

RESOURCE INVENTORIES

PROGRAMS & PARTNERSHIPS

RESOURCE INVENTORIES

Our State, along with various federal agencies, develops and maintains resource inventories that can be used by local governments, interest groups and others to assist in conserving open space. Decisions about open space conservation must be based both on analysis of resource data and on citizen opinion. The inventories below identify the natural, cultural and recreational resources and protected lands maintained by federal and state agencies, which aid in decisions about what lands and resources may need further protection. This data has been available to, and used by, the staffs of DEC, OPRHP, DOS and the Regional Advisory Committees throughout the development of this Plan.

NYS GIS CLEARINGHOUSE

www.nysgis.state.ny.us

The clearinghouse contains extensive information about New York's Geographic Information System (GIS) coordinating body, the Data Sharing Cooperative, applications to view and download digital orthographic photographs, information on, and links to, GIS education and training opportunities, other state and federal GIS resources, GIS user groups throughout New York, and GIS-related list servers. Organizations and individuals interested in open space planning and conservation are encouraged to visit the web site and to join the Data Sharing Cooperative.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE MAPPER

www.dec.ny.gov/ismaps/ERM/viewer.htm

DIGITAL GIS DATA

Cornell University Geospatial Information
Repository

<http://cugir.mannlib.cornell.edu>

LAND RESOURCES

LAND TRUST ALLIANCE

www.landtrustalliance.org

The Land Trust Alliance (Alliance) of the Northeast serves as a resource center for many of the more than 80 land trusts that operate in New York State. Since 2002, the Alliance has invested \$3 million to build strong land trusts across New York State. Combined, land trusts in New York hold about 185,000 acres of land through fee and easement acquisitions. To learn more about the Alliance's work in New York State, see the New York State Conservation Partnership Program under *Programs & Partnerships* within this Plan's chapter.

CONTACT:

Land Trust Alliance – Northeast
112 Spring Street, Suite 205
Saratoga, NY 12866
Ph: (518) 587-0774
northeast@lta.org

SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL & WILDLIFE RESOURCES

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE MAPPER

www.dec.ny.gov/animals/38801.html

www.dec.ny.gov/ismaps/ERM/viewer.htm

The Environmental Resource Mapper is an interactive mapping application that can be used to identify some of New York State's natural resources and environmental features that are state protected, or of conservation concern.

NY NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DATA

www.dec.ny.gov/animals/29338.html

www.guides.nynhp.org

<http://nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/newyork>

NY Natural Heritage provides detailed information on the location, conservation, and management of rare species and significant natural communities to a broad audience of natural resource decision-makers, including land managers, local governments, and landowners. Since information on the locations of rare species is considered sensitive, data release guidelines guide the level and type of data made available in different circumstances. Subject to the provisions of these data release guidelines, NY Natural Heritage data can be obtained from NYS DEC Regional Offices as well as from the Information Services section of the NY Natural Heritage Program.

CONTACT:

Information Services
 NY Natural Heritage Program
 625 Broadway
 Albany, NY 12233-4757
 Ph: (518) 402-8935
or
 NYSDEC Regional Offices
www.dec.ny.gov/about/558.html

**COMPREHENSIVE WILDLIFE
 CONSERVATION STRATEGY**

www.dec.ny.gov/animals/30483.html

New York State's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy addresses species of greatest conservation need (SGCN) not traditionally funded for management purposes. Critical habitats, stressors/impacts to natural resources, research, survey, and restoration needs, and priority conservation actions are identified. As such, the strategy is the primary vehicle for biodiversity conservation in New York for years to come. Continued federal funding to states, begun in 2001, is critical to implementing this effort.

The Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy, which has identified more than 530 species that require conservation efforts, including birds, mammals, mollusks, freshwater and marine fish, and crustaceans identifies the role of private landowners in these conservation efforts, and recommends the creation of a habitat conservation program. The program will encourage landowners to make land use

decisions that protect and preserve important habitats, and also expand opportunities for the public to access and enjoy the abundant natural resources located on private lands.

CONTACT:

NYSDEC-DFWMR
 625 Broadway
 Albany, NY 12233-4753
 Ph:(518) 402-8920

**NYS BIODIVERSITY RESEARCH INSTITUTE
 NYS MUSEUM**

www.nysm.nysed.gov/bri

BIODIVERSITY HERITAGE LIBRARY

www.biodiversitylibrary.org

AUDUBON'S IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS

http://ny.audubon.org/BirdSci_IBAs.html

Important Bird Areas (IBAs) are sites that have been formally recognized by National Audubon Society as providing essential habitat to one or more species of breeding or non-breeding birds. The sites vary in size, but are usually discrete and distinguishable in character, habitat or ornithological importance from surrounding areas.

CONTACT:

Audubon New York
 Important Bird Areas Program
 c/o Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology
 159 Sapsucker Woods
 Ithaca, NY 14850
 Ph:(607) 254-2437

DEC'S BIRD CONSERVATION AREAS

www.dec.ny.gov/animals/30935.html

CONTACT:

NYSDEC, Division of FWMR
 Nongame and Habitat Unit
 625 Broadway
 Albany, NY 12233-4754
 Ph: (518) 402-8924

WETLANDS

NATIONAL WETLANDS INVENTORY MAPS

www.fws.gov/wetlands
www.fws.gov/wetlands/data/index.html

The most comprehensive survey of wetlands at this time is through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wetlands Inventory; recently updated for the lake plains region and parts of the Hudson Valley. Mapping was not done within the Adirondack Park.

CONTACT:

Comprehensive Survey U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory

PROTECTED WETLAND MAPS

http://cugir.mannlib.cornell.edu.

Digital data is available for those with GIS capabilities through Cornell University's Geospatial Information Repository (CUGIR).

STATE REGULATORY FRESHWATER WETLANDS (Outside of Adirondack Park)

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/4937.html

NYS regulates and has mapped freshwater wetlands that are 12.4 acres in size or larger, and certain smaller wetlands of unusual local importance. Wetland maps are available at DEC offices, local government offices, and are shown on the Environmental Resource Mapper (*www.dec.ny.gov/animals/38801.html*) on the DEC web site.

ADIRONDACK PARK FRESHWATER WETLANDS

www.apa.state.ny.us/Research/epa_projects.htm

CONTACT:

Adirondack Park Agency
 P.O. Box 99
 Ray Brook, NY 12977
 Ph: (518) 891-3938

TIDAL WETLANDS

Inventory information for tidal wetlands was collected for the Tidal Wetlands regulatory program using 1974 aerial imagery. Limited tidal wetlands trends analysis work has been completed for tidal wetland complexes in the marine district, and efforts are currently underway to advance the trends analysis work.

CONTACT:

NYSDEC, Bureau of Marine Resources
 205 N Belle Meade Road, Suite 1
 East Setauket, NY 11733
 Ph: (631) 444-0465

PUBLIC FOREST LANDS

ADIRONDACK & CATSKILL FOREST PRESERVE MAPS

www.apa.state.ny.us

The Adirondack and Catskill Forest Preserve consists of lands owned by New York State within the Adirondack and Catskill regions under the management of DEC's Division of Lands & Forests. Forest Preserve lands are protected as "forever wild" by Article XIV, Section 1 of the State Constitution. Forest Preserve lands are acquired for the preservation of open space and for public recreation. In the Adirondack Park, there are 2,700,000 acres of Forest Preserve. The Catskill Park contains 281,000 acres of Forest Preserve lands.

CONTACT:

DEC offices in Regions 3, 4, 5 and 6
and

NYS DEC, Division of Lands & Forests
 Forest Preserve Bureau
 625 Broadway
 Albany, New York 12233-4255
 Ph: (518) 473-9518

NYS ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

www.apa.state.ny.us

In 1971 the NYS Adirondack Park Agency (APA) was created by the State Legislature to develop long-range land use plans for both public and private lands within the Park. Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) legislative mandate to provide long-range planning for State lands within the Park. The APSLMP provides guidelines for acquisitions of State lands within the region.

