

## CONCLUSION

On both the state and national level we are facing historically difficult financial times, which result in budget constraints. Accordingly, full funding for the many programs discussed in this Plan may not presently be available. Yet the benefits of open space conservation are so important to our quality of life, and to preserving irreplaceable ecological systems, that to the full extent possible funding should be continued, and as circumstances change funding should be restored and expanded.

While State land acquisition is the statutory foundation of this Plan (see e-Appendix B – Legislative Mandates) – and remains a major demand on funding needs for open space conservation – other conservation tools must be equally considered and utilized in order for us to be successful in protecting New York's magnificent open spaces.

*"The conservation of lands and waters that make our State and our nation great should always be recognized as a societal priority, even during economically difficult times. Protecting our natural heritage is not a luxury but a vital necessity." ~*

*Adirondack Council*



**2008 NEW YORK STATE  
GOVERNMENT MANAGED LANDHOLDINGS**

| Managing Government Agency    | ACRES<br>(Rounded to Nearest Thousand)  |                  | Additional Information   |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------|--|
|                               |   |                  |  |
| DEC                           | Adir & Catskill Forest Preserve   | 3,000,000        | DEC Regional and Central Offices<br><a href="http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/45478.html">www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/45478.html</a>   |
|                               | State Forest, Reforestation,<br>Multiple Use Areas &<br>Wildlife Management Areas | 776,000          |  |
|                               | Conservation Easements  | 179,000          |  |
|                               |   | 600,000          |  |
| OPRHP                         | State Parks (178)   | 324,000          | OPRHP Regional and Central Offices<br><a href="http://nysparks.state.ny.us/">http://nysparks.state.ny.us/</a>  |
|                               | Historic Sites (35)   | 7,000            |  |
| Thruway Authority             | Barge Canal Lands   | 19,000           | NYS Thruway Authority<br>Office of Canals<br>200 Southern Blvd<br>Albany, NY 12201<br><a href="http://www.nyscanals.gov/index.html">www.nyscanals.gov/index.html</a>   |
|                               | Reservoirs  | 4,000            |  |
|                               | Underwater Lands  | 13,000           |  |
| Federal                       | Wildlife Refuges  | 140,000          | US Fish & Wildlife Service<br>300 Westgate Center Drive<br>Hadley, MA 01035<br><a href="http://fws.gov/northeast">http://fws.gov/northeast</a>   |
|                               | Historic Sites<br>Recreational Facilities   |                  |  |
|                               | National Forest   | 16,000           | Finger Lakes National Forest<br>5218 State Route 414<br>Hector, NY 14841<br><a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/greenmountain/hm/fingerlakes/f_home.htm">www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/greenmountain/hm/fingerlakes/f_home.htm</a> |
| Local                         | County  | 100,000          | Appropriate County Clerk   |
|                               | City/Village  | 51,000           |  |
|                               | Town  | 45,500           |  |
| NYC Watershed                 | Fee   | 59,000           | NYC Department of Environmental Protection<br><a href="http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/watershed_protection/home.html">www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/watershed_protection/home.html</a>   |
|                               | Conservation Easement   | 32,000           |  |
| Agriculture and Markets       | Farmland Protection<br>(e.g. Purchase of Development Rights)                      | 29,000           | NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets<br><a href="http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/AP/agservices/farmprotect.html">www.agmkt.state.ny.us/AP/agservices/farmprotect.html</a>  |
| <b>Total NYS Land Acreage</b> | <b>31,106,541</b>   | <b>5,804,000</b> | <b>Total Gov't Managed Landholdings</b>  |