach out to nonprofits and local governments to help acquire and manage these special landscapes.

We are pleased to provide you with this 2008 state land acquisition report and look forward to working together to conserve our open space resources as a critical economic and environmental component of New York's heritage.

Sincerely,



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Carol Ash

Enclosure

2008 DEC Land Acquisition Report (84 Parcels)

Project ID	DEC Region	Primary County	Park Name	Project Name	Recording Date	Acres Fee	Acres CE	Total Acres	Equivalent Miles	Total Cost
87.04	1	Suffolk	N/A	LI Sound Coastal Area: Mattituck Inlet Property	5/29/2008	1.5	0	1.5	N/A	\$1,250,000
076.46	1	Suffolk	N/A	LI Sound Coastal Area: Shinnecock Additions	10/2/2008	2.1	0	2.1	N/A	\$3,518,000
111.01A	1	Suffolk	N/A	AVR: LI Pine Barrens	10/24/2008	35.04	0	35.04	N/A	\$9,103,300
030	2	Richmond	N/A	Harbor Herons Complex	3/28/2008	25.38	0	25.38	N/A	\$886,300
0009.2	2	Richmond	N/A	Mt. Loretto	1/11/2008	75.041	0	75.041	N/A	\$12,500,000
1402	3	Dutchess	N/A	NYC Watershed Lands	10/27/2008	0	259.78	259.78	N/A	\$0
1405	3	Ulster	N/A	NYC Watershed Lands	3/14/2008	0	518.56	518.56	N/A	\$0
1406	3	Ulster	N/A	NYC Watershed Lands	3/10/2008	0	574	574	N/A	\$0
1407	3	Ulster	N/A	NYC Watershed Lands	3/10/2008	0	1008.07	1008.07	N/A	\$0
1408	3	Ulster	N/A	NYC Watershed Lands	3/10/2008	0	582.47	582.47	N/A	\$0
1410	3	Ulster	N/A	NYC Watershed Lands	11/6/2008	0	740.81	740.81	N/A	\$0
1411	3	Ulster	N/A	NYC Watershed Lands	12/23/2008	0	867	867		
1412	3	Ulster	N/A	NYC Watershed Lands	12/10/2008	0	319	319		
123	3	Sullivan	N/A	Shawangunk Mountains: Buckhorn Hunting Club	5/22/2008	148.12	0	148.12	N/A	\$523,400
032	3	Orange	N/A	Shawangunk Mountains	6/24/2008	273	0	273	N/A	\$579,600
116A	3	Sullivan	N/A	Gift: Catskill Unfragmented Forest: Van Norden	8/15/2008	0	20	20	N/A	\$0
141.08A	3	Ulster	N/A	Catskill Unfragmented Forest: Overlook Mountain/Woodstock Guild	4/18/2008	198.24	0	198.24	N/A	\$238,000
141.09B	3	Ulster	N/A	Catskill Unfragmented Forest: Overlook Mountain/Illjes	4/18/2008	27.8	0	27.8	N/A	\$285,000
141.10	3	Ulster	N/A	Catskill Unfragmented Forest: Overlook Mountain/Berg	4/18/2008	84.41	0	84.41	N/A	\$261,000
068	3	Dutchess	N/A	Gift: Crum Elbow Creek	7/8/2008	13.12	0	13.12	N/A	\$0
303	3	Ulster	N/A	Hemlock Ridge Multiple Use Area	9/26/2008	28.3	0	28.3	N/A	\$56,000
298.1	3	Ulster	N/A	Ticatenyck Mtn	12/16/2008	81	0	81	N/A	\$1,970,000
298.02	3	Ulster	N/A	Ticatenyck Mtn	12/16/2008	155	0	155	N/A	\$0
298.03	3	Ulster	N/A	Ticatenyck Mtn	12/16/2008	83.3	0	83.3	N/A	\$0
298.04	3	Ulster	N/A	Ticatenyck Mtn	12/16/2008	97	0	97	N/A	\$0
298.05	3	Ulster	N/A	Ticatenyck Mtn	12/16/2008	44	0	44	N/A	\$0
1404	3	Putnam	N/A	Concease: NYC Watershed Lands	3/6/2008	0	583.03	583.03	N/A	\$0
1405	3	Putnam	N/A	Concease: NYC Watershed Reservoirs	3/11/2008	0	865.8	865.8	N/A	\$0
1403	3	Westchester	N/A	Concease: NYC Watershed Lands	12/22/2008	0	695	695	N/A	\$0
1402	3	Westchester	N/A	Concease: NYC Watershed Lands	11/24/2008	0	183.13	183.13	N/A	\$0
35	4	Orange	N/A	Hallock	6/24/2008	64	0	64	N/A	\$60,300