CONTACT:

www.apa.state.ny.us
 NYS Adirondack Park Agency
 P.O. Box 99
 1133 NYS Route 86
 Ray Brook, NY 12977
 Ph: (518) 891-4050

STATE FORESTS

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/40672.html

State Forests are lands owned by New York State under the management of the DEC's Division of Lands and Forests. These lands are acquired pursuant to Title 5 of Article 9 of the ECL for open space and watershed protection, timber production and recreation. There are 776,000 acres of State Forests across New York State.

CONTACT:

NYS DEC

Bureau of State Land Management
625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4255
Ph: (518) 402-9428

RECREATION

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7768.html

Our State has more than 85 Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) across the state that are designated for hunting, fishing, hiking and wildlife watching. These are public lands managed by DEC; and are among our State's forests, open fields, streams, ponds, wetlands and scenic vistas, which includes more than 200,000 acres – including 124, 000 acres of upland and 53,000 acres of wetland.

CONTACT:

NYSDEC Bureau of Wildlife
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-4755
Ph: (518) 402-8924

MOTORIZED ACCESS PERMIT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (MAPPWD)

www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/34035.html

NYSDEC, 625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-4255
Ph: (518) 402-9428

STATE OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES INVENTORY

http://nysparks.state.ny.us/hist/

NYS OPRHP – Bureau of Planning
Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 1223
Ph: (518) 486-2909

STATE LANDS INTERACTIVE MAP

www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/45415.html

The State Recreational Lands Interactive Mapper shows most recreational trails, parking lots and access points in DEC regions 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9, along with a statewide trail dataset for MAPPWD (Motorized Access Permit for People With Disabilities). Trails shown are DEC officially recognized trails on lands managed by the Division of Lands and Forests, mainly on State Forests and Forest Preserve lands.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

STATE & NATIONAL REGISTERS OF HISTORIC PLACES

The State and National Registers of Historic Places programs provide listings of historic resources of national, state and local significance. In New York State, OPRHP coordinates statewide historic preservation efforts, administers State owned historic sites and facilities, and along with the New York State Museum, maintains an inventory of archaeological sites. Historic site and historic preservation data may be accessed by:

CONTACT:

http://nysparks.state.ny.us/shpo/
http://nysparks.state.ny.us/shpo/state/map.htm
NYS OPRHP – Bureau of Historic Sites
Peebles Island, Waterford, NY 12188-0189
Ph: (518) 237-8643

STATE HERITAGE AREAS

http://nysparks.state.ny.us/heritage/herit_area.asp
Over 25 years after the development of the Urban Cultural Park system, there are 18 active Heritage Areas encompassing over 400 municipalities. The system remains the oldest and one of the largest, statewide heritage systems in the country.

CONTACT:

NYS OPRHP – Heritage Areas
Peebles Island, Waterford, NY 12188-0189
Ph: (518) 237-8643

NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS

www.cr.nps.gov/heritageareas/FAQ/INDEX.HTM

ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

<http://nysparks.state.ny.us/hist/>
 Archeological data may be accessed through NYS OPRHP. Many local museums, universities and colleges can also provide information on archaeological resources.

CONTACT:

NYS OPRHP
 Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau
 Peebles Island, NY 12188-0189

and

New York State Museum
 Anthropological Services, CEC 3097
 Albany, NY 12230

GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

www.nysm.nysed.gov/gis/
 The State Geologist, in cooperation with the NYS Geological Society and the geology departments at many of the state's colleges and universities, has identified many areas of geologic importance for study and research.

CONTACT:

State Geological Survey
 State Education Department
 Albany, New York 12230
www.nysm.nysed.gov/staff

PRIVATE WORKING LANDS

CONSERVATION EASEMENT DATABASE

A database of conservation easements held by not-for-profit organizations and by DEC are maintained by:

CONTACT:

NYS DEC – Bureau of Real Property
 625 Broadway
 Albany, NY 12233-4256
 Ph:(518) 402-9442

AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT & MAPS

Inventory and maps of agricultural districts and area under Agriculture & Markets Law Article 25-AA (*see Programs & Partnerships*).

CONTACT:

NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets
 10B Airline Drive
 Albany, NY 12235
www.agmkt.state.ny.us.

and

Cornell University's Institute for Resource Information Systems
 County Planning Offices
 County Cooperative Extension
 County Soil and Water Conservation District
 Natural Resources Conservation Service Offices

WATER RESOURCES

ADIRONDACK LAKES SURVEY

www.adirondacklakessurvey.org

Water analysis on chemical and biological parameters have been conducted by the Adirondack Lake Survey Corporation (ALSC) on 1,469 waters in the Adirondacks and 223 waters in the Hudson Highlands, Catskills and Rensselaer Plateau regions of the state. ALSC was originally developed as a cooperative effort between DEC and The Empire State Electric Energy Research Corporation in 1983. In addition to the Adirondack Lake Survey Corporation's efforts, chemical, biological and physical data, collected in field surveys since the 1930's for each of the state's 18 watersheds, serve as the basis for development of DEC's Biological Survey database of the state's aquatic resources.

WILD, SCENIC & RECREATIONAL RIVERS

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/32739.html

The Wild Scenic and Recreational River System Act establishes a means of providing protection for river corridors from development through land use controls. Rivers are placed in the system by legislative enactment. Regulated corridors are administered by the DEC except for private lands within the Adirondack Park where the Adirondack Park Agency has administrative responsibility. DEC regulations implementing the program are found at 6 NYCRR Part 666.

CONTACT:

NYSDEC – Bureau of Habitat
 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4756
 Ph:(518) 402-8920

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

WILD, SCENIC & RECREATIONAL RIVERS

www.apa.state.ny.us/Regulations/index.html

www.apa.state.ny.us/Documents/Flyers/WSR%20rivers.pdf

PROTECTION OF WATERS

www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6042.html
www.dec.ny.gov/regs/2485.html
www.dec.ny.gov/animals/38801.html

STREAM CLASSIFICATIONS

www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6033.html

The policy of New York State as set forth in Title 5 of Article 15 of the ECL is to preserve and protect state waters including streams. The Protection of Waters Program regulates four categories:

- 1) Disturbances of the bed or banks of a protected stream (streams classified as AA, A, B, or C(t) or C(ts);
- 2) construction and maintenance of dams or Impoundment structures;
- 3) construction, reconstruction, or repair of docks and installation of mooring structures in, on or above navigable waters lying above underwater lands not owned by the State; and
- 4) excavation and/or filling in navigable waters.

Any regulated activity described and to be undertaken on a protected stream requires a permit from DEC.

FLOODPLAIN – MAPS

<http://msc.fema.gov>

Article 36 of the ECL requires the State and local communities to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. For the purpose of reducing flood hazards and losses and to enable communities to regulate development in floodplains, the federal government has identified flood prone areas. There are 1,419 flood prone communities with over 26,000 miles of rivers, streams and shorelines affected. Maps and a status listing of all affected communities are on file in:

CONTACT:

NYSDEC Regional Offices
www.dec.ny.gov/about/558.html
 DEC, Bureau of Flood Protection
 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233
 Ph: (518) 402-8151

AQUIFER RECHARGE AREA – MAPS

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/36064.html
www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/water/swap.htm
 Article 15 of the ECL calls for the prohibition of incompatible uses over federally designated sole source aquifers. Map sets locating the boundaries of the 18 primary aquifers as designated by the NYS Department of Health can be viewed at:

CONTACT:

NYSDEC
 Bureau of Water Resource Management
 625 Broadway
 Albany, NY 12233-3508
 Ph: (518) 402-8086

LONG ISLAND AQUIFER – MAPS

NYS DEC, Region 1
 SUNY @ Stony Brook
 50 Circle Road
 Stony Brook, NY 11790-3409
 Ph: (631) 444-0405

