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Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
New York State Executive Chamber
State Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

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 2010 undertaken using Environmental Protection Fund resources, the Natural Resources Damage Fund, Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act, Court of Claims, Federal Forest Legacy Funds, Highland Conservation Act and gifts.

This year DEC and OPRHP combined forces to protect 100,141 acres in fee and conservation easements on 34 projects.

Despite the state's difficult economic times, DEC was able to complete several important land conservation projects in 2010, including two truly historic projects: the acquisition of Hemlock and Canadice Lakes from the City of Rochester, and the acquisition of a working forest conservation easement on 90,000 acres of productive forest lands in the Adirondack Park, formerly owned by the Finch Pruyn forest products company.

Both acquisitions also contain significant economic components. The state's acquisition of Hemlock and Canadice lakes will protect the City of Rochester's invaluable drinking water supplies in perpetuity and continue and enhance outdoor recreational opportunities important to the regional economy. The agreement was endorsed by the City of Rochester, the Rochester City Council, local governments in the area, and the public.

The Finch agreement helped save jobs in the woods and jobs in the Glens Falls pulp and paper mill by fostering the continuation of sustainable forestry on these forest lands and secured the permanent right for the state to build and maintain public snowmobile routes between the communities of Newcomb, Long Lake, Indian Lake, North Hudson and Minerva. Snowmobiling is a significant component of the Adirondack's winter economy. In addition, the agreement opened up new hiking, hunting and outdoor tourism opportunities, which is the backbone of the Adirondack economy. The project was endorsed by the 27 towns in whose communities the former Finch lands are located. Thus, the state's investments in these acquisitions will more than be repaid in new economic development which will ripple through our economy.

In 2010, OPRHP completed the following land acquisition projects:

The addition of 9.85 acres to Gantry Plaza State Park from Queens West Development Corporation, providing access to the East River waterfront, including two historic gantry float bridges and four piers which jut into the East River.

Acquisition of a 126 acre, 5.6 mile long rail-trail corridor from CSX Railroad, which connects the existing portion of the Mohawk River Trailway in the Schenectady area to the existing portion in the Fort Hunter area.

Purchase of the 328-acre Braen-Stone Industries property which is an important part of the expansion of Harriman State Park's southern boundary to encompass steep slopes, woodlands and water resources in the Torne Valley area of the Town of Ramapo, preserving contiguous forest lands and the watershed of the Ramapo River.

Purchase of the 61 acre Shirazi property as an addition to Sterling Forest State Park, which was recommended by the National Park Service to preserve the existing view from the Appalachian Trail, which passes through the park slightly to the south.

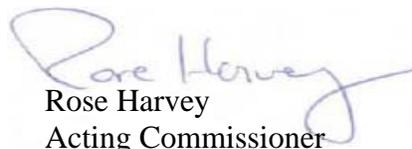
Projects listed in the report come directly from the 2009 New York State Open Space Conservation Plan. The Plan includes a range of sensible and cost effective recommendations that can help protect our outdoor heritage in affordable ways. In addition to DEC and OPRHP, the Departments of State, Agriculture and Markets, Transportation, the Governor's Smart Growth Cabinet, the Ocean and Great Lakes Council, the Climate Smart Community Network and the Hudson River Estuary Program assist New Yorkers and local government officials in implementing these recommendations to protect and enhance open space and its many environmental and economic benefits.

We are pleased to provide you with this 2010 slate land acquisition report and look forward using our State Open Space Conservation Plan to not only preserve our irreplaceable outdoor heritage, but also contribute to the state's economic recovery.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

c: Sheldon Silver, Speaker, New York State Assembly
Ronald Canestrari, Majority Leader, New York State Assembly
Brian Kolb, Minority Leader, New York State Assembly
Dean Skelos, Majority Leader, New York State Senate
John Sampson, Minority Leader, New York State Senate
Robert Sweeney, Chair, Assembly Environmental Committee
Mark Grusanti, Chair, Senate Environmental Committee
Tom Congdon, Deputy Secretary for the Environment