54.01	4	Otsego	N/A	Charlotte Creek	12/1/2008	0.22	0	0.22	N/A	\$0
1401	4	Delaware	N/A	NYC Watershed Lands	3/11/2008	0	883.35	883.35	N/A	\$0
1402	4	Delaware	N/A	NYC Watershed Lands	3/11/2008	0	1051.96	1051.96	N/A	\$0
1403	4	Delaware	N/A	NYC Watershed Lands	10/2/2008	0	895.49	895.49	N/A	\$0
1404	4	Delaware	N/A	NYC Watershed Lands	10/2/2008	0	2926.8	2926.8	N/A	\$0
1402	4	Greene	N/A	NYC Watershed Lands	11/5/2008	0	1837.94	1837.94	N/A	\$0
1402	4	Schoharie	N/A	NYC Watershed Lands	10/20/2008	0	1019.02	1019.02	N/A	\$0
1403	4	Schoharie	N/A	NYC Watershed Lands	10/20/2008	0	203.01	203.01	N/A	\$0
039.34	4	Schoharie	N/A	Franklinton Vlaie/Brigadier	6/30/2008	5.4	0	5.4	N/A	\$45,000
039.35	4	Schoharie	N/A	Franklinton Vlaie/Brigadier	2/20/2008	5.18	0	5.18	N/A	\$45,000
016.033	4	Albany	N/A	Albany Pine Bush	10/24/2008	10.63	0	10.63	N/A	\$1,245,600
042.01	4	Columbia	N/A	Hudson River Estuary/Greenway TR/ Stockport Flats Estuarin	8/11/2008	91.84	0	91.84	N/A	\$1,258,200
042.02	4	Columbia	N/A	Hudson River Estuary/Greenway TR/ Stockport Flats Estuarin	8/22/2008	94.611	0	94.611	N/A	\$519,800
162.09	4	Greene	N/A	Hudson River Estuary/Greenway TR/Middle Ground Flats	3/13/2008	213.1	0	213.1	N/A	\$229,000
142.03	4	Delaware	N/A	Bear Pen/VLY/Roundtop Mountains	8/13/2008	50.13	0	50.13	N/A	\$55,000
063.01	4	Schoharie	N/A	Long Path	3/24/2008	65.14	0	65.14	N/A	\$61,100
041.011	4	Columbia	N/A	Taconic Ridge	10/30/2008	86.807	0	86.807	N/A	\$630,200
042.03	4	Columbia	N/A	Hudson River Estuary/Greenway TR/ Stockport Flats Estuarin	2/25/2008	319.622	0	319.622	N/A	\$2,380,700
57.19	5	Saratoga	N/A	Disiena	12/23/2008	20	0	20	N/A	\$0
190	5	Warren	N/A	Bear Slides	1/4/2008	122.3	0	122.3	N/A	\$79,500
051.01	5	Saratoga	N/A	Karner Blue Butterfly Recovery/Saratoga Sandplains Karner/Spencer Estate	6/13/2008	3.38	0	3.38	N/A	\$75,000
456	5	Essex	N/A	Dix Mountain	4/21/2008	15.47	0	15.47	N/A	\$5,300
383A	5	Essex	N/A	NationalLead/Tahawus	9/19/2008	0	2979	2979	N/A	\$1,370,340
384	5	Essex	N/A	NationalLead/Tahawus	1/31/2008	6813	0	6813	N/A	\$5,096,124
419	5	Essex	N/A	Olbrych	12/5/2008	199	0	199	N/A	\$98,000
045.01	5	Saratoga	N/A	Wilton Wildlife Preserve	4/15/2008	282.741	0	282.741	N/A	\$523,100
126.01	5	Clinton	N/A	Domtar Fee (Sable Highlands)	10/20/2008	19,785	0	19,785	N/A	\$9,838,600
126.02	5	Clinton	N/A	Domtar CE (Sable Highlands)	12/24/2008	0	83,999	83999	N/A	\$10,068,800
170.01	6	Herkimer	N/A	Moose River Corridor	4/1/2008	765	0	765	N/A	\$1,355,600
160.01	6	Oneida	N/A	Black River Corridor/Carbone Lands	3/10/2008	0	1839.61	1839.61	N/A	\$947,500
162	6	Oneida	N/A	Jackson Hill State Forest	2/13/2008	245.8	0	245.8	N/A	\$121,100
149.01	6	Jefferson	N/A	South Sandy Creek	2/4/2008	0.23	0	0.23	1.205	\$35,150
151	6	Jefferson	N/A	Great Lakes Shorelines/Niagra/ Bachy's Marina	4/10/2008	1.12	0	1.12	N/A	\$183,300
175	6	Herkimer	N/A	Moose River	9/2/2008	8.3	0	8.3	N/A	\$114,200
155.03	6	Herkimer	N/A	Maumee Swamp	1/10/2008	35	0	35	N/A	\$0
26.32	7	Oswego	N/A	Eastern Ontario Shoreline/ Deer Creek Marsh WMA	12/15/2008	41.87	0	41.87	N/A	\$65,300
051	7	Tompkins	N/A	Reforestration Area/ Roth & Ritz	1/14/2008	60	0	60	N/A	\$46,000