COASTAL & ESTUARINE RESOURCES

www.nyswaterfronts.com

The Department of State has developed a variety of GIS data to support the State's Coastal Management Program and Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs (LWRPs), which are prepared and implemented in cooperation with local governments. GIS digital data sets for the State's coastal area boundary, the coastal non-point pollution control program boundary, designated significant coastal fish and wildlife habitats and scenic areas of statewide significance (SASS), and benthic habitats of the south shore estuary of Long Island can be viewed at:

NYS GIS Clearinghouse

www.nysgis.state.ny.us
 and
 NYS Department of State
 Division of Coastal Resources
 99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1010
 Albany, NY 12231-0001
 Ph: (518) 474-6000

COASTAL EROSION HAZARD AREA – MAPS

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/28923.html
www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish_marine_pdf/draftguidprotshoreline.pdf

Natural protective features are found in coastal erosion hazard areas as defined pursuant to Section 34-0104 of the ECL. These natural protective features include beaches, dunes, bluffs, shoals and barrier islands and serve to maintain and stabilize the quality of contiguous and associated saline and fresh waters. Maps of coastal erosion hazard areas are **on file** in:

NYSDEC Regional Offices
www.dec.ny.gov/about/558.html
 and
 DEC, Bureau of Flood Protection
 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233
 Ph: (518) 402-8151

PROGRAMS & PARTNERSHIPS

Many of the programs and partnerships listed below overlap in addressing the recommended actions for the four focused priorities identified in the 2009 Plan.

LAND TRUST ALLIANCE NEW YORK STATE CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

www.landtrustalliance.org/community/Regions/northeast/nyscpp

Created in 2001, the New York State Conservation Partnership Program is a collaboration between Land Trust Alliance and DEC that provides competitive matching grants and technical assistance to New York land trusts. Through this program, non-profit land trust organizations operating in New York State are eligible to receive competitive matching investments in four categories:

- ▶ Capacity & Excellence Grants;
- ▶ Conservation Catalyst Grants;
- ▶ Transaction Grants; and
- ▶ Professional Development Grants.

Funded projects help preserve land and natural resources prioritized in this Plan. To date, the Partnership Program has leveraged millions of dollars for land conservation, conserving more than 10,000 acres and creating a national model for capacity building and community-based conservation.

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Land Trust Alliance – Northeast
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 Saratoga, NY 12866
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RESPONDING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Adaptation Strategy for Natural Resources

Potential impacts of climate change on our natural resources include habitat loss, habitat degradation, change in timing of biological functions, and harm to populations of fish and wildlife. State fish and wildlife agencies will be challenged to manage populations and ecosystems in the face of these changes and uncertainties about how ecological systems will adapt. The Division of Fish, Wildlife, and Marine Resources needs to gather existing data on baseline condition of habitats and species, population trends, and projections of impacts from climate change in order to draft adaptation strategies, monitor impacts, and mitigate expected impacts.

CONTACT:

NYSDEC

Division of Fish, Wildlife & Marine Resources
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-4756
Ph: (518) 402-8877

Protecting Our Coastlines

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS' ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

**Hudson-Raritan Ecosystem
Environmental Restoration Study & Map**
[www.nan.usace.army.mil/harbor/links/
pamphlet.pdf](http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/harbor/links/pamphlet.pdf)
[www.nan.usace.army.mil/harbor/maps/
graphics/hrel.pdf](http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/harbor/maps/graphics/hrel.pdf)

The Hudson-Raritan Estuary of New York and New Jersey is more than 42,000 square kilometers, making it one of the largest estuaries on the East coast. With more than 20 million residents living nearby, it is also one of the most urbanized, and home to the Port of New York and New Jersey, a major hub of

commerce vital to the regional economy. An estuary is defined as an area where fresh water from rivers mixes with the salt water of the sea. Fresh water is supplied to the Hudson-Raritan Estuary from its major tributaries: the Hudson, Hackensack, Passaic and Raritan Rivers, which drain major watersheds of New York and New Jersey. For almost 400 years, the estuary and its watershed have been transformed by industrialization and residential growth, resulting in adverse physical, chemical and biological impacts on both the waters of the estuary and its surrounding land.

In 1999, Congress directed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct an estuary-wide environmental restoration study throughout the New York and New Jersey estuary. This study, known as the Hudson-Raritan Estuary Ecosystem Restoration Study, or simply the HRE Study, is co-sponsored by the Corps and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The goal of the study is to develop a long-term Comprehensive Restoration Plan of environmental improvements that would help restore the ecological value and richness of this nationally important resource.

The Hudson-Raritan Estuary Ecosystem Restoration Project (HREERP) is being carried out under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers General Investigations (GI) Program in coordination with The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey. The goals of the study are to establish, restore, and enhance ecological systems throughout the NY/NJ Harbor Estuary to self-sustainable levels.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

NYS SEA LEVEL RISE TASK FORCE
www.dec.ny.gov/energy/45202.html

The NYS Sea Level Rise Task Force was created by the state Legislature in 2007 to assess impacts to the state's coastlines from sea level rise and to recommend protective and adaptive measures for coastal communities and natural

habitats. A report of recommendations will be complete by December 31, 2009.

HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/4920.html

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5091.html

The Hudson River Estuary Program leads a unique regional partnership to restore the Hudson in ways that support the quality of life so valued by Hudson Valley residents. The mission of the program is to: conserve the natural resources for which the Hudson is legendary; promote public use and enjoyment of the river; and clean up the pollution that affects our ability to use and enjoy it [See USFWS, DEC, TNC & Cornell University's PATHWAY partnership project under Responding to Climate Change – Establishing Riparian Buffers & Wetland Protections' – Recommended Actions].

CONTACT:

The Hudson River Estuary Program
 NYSDEC Region 3
 21 S Putt Corners Rd
 New Paltz, NY 12561
 Ph: (845) 256-3016

**HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY
 BIODIVERSITY OUTREACH**

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5094.html

Since 1996, the DEC Hudson River Estuary Program has focused on the biologically rich uplands of the Estuary's watershed. To help combat development sprawl, the Hudson River Estuary Biodiversity Project expanded its earlier mission of conducting biological inventories to community outreach in 2001. The Projects helps partners identify their biological resources, helps them understand their importance, and identify tools and techniques for conservation. Most often information is integrated into an existing local initiative, like a comprehensive plan, open space or watershed plan. The Estuary Biodiversity Project currently has partnerships with more than 70 town governments, land trusts, county agencies and conservation groups. The Program focuses on the 10 counties that border the Hudson from Troy to New York City.

CONTACT:

The Hudson River Estuary Program
 NYSDEC Region 3

21 S Putt Corners Rd
 New Paltz, NY 12561
 Ph: (845) 256-3016

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
 NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAMS**

PECONIC ESTUARY

www.peconicestuary.org

The Peconic Estuary, located on the eastern tip of Long Island, has been designated as an "Estuary of National Significance" under the USEPA National Estuary Program, and the Peconic Estuary Program (PEP) was formed to help protect and restore the estuary and its natural resources. The program implements a watershed-based Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP). Through implementation of the Peconic CCMP, partners work together to carry out several nutrient, pathogen, and toxic management, habitat and living resource, and critical land protection initiatives. The PEP maintains a Critical Land Protection Plan (CLPP) and strategy which prioritizes all available properties in the watershed by assessing their conservation and ecological value.

CONTACT:

NYSDEC, Bureau of Marine Resource
 205 N Belle Meade Road, Suite 1
 East Setauket, NY 11733-3456
 Ph: (631) 444-0871

**NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY
 HARBOR ESTUARY**

www.harborestuary.org

The NY/NJ Harbor Estuary Program was established as a National Estuary Program in 1987 as cooperative effort between New York, New Jersey and USEPA to develop and implement a Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP). The CCMP focuses on efforts to preserve, restore and protect habitat and water quality, promote stewardship and public access, education and involvement among other priorities. Since the inception of the program, over 97 million dollars have been dedicated for land acquisition and restoration.