2010 DEC Land Acquisition Report

Project ID	DEC Region	Primary County	Park Name	Project Name	Recording Date	Acres Fee	Acres CE	Total Acres	Cost
37.02	8	Schuyler	N/A	County Forests Exchange	02/18/10	50.4	0	50.4	\$0
148	6	Jefferson	N/A	Statewide Small Project: Perch River WMA	02/22/10	10	0	10	\$18,300
49.02	7	Onondaga	N/A	Statewide Small Project: Carpenters Brook	02/23/10	0.439	0	0.439	\$0
468	5	Essex	N/A	Statewide Small Project: Mt. Whitney Rd.	04/19/10	9.9	0	9.9	\$0
126	1	Suffolk	N/A	Long Island Sound Coastal Area: Setauket Mill	05/24/10	30	0	30	\$5,450,000
1413	4	Delaware	N/A	Gift: NYC Watershed Lands	06/21/10	0	651	651	\$0
1404	3	Westchester	N/A	Gift: NYC Watershed Lands	06/25/10	0	30	30	\$0
33.01	8	Livingston	N/A	Hemlock and Canadice Lakes	06/29/10	6,684	0	6684	\$13,697,100
1413	3	Ulster	N/A	Gift: NYC Watershed Lands	07/26/10	0	589	589	\$0
1404	4	Greene	N/A	Gift: NYC Watershed Lands	07/27/10	0	1,722	1,722	\$0
51.33	7	Cayuga	N/A	Finger Lakes Shoreline: Owasco Flats	07/28/10	11.4	0	11.4	\$18,800
90	7	Madison	N/A	State Forest & WMA Protection: Tioughnioga	10/28/10	42.56	0	42.56	\$0
131	1	Suffolk	N/A	South Shore Estuary Preserve: Mastic-Shirley Cons. Area	11/12/10	0.092	0	0.092	\$25,000
148.02	6	Jefferson	N/A	Statewide Small Project: Perch River WMA	11/29/10	200	0	200	\$0
57	7	Tompkins	N/A	Tompkins Ref. 3	12/09/10	20	0	20	\$0
73	7	Cortland	N/A	State Reforestation Area 15	12/28/10	72.6	0	72.6	\$87,100
458	5	Essex	N/A	Finch Pryun CE	12/29/10	0	89,036	89,036	\$30,000,000
SUB TOTALS						7,131.39	92,028	99,159.4	\$49,296,300

2010 OPRHP Land Acquisition Report

Project ID	OPRHP Region	Primary County	Park Name	Project Name	Recording Date	Acres Fee	Acres CE	Total Acres	Cost
04-736	Finger Lakes	Tompkins	Taughannock Falls	Culver Donation	01/14/10	7.5	0	7.5	\$0
08-691	Palisades	Rockland	Harriman	Sloatsburg	02/25/10	93.3	0	93.3	\$1,000,000
07-74	Taconic	Putnam	Wonder Lake	Woodward	03/17/10	161.821	0	161.821	\$2,000,000
04-744	Finger Lakes	Cayuga	Fair Haven Beach	Tobler	04/22/10	7.92	0	7.92	\$23,800
08-723	Palisades	Orange	Schunnemunk Mountain	Schunnemunk II Parcel 2 (E)	04/26/10	0	21.79	21.79	\$130,740
08-722	Palisades	Orange	Schunnemunk Mountain	Schunnemunk II Parcel 1 (D)	04/26/10	0	34.22	34.22	\$205,000
07-712	Taconic	Columbia	Olana	Buchman	04/30/10	101.724	0	101.724	\$950,000
08-156	Palisades	Orange	Fort Montgomery	Sakmann	05/04/10	1.461	0	1.461	\$100,000
04-730	Finger Lakes	Steuben	Indian Hills Golf Course	Fee Exchange	05/05/10	0.48	0	0.48	\$0
07-728	Taconic	Dutchess	Clermont	Davis Gift	05/13/10	2.7	0	2.7	\$0
11-570	Saratoga	Montgomery	Mohawk River Trail	CSX Property	05/17/10	126.95	0	126.95	\$710,000
08-154	Palisades	Orange	Sterling Forest	Shirazi	06/09/10	61.214	0	61.214	\$1,040,000
04-749	Finger Lakes	Tompkins	Robert H Treman	Moore-Inman Donation	07/07/10	6	0	6	\$0
08-678	Palisades	Rockland	Harriman	Braen-Stone Industries, Inc.	09/29/10	328	0	328	\$2,256,668
12-667	NYC	Bronx	Roberto Clemente	DCAS	11/01/10	2.103	0	2.103	\$0
04-753	Finger Lakes	Seneca	Cayuga Lake	Van Hall Exchange	12/06/10	0.011	0	0.011	\$0
08-438	Palisades	Rockland	High Tor	High Tor Tax Parcels	12/13/10	14.209	0	14.209	\$55,900
12-699	NYC	Queens	Gantry Plaza	Queens West @ Hunters Point Gift	12/20/10	9.855	0	9.855	\$0
SUBTOTAL						925.25	56.01	981.3	\$8,472,108

	Acres Fee	Acres CE	Total Acres	Total Cost
TOTAL	8,057	92,084	100,141	\$57,768,408