052	7	Cayuga	N/A	Summerhill Fen & Forest Complex/Lake Como Fish/Game Club	3/3/2008	20	0	20	N/A	\$24,000
0006.47	7	Schuyler	N/A	Connecticut Hill WMA	4/4/2008	22	0	22	N/A	\$27,500
043	7	Tioga	N/A	Susquehanna River	3/27/2008	1	0	1	N/A	\$13,000
044.03	7	Cayuga	N/A	Carpenter Falls Ravine	5/27/2008	35	0	35	N/A	\$152,800
095.40	7	Oswego	N/A	Salmon River Corridor	1/18/2008	5.2	0	5.2	N/A	\$40,000
063.100	7	Madison	N/A	Nelson Swamp Unique Area	3/31/2008	1.5	0	1.5	N/A	\$600
095.41	7	Oswego	N/A	Salmon River Corridor/Portly Angler	11/4/2008	17.42	0	17.42	N/A	\$1,250,000
030.11	7	Onondaga	N/A	Ninemile Creek/TRIB #6	11/3/2008	6	0	6	N/A	\$14,200
029.01	8	Schuyler	N/A	Cayuta Lake	4/8/2008	0.63	0	0.63	N/A	\$70,000
025.11	8	Yates	N/A	HI TOR WMA	5/21/2008	220.1	0	220.1	N/A	\$172,900
072	9	Allegany	N/A	Genesee Greenway/Recreationway/Tytka	3/13/2008	4	0	4	N/A	\$8,800
070	9	Allegany	N/A	Slader Creek State Forest	7/11/2008	97	0	97	N/A	\$119,000
074	9	Allegany	N/A	Gift Lock 90 Stonework	10/10/2008	5.2	0	5.2	N/A	\$0
0009.01	9	Niagara	N/A	Public Fishing Rights/ Keg Creek	5/7/2008	0	0	0	0.025	\$1,200
021.05	9	Cattaraugus	N/A	Mansfield Creek (Lower)	2/13/2008	0	0	0	0.511	\$15,300
115	9	Cattaraugus	N/A	Transfer from DOT: Birch Run Ponds	7/8/2008	39.7	0	39.7	N/A	\$0
SUB TOTALS						31,251.99	104.852	136,103.8	1.741	\$69,632,714