CONTACT:

NY/NJ Harbor Estuary Program

290 Broadway, 24th Floor
 NY, NY 10007-1866
 Ph: (212) 637-3889

**LONG ISLAND SOUND
 STUDY & STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE**

www.longislandsoundstudy.net
*www.longislandsoundstudy.net/stewardship/
 index.htm*

The Long Island Sound Study (LISS) is a collaborative effort with the State of Connecticut and EPA to protect and restore the Sound. Through the Long Island Sound Study's Stewardship Initiative, 33 areas of exemplary scientific, educational, biological, and/or recreational values were identified along the coastline of Long Island Sound in both NY and CT; 16 of the sites identified were in NY. Projects for developing partnerships with communities and landowners to protect these areas through land acquisitions and other activities have begun. In 2006, Congress passed and signed into law the 2006 Long Island Sound Stewardship Act. Through this act, money can be appropriated to activities that protect these important recreational and ecological areas in Long Island Sound.

CONTACT:

NYSDEC, Bureau of Marine Resources
 205 N. Belle Mead Road, Suite 1
 East Setauket, NY 11733-3456
 Ph: (631) 444-0467

**LONG ISLAND SOUTH SHORE
 ESTUARY RESERVE**

www.estuary.cog.ny.us/

The South Shore Estuary Reserve (SSER) and guiding Council were established in 1993 by NYS Executive Law in an effort to help better protect and manage Long Islands southern bays (Hempstead Bay to Shinnecock Bay) and their watersheds. Administered by DOS, the 2001 SSER Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) focuses on nonpoint source remediation, water quality monitoring, biological studies, brown tide, habitat restoration and shellfish restoration. DEC and DOS are developing an Ecosystem Based Management Plan for Great South Bay, as a pilot project under the New York Ocean and Great Lakes Ecosystem Based

Management Initiative.

CONTACT:

South Shore Estuary Reserve Office
 300 Woodcleft Avenue
 Freeport, NY 11520
 Ph:(516) 470-BAYS
 email:staff@estuary.cog.ny.us

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

COASTAL & INLAND WATERWAYS

www.waterfronts.org

The Department of State (DOS) administers New York State's Coastal and Inland Waterways Program, which was established to conserve and properly use coastal and inland water resources. In 1981, the Department developed a Coastal Management Program and enacted implementing legislation. The program is based on a set of 44 coastal policies that guide management actions at all levels of government in New York and assists in ensuring appropriate use and protection of coasts and waterways. Under the following coastal programs, DOS works with federal, state, and local agencies:

- Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs
- Harbor Management Plans
- Inter-Municipal Watershed Management Plans
- Coastal Erosion

CONTACT:

NYS Department of State
 Division of Coastal Resources
 99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1010
 Albany, NY 12231-0001
 Ph: (518) 474-6000

***Establishing Riparian Buffers
 & Wetland Protections***

**DEPARTMENT OF
 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

TIDAL WETLAND REGULATORY INITIATIVE

Under the Tidal Wetlands Act, Article 25 of the ECL, NYSDEC implements a regulatory program designed to protect and preserve NY's tidal

wetlands. Through the Tidal Wetlands Regulatory Initiative, NYSDEC seeks to coordinate consistent regulatory implementation between Regions. Policy and guidance documents are currently being developed through this initiative to improve the overall delivery of the regulatory program and support more effective protection of tidal wetlands.

CONTACT:

Marine Habitat Protection
 NYSDEC, Bureau of Marine Resources
 205 N Belle Mead Road, Suite 1
 East Setauket, NY 11733-3456
 Ph: (631) 444-0430

FRESHWATER WETLANDS PROTECTION

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5124.html
www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5138.html

The policy of New York State as set forth in Title 23 of Article 24 of the ECL is to preserve and protect freshwater wetlands. The NYS Freshwater Wetlands Program protects all wetlands of 12.4 acres or greater in size, as well as wetlands that are smaller than 12.4 acres but are designated as of Unusual Local Importance. In addition a 100 foot buffer around each wetland is protected. Wetlands regulated under this program are shown on maps available at DEC Offices, and local government offices. These maps show the approximate location of regulated wetland boundaries. Final wetland boundaries are determined through an on site delineation. Any regulated activity to be undertaken in a regulated freshwater wetland requires a permit from DEC. Potential activities in close proximity to mapped wetland boundaries should check with the DEC Regional Office to confirm the activity is outside the regulated wetland. Information on permit requirements for particular wetlands may be obtained at the local DEC Regional office:

CONTACT:

DEC Regional Offices
 - See Appendix -
 or
 NYSDEC - FWMR
 Bureau of Habitat
 625 Broadway
 Albany, NY 12233-4756
 Ph: (518) 402-8903

SENTINEL TIDAL WETLAND MONITORING

DEC's Bureau of Marine Resources is installing Surface Elevation Tables (SET's) in 6 tidal wetland complexes, as part of an interdisciplinary long term monitoring project to research wetland loss. Recent work by Bureau staff have indicated vegetated wetland loss rates of 1/2 - 3/4 of an acre per year in each wetland complex. Additional SET's are being installed by other partners throughout the marine district to gain a better understanding of the sedimentation rates in our tidal wetlands, identify migration rates, and assess how wetlands are being affected by sea level rise.

CONTACT:

NYSDEC, Bureau of Marine Resources
 205 N Belle Mead Road, Suite 1
 East Setauket, NY 11733-3456
 Ph: (631) 444-0430

FEDERAL WETLANDS RESERVE

www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp

The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) is a voluntary program of the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS). The program provides financial incentives to private landowners and Tribes for restoration and protection of up to 3.04 million acres of wetlands. Technical assistance is also provided to help develop restoration and management plans. Three contract options are available: 1) permanent easement where 100% of the easement value and up to 100% of the restoration costs are paid; 2) a 30 year easement where up to 75% of the easement value and up to 75% of the restoration costs are paid; or 3) a restoration agreement where an easement is not purchased, but up to 75% of restoration costs are paid and the landowner agrees to maintain compatible practices for 10 years or more. Further, an easement can not be created on land that has changed ownership in the last 7 years.

RIPARIAN BUFFERS

NYSDEC-FWMR, Bureau of Habitat
 625 Broadway
 Albany, NY 12233-4756
 Ph: (518) 402-8874

**OCEAN & GREAT LAKES
ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION COUNCIL**
www.nyoglecc.org

HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY
www.dec.ny.gov/lands/4920.html

LAKE CHAMPLAIN BASIN
www.lcbp.org

LONG ISLAND SOUND RIPARIAN TOOLBOX
www.hydroqual.com/projects/riparian/index.htm

NYS GREAT LAKES
www.dec.ny.gov/lands/25562.html

**LAKE GEORGE WATERSHED
CONFERENCE OFFICE**
c/o Lake George Village
26 Old Post Road
Lake George, NY 12845
Ph: (518) 461-2200
e-mail: lg2000@nycap.rr.com

Promoting Sustainable Forestry

**DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

GREEN CERTIFICATION
www.dec.ny.gov/lands/42947.html

In January 2008, State Forests managed by DEC'S Bureau of State Land Management became "green certified" from the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI); two organizations internationally recognized for establishing forest management standards. With this recognition, DEC has demonstrated that the forests under its care are managed to the highest sustainability requirements. More than 780,000 acres have been set aside as State Forests throughout New York. Green certification means that the millions of dollars of forest products harvested annually from these acres are eligible to carry the FSC and SFI labels, which are in increasing demand in the marketplace. Along with growing some of the

best timber in New York, DEC foresters continue their long tradition of managing State Forests to benefit everyone in a variety of ways.