2008 OPRHP Land Acquisition Report (42 Parcels)

Project ID	OPRHP Region	Primary County	Park Name	Project Name	Recording Date	Acres Fee	Acres CE	Total Acres	Equivalent Miles	Total Cost
635	Palisades 8	ULSTER	Minnewaska	Addis	1/25/2008	51.687	0	51.68700027	N/A	\$299,800
669	Taconic 7	WESTCHESTER	Hudson Highlands	Angell	11/25/08	38	0	38.00	N/A	\$2,150,815
187	Taconic 7	WESTCHESTER	Hudson Highlands	Angel, Spears, Rowland Gift	11/25/08	38.3	0	38.30	N/A	\$0
651	Palisades 8	ULSTER	Minnewaska	Appalachian Mountain Club, Inc.	5/9/2008	45.89	0	45.89	N/A	\$1,449
561	Finger Lakes 4	SENECA	Sampson S.P.	Aspen Square Management, Inc.	10/23/2008	149.183	0	149.18	N/A	\$2,000,000
631	Finger Lakes 4	SENECA	Sampson S.P.	Aspen Square Gift	10/23/08	15.9	0	15.90	N/A	\$0
594	Genesee 4	LIVINGSTON	Genesee Valley Greenway	Avon Extension	11/21/08	14.254	0	14.25	N/A	\$0
679	Allegany 2	CHAUTAUQUA	N/A	Barcelona Lighthouse	12/30/08	0.4	0	0.40	N/A	\$61,500
633	Palisades 8	ULSTER	Minnewaska	Beck / OSI gift	4/18/2008	15.843	0	15.84	N/A	\$288
627	Finger Lakes 4	CHEMUNG	Mark Twain S.P.	Boor	1/18/2008	0.113	0	0.11	N/A	\$5,459
666	Saratoga 11	ALBANY		Camp Cass	2/8/2008	31.46	0	31.46	N/A	\$0
663	Long Island 9	SUFFOLK	Amsterdam Beach	Cavett Property	3/9/99	76.919	0	76.92	N/A	\$6,140,000
640	Saratoga 11	SARATOGA	Moreau Lake	Chapman	3/20/2008	20.4	0	20.40	N/A	\$26,114
656	Taconic 7	DUTCHESS	Hudson Highlands	City of Beacon gift	6/5/2008	709.1	0	709.10	N/A	\$109,800
647	Saratoga 11	RENSSELAER	Grafton	Coontract	1/29/2008	69.73	0	69.73	N/A	\$122,615
676	Taconic 7	PUTNAM	Fahnestock	Crawford		30	0	30.00	N/A	\$107,760
634	Palisades 8	ULSTER	Minnewaska	Depuy	3/4/2008	44.38	0	44.38	N/A	\$38,068
654	Central 5	OTSEGO	Gilbert Lake	Donna Spoor Gift	7/22/2008	16.54	0	16.54	N/A	\$11,083
609	Central 5	DELAWARE	Robert V. Riddell State Park	Hartwick College	11/7/2008	820	0	820.00	N/A	\$984,000
645	Taconic 7	COLUMBIA	Harlem Valley Rail Trail	HVRT / Bloomfield	9/16/2008	3.871	0	3.87	N/A	\$273,772
685	Taconic 7	COLUMBIA	Harlem Valley Rail Trail	HVRT / Philmont Parcel	9/24/2008	2.09	0	2.09	N/A	\$22,700
648	Taconic 7	COLUMBIA	Harlem Valley Rail Trail	HVRT/ Knob Hill	6/4/2008	3.395	0	3.39	N/A	\$72,758
660	Taconic 7	COLUMBIA	Harlem Valley Rail Trail	HVRT/Bloomfield II	9/16/2008	19.35	0	19.35	N/A	\$30,000
639	Palisades 8	ORANGE	Goose Pond Mtn.	McNeill	3/11/2008	148	0	148.00	N/A	\$2,406,890
567	Taconic 7	DUTCHESS	Taconic (Rudd Pond)	Mount Riga Inc.	4/18/2008	105.36	0	105.36	N/A	\$727,602
642	Central 5	ONONDAGA	Clark Reservation	Mueller	10/6/2008	0.983	0	0.98	N/A	\$26,950
644	Finger Lakes 4	TOMPKINS	Robert H. Treman	Nunez	8/27/2008	77.7	0	77.70	N/A	\$837,670
658	Finger Lakes 4	TOMPKINS	Robert H. Treman	Nunez II	10/20/2008	62.1	0	62.10	N/A	\$329,564
659	Palisades 8	ORANGE	Sterling Forest	Orange County Land Trust CE	9/9/2008	0	80.566	80.57	N/A	\$275,687
603	Taconic 7	PUTNAM	Hudson Highlands	OSI / F.A.N. Trust	12/26/2008	108.23	0	108.23	N/A	\$2,108,500
630	Palisades 8	ULSTER	Minnewaska	Polich	1/25/2008	105.987	0	105.99	N/A	\$635,150
668	Central 5	OTSEGO	Betty and Wilbur Davis S.P.	Rausch Property	11/5/2008	24.25	0	24.25	N/A	\$58,442
587	Palisades 8	ORANGE	Sterling Forest	SF / Arrow Park II	11/19/2008	179.228	80.566	259.79	N/A	\$5,029,039
628	Finger Lakes 4	SCHUYLER	Watkins Glen	Siri	5/29/2008	1.52	0	1.52	N/A	\$1,989,643
650	Finger Lakes 4	TOMPKINS	Black Diamond Trail	Stewart Driveway	1/22/2008	0	0	0.00	N/A	\$0
652	Finger Lakes 4	CHEMUNG	Catharine Valley Trail	Sweet Exchange	7/8/2008	0.123	0	0.12	N/A	\$0
674	Taconic 7	DUTCHESS	James Baird	Tobin	10/31/2008	65	0	65.00	N/A	\$1,235,069
457	Finger Lakes 4	TOMPKINS	Buttermilk Falls	Tompkins County A	10/7/2008	4.34	0	4.34	N/A	\$24,956
657	Taconic 7	DUTCHESS	Hudson Highlands	University Settlement Society	1/4/2008	80.11	0	80.11	N/A	\$1,246,400
664	Saratoga 11	RENSSELAER	Grafton	White Lily Pond/Troy Housing Authority	10/31/2008	117.88	0	117.88	N/A	\$448,615
629	Palisades 8	ROCKLAND	Harriman	Wrightman's Field	10/1/2008	492.9	0	492.90	N/A	\$2,160,000
455	Niagara 1	NIAGARA	Wilson Tuscarora	YMCA Parcel	5/19/2008	59.54	0	59.54000092	N/A	\$226,925
SUBTOTAL						3850.06	161	4,011.2	N/A	\$32,225,083
						Acres Fee	Acres CE	Total Acres	Equivalent Miles	Total Cost
TOTAL						35,102	105,013	140,115	1.741	\$101,857,797