CONTACT:

NYSDEC
Bureau of State Land Management
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-4255
Ph: (518) 408-0978

FOREST STEWARDSHIP

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/45934.html

The Forest Stewardship Program authorized by the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, encourages the long-term stewardship of non-industrial private forest lands by assisting owners of such lands to more actively manage their forest and related resources by utilizing State, Federal and private sector resource management expertise and assistance programs. A cornerstone of the program is the availability of technical assistance to help private forest owners develop a Landowner Forest Stewardship Management Plan to guide them in the use and management of their lands. These plans are based upon goals and objectives that individual owners have for their properties. DEC'S Division of Lands & Forests cooperates with the USDA Forest Service to implement New York's Forest Stewardship Program, becoming one of the most significant initiatives in providing technical and educational assistance to over 80,000 private forest owners who collectively control 14.4 million acres of forest lands in our State. To date, over 2 million acres of Forest Stewardship Plans have been developed by foresters and natural resource professionals for private forest land owners.

CONTACT:

NYSDEC - Bureau of Private Land Services
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-4253
Ph: (518) 402-9425

*Promoting Urban Forestry
& Green Infrastructure*

**URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY
COST-SHARE GRANTS**

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/4957.html

DEC's Urban and Community Forestry Program (U&CF Program) provides the leadership, in cooperation with states, for improving and expanding urban forest ecosystems in the nation's 45,000 towns and cities where 80% of the population of our country resides. The program provides leadership for state of the art technology and grants to urban areas to improve their quality of life through tree planting, maintenance and urban tree protection actions.

CONTACT:

NYSDEC – Bureau of Private Land Services
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-4253
Ph: (518) 402-9425

**NYS URBAN & COMMUNITY
FORESTRY COUNCIL**

www.nysurbanforestrycouncil.com/

The New York State Urban and Community Forestry Council is an organized volunteer group. The Council's major funding is supplied through the USDA Forest Service and supplemented by membership dues and independent contributions.

***NYS ENERGY RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY (NYSERDA)***

www.nyserda.org

www.nyserda.org/programs/Environment/EMEP/project/6681_25/6681_25_project_update.pdf

www.nyserda.org/programs/Environment/EMEP/home.asp

http://ccir.ciesin.columbia.edu/nyc/links_impacts_heat.html

**FOSTERING GREEN,
HEALTHY COMMUNITIES**

*Providing Watershed &
Water Quality Protections*

**DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

WATERSHED CONSERVATION

Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS) strove to fulfill the original goals of the 1972 Clean Water Act – fishable, swimmable, and safe waters for all Americans. The initial purpose of the WRAPS was to develop/compile and document a strategy for a watershed that brought together all appropriate agencies and stakeholders to focus support in the form of grant dollars, technical assistance, and other resources to address the priority water and natural resource needs in that watershed.

The Watershed Conservation Program in the Division of Fish, Wildlife, and Marine Resources has since built on the successful partnering effort of the WRAPS and collaboratively expanded the scope of Strategies and similar planning processes. Specifically, stakeholder involvement has been increased, natural resource components have been expanded beyond water quality issues, strategies for implementation beyond remediation/restoration have been identified, and strategies have been developed from a landscape, rather than site specific, perspective.

CONTACT:

NYSDEC DFWMR
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-4756
Ph: (518) 402-8877

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Stormwater management focuses on controlling the flow of water from rain or melting snow from rooftops, paved areas, sloped lawns and bare soil and into rivers and streams. Left unchecked, such runoff transports a variety of substances –

soil, animal waste, salt, pesticides, fertilizers, oil and grease, debris and other potential pollutants – to streams and lakes where their impacts reduce fish and aquatic life, threaten drinking water supplies and discourage recreational use. The US EPA estimates that urban/suburban and construction sources of stormwater runoff contributes to half of all impaired waterways. Stormwater permits which rely on a wide range of practices to reduce and control stormwater runoff are the cornerstone of the DEC stormwater management program.

CONTACT:

NYSDEC Division of Water
Bureau of Water Permits
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233
Ph: (518) 402-8111

WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Under the Environmental Protection Fund, New Yorkers have worked together to restore, preserve and protect our state's valuable environmental resources by funding Water Quality Improvement Projects (WQIP). The Department periodically issues a call for projects, evaluates applications, and ranks projects for funding under the WQIP process. Funds are used for projects that demonstrate direct environmental benefits that will help reduce polluted runoff, improve water quality, and restore habitat in New York State waters.

CONTACT:

NYSDEC Division of Water
Bureau of Program Services
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233
Ph: (518) 402-8236

MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

Any discharge of wastewater – including municipal wastewater – to the waters of the state requires a discharge permit. These permits are necessary to limit the impact of these discharges on the receiving waters and insure that aquatic life, recreation and other uses are protected. Municipal wastewater permits require a minimum level of wastewater treatment for all facilities, and enhanced treatment where necessary to meet water quality standards.

Technical assistance, as well as compliance and enforcement programs, help assure that permit limits are being met.

CONTACT:

NYSDEC Division of Water
Bureau of Water Permits
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233
Ph: (518) 402-8111

PECONIC ESTUARY

www.peconicestuary.org

CONTACT:

NYSDEC, Bureau of Marine Resource
205 N. Belle Meade Road, Suite 1
East Setauket, NY 11733-3456
Ph: (631) 444-0871

NY/NJ HARBOR ESTUARY

www.harborestuary.org

CONTACT:

NY/NJ Harbor Estuary Program
290 Broadway, 24th Floor
NY, NY 10007-1866
Ph: (212) 637-3889

LONG ISLAND SOUND STUDY

www.longislandsoundstudy.net

CONTACT:

NYSDEC – Bureau of Marine Resources
205 N. Belle Mead Road, Suite 1
East Setauket, NY 11733-3456
Ph: (631) 444-0467

LONG ISLAND

SOUTH SHORE ESTUARY RESERVE

www.estuary.cog.ny.us/

CONTACT:

South Shore Estuary Reserve Office
300 Woodcleft Avenue
Freeport, NY 11520
Ph:(516) 470-BAYS
email:staff@estuary.cog.ny.us

HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/4920.html

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5091.html

CONTACT:

Hudson River Estuary Program
NYSDEC Region 3

21 S Putt Corners Rd
 New Paltz, NY 12561
 Ph: (845) 256-3016

NYS GREAT LAKES
www.dec.ny.gov/lands/25562.html

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & MARKETS

**AGRICULTURAL NONPOINT SOURCE
 ABATEMENT & CONTROL**

Our State's Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Grant Program (Ag NPS Grant Program), administered by the Department of Agriculture and Markets (DAM) in conjunction with the DEC, is a competitive program that assists farmers in abating and preventing water pollution from agricultural activities by providing technical assistance and financial incentives. County Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) are the only entity eligible to apply for the Ag NPS Grant Program Funds.

CONTACT:
 NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets
 10B Airline Drive
 Albany, NY 12235
 Ph: (518) 457-2713

LAKE CHAMPLAIN BASIN
www.lcbp.org

**NEW YORK OCEAN & GREAT LAKES
 ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION COUNCIL**
www.nyoglecc.org

The New York Ocean and Great Lakes Ecosystem Conservation Council, created by state law, is charged with defining and implementing an adaptive, ecosystem-based management approach to improve the health of coastal ecosystems. The Council consists of nine member agencies with responsibility for managing a broad range of human activities that impact ecosystem health. The Council's main activities include integrating ecosystem-based management principles into agency programs and building management tools and the capacity to use them among agencies, stakeholders and other parties.

CONTACT:
 New York Ocean & Great Lakes
 Ecosystem Conservation Council
 99 Washington Avenue
 Albany, NY 12231
 Ph: (518) 474-6000

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

COASTAL NONPOINT POLLUTION CONTROL
www.nyswaterfronts.com

NY's Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program (CNPCP) unites DEC's water quality management expertise with DOS's coastal land use management expertise in addressing nonpoint pollution from a broad array of sources that impact or may impact coastal water quality. The contribution of open space to controlling non-point source pollution is recognized in this program.

**INTERMUNICIPAL
 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT**

Municipalities may apply for funding under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) to prepare intermunicipal watershed management plans to control non-point pollution and foster appropriate development and open space protection in a watershed. Implementation grants are available to municipalities under the Environmental Protection Fund.

CONTACT:
 NYS Department of State
 Division of Coastal Resources
 99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1010
 Albany, NY 12231-0001
 Ph: (518) 474-6000

- See *Protecting Our Coastlines*
 for additional program information -

*Providing Waterfront Access,
Urban Greenways & Trailways*

**DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

WATERFRONT RECREATION

Fishing and boating (both motorized and non-motorized) have been demonstrated to be an outstanding mechanism to get New Yorkers back in touch with the outdoor world. Given the fact that public access to the waters of the state are not guaranteed and the availability of waterfront property necessary for public access projects is limited, focus must be given to developing new public access to waters that are currently private, developing access on waterfront lands the DEC currently owns and modernizing existing public access sites. In addition to ramps and hand-launching facilities for boats, waterway access must also include fishing piers and shoreline improvements accessible to all New Yorkers regardless of their physical abilities.

CONTACT:

NYSDEC – Bureau of Fisheries
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233
Ph: (518) 402-8924

FEDERAL SPORT FISH RESTORATION

www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7923.html

The Federal Aid in Sportfish Restoration act, commonly known as the Wallop-Breaux Act, provides Federal aid to the States for management and restoration of fish having "material value in connection with sport or recreation in the marine and/or fresh waters of the United States." In addition, amendments to the Act provide funds to the states for aquatic education, wetlands restoration, boat safety and clean vessel sanitation devices (pumpouts), and a nontrailerable boat program. The fund is derived from an excise tax on certain types of sportfishing tackle and boating equipment, an import duty on fishing tackle, yachts and pleasure craft, and a portion of motorboat fuel tax revenues and small engine fuel taxes. Funds are allocated to the states based on the number of licensed anglers and land area in particular

state. New York receives about \$9 million annually which is currently committed to the management and protection of aquatic resources, development and rehabilitation of boating and fishing access sites and aquatic education.

CONTACT:

NYSDEC – Bureau of Fisheries
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233
Ph: (518) 402-8924

PUBLIC FISHING RIGHTS

www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7746.html

Purchasing permanent fishing easements (or in some cases fee title) on privately owned streambanks make critical contributions to providing public access to some of the best salmonid fisheries in the northeastern United States. Fisherman parking areas as well as "rights-of-way" are also needed to complement the easements.

CONTACT:

NYSDEC – Bureau of Fisheries
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233
Ph: (518) 402-8924

I FISH NY

The I FISH NY program was developed by DEC with the primary goal of increasing fishing participation in New York State. This will be accomplished by increasing public awareness of the outstanding fishing opportunities available in New York; providing information on the fishing techniques/skills necessary to make best use of these opportunities; increasing knowledge of the fish and aquatic resources of New York State; and improving fishing opportunities in suburban and urban areas of New York State where the bulk of the State's population resides.

CONTACT:

NYSDEC – Bureau of Fisheries
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233
Ph: (518) 402-8924

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION
& HARBOR MANAGEMENT**

www.nyswaterfronts.org

The Department of State is involved in a wide variety of programs and initiatives that help revitalize, promote and protect New York's waterfronts. Over the past 20 years, the Division has worked with hundreds of local governments and communities to prepare Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs (LWRPs). A LWRP is a locally prepared, comprehensive land and water use plan for a community's natural, public, working waterfront, and developed waterfront resources. It provides a comprehensive framework within which critical waterfront issues can be addressed.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLANS

Harbor Management Plans (HMPs) are prepared as components of LWRPs to improve management of their harbors. HMPs by taking a hard look at the resources, conflicts, congestion and competition for space in New York's harbors and balance the interests of all uses of harbor resources. These plans consider local and regional needs and address issues related to commercial shipping and fishing, dredging, recreational boating and fishing, natural resource protection, and other matters affecting harbors.

CONTACT:

NYS Department of State
Division of Coastal Resources
99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1010
Albany, NY 12231-0001
Ph: (518) 474-6000

**OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION
& HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

NYS HERITAGE AREAS

http://nysparks.state.ny.us/heritage/herit_area.asp

The Heritage Area System (formerly known as the Urban Cultural Park System) is a state-local partnership established to preserve and develop areas that have special significance to New York

State. From the Great Lakes to the eastern tip of Long Island, the Heritage Areas encompass some of the state's most significant natural, historic, and cultural resources, as well as the people and programs that keep them vital.

NYS HERITAGE TRAILS

http://nysparks.state.ny.us/heritage/trails/

A series of thematic Heritage topics have been established in New York State to connect historic sites and museums and help visitors discover the unique history of the state. This program of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, was developed to highlight significant statewide historical themes – the Revolutionary War, Women, Underground Railroad and Theodore Roosevelt. A major goal of the program is to promote heritage tourism by strengthening existing tourist destinations and fostering new ones.

By linking and interpreting sites thematically, visitors will gain a more comprehensive understanding of the state's important role in the history of our nation and will be encouraged to visit more sites. The program also promotes collaboration among local communities and regional organizations to make the sites more accessible and marketable.

CONTACT:

NYS OPRHP – Empire State Plaza
Agency Building 1
Albany NY, 12238
Ph: (518) 474-0456
Ph: (518) 486-1899 TDD

NYS Historic Preservation Office
Peebles Island Resource Center
P.O. Box 189
Waterford, NY 12188-0189
Ph: (518) 237-8643

HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY

www.hudsongreenway.state.ny.us

The Hudson River Valley Greenway is an innovative state agency created to facilitate the development of a voluntary regional strategy for preserving scenic, natural, historic, cultural and recreational resources while encouraging compatible economic development and

maintaining the tradition of home rule for land use decision-making. Through voluntary participation in the Greenway community planning program, communities in thirteen counties in the Hudson River Valley can receive technical assistance and funding for local land use planning projects which support the goals of the Greenway program.

CONTACT:

Capitol Building
 Capitol Station, Room 254
 Albany, NY 12224
 Ph: (518) 473-3835
 Email: hrvg@hudsongreenway.state.ny.us

*Promoting
 Smart Growth & Improving Our
 Transportation Uses*

**DEPARTMENT OF
 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

SMART GROWTH

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/45970.html

In 2008, the Governor's Smart Growth Cabinet along with the partnerships with state agencies and the private sector, began promoting and implementing smart growth principles. The promotion of park-wide planning and hamlet revitalization in the Adirondacks and development and implementation of capital projects in the Catskills have been proposed by the eligible local municipal applicants. DEC has initiated EPF funding towards the awarded proposed projects submitted by towns, villages and not-for-profit organization partners located in the Adirondack and Catskill Parks. This funding is intended to help park communities capitalize on the historic and cultural assets of existing settlements to cultivate economic growth within the framework of highly protected forest preserve lands.

CONTACT:

NYSDEC
 Division of Lands & Forests
 625 Broadway
 Albany, NY 12233-4250
 Ph:(518) 402-9405

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

www.nysdot.gov

www.nysdot.gov/smartplanning

The New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) is to enrich the State's many communities by investing in transportation improvements that promote sustainable economic growth and contribute to their overall quality of life. These objectives are pursued through a statewide program integrating land-use and transportation planning including the provision of training, educational materials and hands-on planning assistance.

DOT maintains a web site that provides direct links to DOT activities and programs relating to transportation and land-use in our communities; to planning tools and information provided by the Department and other organizations; and to potential sources of funding.

CONTACT:

NYS DOT
 50 Wolf Road
 Albany, NY 12232
 Ph: (518) 457-6195

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS

www.nysdot.gov/programs/tep

The Transportation Enhancements Program (TEP) is a federal reimbursement program administered by DOT. In recognition that transportation systems are influenced and impacted by more than the condition of the traditional highway and bridge infrastructure, the program enables funding for transportation projects of cultural, aesthetic, historic and environmental significance.

BICYCLES & PEDESTRIANS

DOT maintains a system of three signed, long distance, on-road bicycle routes for experienced cyclists, State Routes 5, 9 and 17. In addition, New York has a system of bicycle routes for both short and long trips. DOT is constantly working to improve accessibility.

SCENIC BYWAYS

www.nysdot.gov

The New York State Scenic Byways Program was created in 1992 by the State Legislature. The program encourages both economic development and resource conservation, recognizing that each of these aspects of a byway must be fostered and sustained to ensure the success of the other. The program is administered by DOT and is guided and implemented by the NYS Scenic Byways Advisory Board. Various state agencies are represented on the Board, as are private organizations with specific interests: tourism, the motoring public, resource management, and preservation of scenic quality.

CONTACT:

SmartPlanning@dot.state.ny.us



**CONNECTING NEW YORKERS
WITH NATURE & RECREATION**

***OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION
& HISTORIC PRESERVATION***

**STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE
OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN**

http://nysparks.state.ny.us/agency/scorp/

The Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), produced every five years, is the principal tool in an ongoing planning process to assess existing and future recreational demands, evaluate current recreational opportunities and estimate present and future recreational needs.

Connecting Our Children to Nature

***DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION***

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
CENTERS & CAMPS**

DEC's Bureau of Environmental Education operates four environmental education centers and four environmental education summer camps across the state. These facilities and programs serve an important role of connecting New Yorkers to nature. The proximity of some of the sites to urban and suburban areas suggests the need to ensure that adequate buffer zones exist to insulate them from encroachment. Each of the education centers is supported by a corps of volunteers through their "friends" group. The friends groups provide manpower for education programs for schools and the public, trail maintenance, greeting visitors, hosting special events, and more. They also raise funds for special programs, projects and purchases.

**STONY KILL FARM
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER**

www.dec.ny.gov/education/1833.html

The Stony Kill Farm Environmental Education Center partners with the Stony Kill foundation and Verplanck Garden Club.

CONTACT:

DEC Stony Kill Farm
 Environmental Education Center
 79 Farmstead Lane
 Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
 Ph: (845) 831-8780
 skfarm@gw.dec.state.ny.us

FIVE RIVERS

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

www.dec.ny.gov/education/1835.html

The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center partners with Friends of Fiver Rivers/Five Rivers Limited.

CONTACT:

DEC Five Rivers
 Environmental Education Center
 56 Game Farm Road
 Delmar, NY 12054
 Ph: (518) 475-0291
 5Rivers@gw.dec.state.ny.us

**ROGERS ENVIRONMENTAL
 EDUCATION CENTER**

www.dec.ny.gov/education/1831.html

The Rogers Environmental Education Center partners with Friends of Rogers.

CONTACT:

DEC Rogers
 Environmental Education Center
 2721 State Highway 80
 Sherburne, NY 13460
 Ph: (607) 674-4017
 rogers@gw.dec.state.ny.us

**REINSTEIN WOODS NATURE PRESERVE &
 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER**

www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html

The Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve and Environmental Education Center partners with Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve.

CONTACT:

Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve and
 Environmental Education Center
 93 Honorine Drive
 Depew, NY 14043
 Ph: (716)683-5959
 rwnp@gw.dec.state.ny.us

**LONG ISLAND & NEW YORK CITY
 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS**

www.dec.ny.gov/education/1839.html
www.dec.ny.gov/education/38184.html

CONTACTS:

Long Island
 Regional Environmental Educator
 DEC Region 1 Office
 SUNY @ Stony Brook
 50 Circle Road
 Stony Brook, NY 11790-3009
 Ph: (631) 444-0347
 education1@gw.dec.state.ny.us

New York City
 Regional Environmental Educator
 DEC Region 2 Office
 47-40 21st Street
 Long Island City, NY 11101
 Ph:(718) 482-6404
 r2ed@gw.dec.state.ny.us

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CAMPS

www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html

Four camps are currently in operation: Camp Colby (Saranac Lake), Camp DeBruce (Livingston Manor), Camp Rushford (Caneadea), and Camp Pack Forest (Warrensburg). Together, they serve close to 1,900 youth from 12 to 17 years old from across the state annually; and receive camper sponsorships from local garden clubs, hunting/fishing clubs and nature-study groups. Programs at the camps focus on natural resource and environmental studies. Interested campers may participate in hunter safety training. Efforts will be made to increase the number of opportunities which exist for youth to attend a DEC environmental education camp.

CONTACT:

DEC Camps Administrator
 Bureau of Environmental Education
 625 Broadway
 Albany, NY 12233-4500
 Ph: (518) 402-8043
 edcamps@gw.dec.state.ny.us

DEC CAMPS DIVERSITY

www.dec.ny.gov/education/39627.html

The DEC Camps Diversity program partners with the Hudson River Foundation for the New York

City program to provide urban minorities and underserved youth a free week at one of DEC's summer camps (called a "campership"). The program also incorporates pre-camp and post-camp activities to engage the youth in their environment, prepare them to attend the camp, and keep them enjoying nature after the week at camp has ended.

CONTACT:
 camprshp@gw.dec.state.ny.us

TEACHER WORKSHOPS

www.dec.ny.gov/26.html
www.dec.ny.gov/education/1913.html

Professional development workshops for educators and youth leaders are offered throughout the state. Participants receive a curriculum guide, an opportunity to try activities and a variety of support materials. E-mail individual program contacts provided on the webpages.

CONTACT:
 DEC Bureau of Environmental Education
 625 Broadway
 Albany, NY 12233-4500
 Ph: (518) 402-8043
 DPAEweb@gw.dec.state.ny.us

NYS ENVIROTHON

www.nysenvirothon.net

The NYS Envirothon is a hands-on environmental education competition where a team of five high school students work together in hopes of winning scholarships and awards. The teams compete in five different environmental categories (i.e., soils/land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, and wildlife) and a current environmental issue. NYS Envirothon is conducted on a county level basis with Soil & Water Conservation Districts being the lead for incorporating efforts from the many natural resource agencies at the federal, state and local levels. It is directed to promote knowledge and understanding of natural resources among students.

CONTACT:
 New York State Envirothon
 c/o Sandy Huey, Chair
 7413 County House Road
 Auburn, New York

Ph: (315) 252-4171 Ext. 3
 Email: blanche_13335@yahoo.com

AFTER SCHOOL CONSERVATION CLUB

www.dec.ny.gov/education/38184.html

The After School Conservation Club partners with the Student Conservation Association, United Neighborhood Houses and the After-School Corporation to bring environmental education to and foster a sense of stewardship in inner-city elementary-school-aged children involved in after-school programs.

CONTACT:
 DEC Regional New York City
 Environmental Educator
 Ph: (718) 482-6404
 r2ed@gw.dec.state.ny.us

NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS

www.nasparchery.com/activea.asp

In January 2008, New York became the 44th state to participate in the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP). The program promotes student education, physical education, and participation in the life-long sport of archery. Since the program began in New York, 43 schools have expressed interest in the program and 18 are participating in the Pilot Program.

JUNIOR BIG GAME HUNTER MENTORING

www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/46245.html

In July 2008, Governor David A. Paterson signed into law a bill that created a special "junior hunter" mentoring program which will allow persons aged 14 and 15 to hunt big game with a firearm while accompanied and supervised by an experienced adult hunter. This new law will provide new opportunities for young people to get out of the house and experience the outdoors. The bill includes additional supervision and safety requirements for the new program to help ensure that the junior hunting experience occurs safely.

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SPECIAL YOUTH HUNTS

www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/52495.html

To help provide young hunters a high quality experience under adult supervision, special weekends have been designated for youth hunters to pursue waterfowl, pheasants, and wild turkey prior to the general openers for these species.

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***Conservationist for Kids*
MAGAZINE**

www.dec.ny.gov/education/40248.html

This magazine encourages outdoor exploration and discovery. It is written for fourth-grade students in New York State and is distributed directly to all fourth-grade public school classes in the state. It is also inserted in *Conservationist* magazine and available on the internet.

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cforkids@gw.dec.state.ny.us

***Outdoor Discovery*
ONLINE NEWSLETTER**

www.dec.ny.gov/public/43355.html

This electronic newsletter encourages New Yorkers to explore the outdoors and learn about the environment. Each issue introduces subscribers to a seasonal environmental or nature topic, suggests a related activity, and lists family-friendly events at DEC's environmental education centers.

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outdoor@gw.dec.state.ny.us

BECOMING AN OUTDOORSWOMAN

www.dec.ny.gov/education/68.html

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) and Beyond BOW are programs designed to teach women outdoor skills. These national programs provide women with information, encouragement and hands-on instruction in outdoor skills such as fishing, shooting, archery, hunting, trapping, outdoor photography, map and compass, survival, camping, canoeing and outdoor cooking. Becoming an Outdoors-Woman

workshops are designed primarily for women who have little or no experience with outdoor activities. Beyond BOW workshops are classes for women who have completed a beginner class at a BOW workshop.

SPORTSMEN EDUCATION

www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7860.html

All first-time hunters, bowhunters and trappers must pass one or more courses before they can get a license in New York State. Trained instructors certified by the Department of Environmental Conservation teach safe and responsible outdoors practices and the important role of hunters and trappers in conservation. All courses are free of charge, but space may be limited. Courses develop skills and attitudes which help students to be better hunters and trappers, support conservation, and pursue outdoor sports in a safe, responsible and ethical manner.

***Community Greening
for Environmental Justice***

**DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

www.dec.ny.gov/public/333.html

Environmental justice is defined as the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Efforts are focused on improving the environment in communities, specifically minority and low-income communities, and addressing disproportionate adverse environmental impacts that may exist in those communities.

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Community Gardens & Urban Farms

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & MARKETS

**COMMUNITY GARDENS
CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS**

www.agmkt.state.ny.us/RFPS.html

GARDENING ON PUBLIC LANDS

There are a number of gardens and urban farms in NY growing on state-owned land, including Department of Transportation, Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), and NY State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation property. If you are interested in gardening on a state-owned parcel you have identified, contact us to find out the availability and viability of the site.

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Ph: (718) 722-2834

christina.grace@agmkt.state.ny.us

Regional Community Gardening Resources

Capital District (Albany, Troy & Schenectady)

Capital District Community Gardens

www.cdgc.org

Ph:(518) 274-8685 / *info@cdgc.org*

Binghamton – Volunteers Improving
Neighborhood Environments (VINES)

www.binghamtonneighbors.org/communitygardens/tabid/117/default.aspx

Ph:(607)748-9849 / *jon@myedst.org*

Buffalo – Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo

www.grassrootsgardens.org

Ph:(716) 851-4647/ *grgbuffalo@hotmail.com*

Ithaca – Cornell Cooperative Extension

http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/Tompkins

Ph:(607) 272-2292 / *mr55@cornell.edu*

New York City –

GreenThumb, City of New York Parks &
Recreation

www.greenthumbnyc.org

Ph: (212) 788-8070

NYC Community Gardens Coalition

www.nyccgc.org

Ph: (212) 926-8648

Rochester –

City of Rochester Horticulture Technical

Assistance

Ph: (585) 428-8820

estrichs@cityofrochester.gov

Syracuse –

Cornell Cooperative Extension

http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/Onondaga

Ph: (315) 424-9485

Yonkers – Greyston Community Gardens

Program

www.greyston.org

Ph: (914) 375-9002

General Resources –

American Community Gardening Association

www.communitygarden.org

Cornell Cooperative Extension

www.cce.cornell.edu

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Gardening Portal

www.gardening.cornell.edu

National Gardening Association

www.garden.org

***OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION
& HISTORIC PRESERVATION***

COMMUNITY PARKS

www.nysparks.com/grants

Municipalities or not-for-profit entities can apply for matching funds to acquire or preserve, rehabilitate or restore land for community gardening purposes.

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**DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS**

www.dec.ny.gov/public/31226.html

Community gardening organizations are eligible to apply for grants to fund projects that address environmental and related public health issues. Projects must address multiple harms and risks to communities and communicate project results to the community residents.

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Accessible Recreation

**DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

ACCESSIBLE OUTDOOR RECREATION

www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/34035.html

DEC is committed to providing an ever-increasing range of access opportunities to programs on New York State public lands. In recent years, DEC has created wheelchair accessible campsites, fishing piers, picnic areas,

equestrian mounting platforms, trails and waterway access sites across the state and has increased efforts to make all programs and services inclusive. This Universal Design approach invites people to become active in outdoor recreation. Many of DEC's facilities are innovative examples of natural, site sensitive, accessible design.

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**SAFEGUARDING OUR STATE'S
NATURAL & CULTURAL HERITAGE**

US FOREST SERVICE

OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION STRATEGY

www.fs.fed.us/openspace/

In December 2007, the US Forest Service published the Open Space Conservation Strategy, which charts a path forward for the Forest Service to work in partnership with states, local governments, landowners, and non-profit organizations to address the loss of open space threat. The strategy provides a framework to strengthen and focus existing and new Forest Service conservation actions across the agency.

The four priorities of the Strategy that will guide future Forest Service actions to conserve open space are: 1) Convene partners to identify and protect priority open space; 2) Promote national policies and markets to help private landowners conserve open space; 3) Provide resources and tools to help communities expand and connect open spaces; and 4) Participate in community growth planning to reduce ecological impacts and wildfire risks.

The vision for the 21st century is an interconnected network of open space across the landscape that supports healthy ecosystems and a high quality of life for Americans. The Strategy emphasizes collaborative approaches and partnerships to achieve this vision. Of course, the Forest Service will work with willing landowners, states, and local governments to promote voluntary land conservation. The Forest Service is only one stakeholder among many dedicated landowners, governments, and organizations working to conserve open space across the country. The next step is implementation - which will occur at the national, regional, and local levels of the agency as we work together to conserve open space across the landscape.

OPEN SPACE INSTITUTE

www.osiny.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Issues_Farms



Supporting Our Working Farms & Forests

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & MARKETS

FARMLAND PROTECTION

www.agmkt.state.ny.us/AP/agsservices/farmprotect.html

The State, through the Department of Agriculture and Markets, has provided matching funds for the development and implementation of local farmland protection efforts, including a purchase of development rights (PDR) program described elsewhere in this Plan. PDRs are a form of easement that restricts the use of lands under easement. State assistance payments are available to counties or municipalities to cover up to 75% of the total costs for implementation activities to protect viable farmland. These grants are awarded pursuant to a Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP contains eligibility guidelines and criteria by which all projects are scored and ranked for funding.

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 10B Airline Drive
 Albany, NY 12235
 Ph:(518) 457-2713



CONSERVATION RESERVE

www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=copr&topic=crp

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) provides technical and financial assistance to eligible farmers and ranchers to address soil, water, and related natural resource concerns on their lands in an environmentally beneficial and cost-effective manner. The program provides assistance to farmers and ranchers in complying with Federal, State, and tribal environmental laws, and encourages environmental enhancement.

STATE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Through the State Technical Committee, DEC is collaborating with the USDA agencies to help guide working land programs under the 2008 Food, conservation, and Energy Act the Farm Bill).

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES

www.nrcs.usda.gov/PROGRAMS/EQIP/

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program was reauthorized in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill) to provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality, forestry management and energy conservation as compatible national goals. EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and management practices on eligible agricultural land.

EQIP offers contracts with a minimum term that ends one year after the implementation of the last scheduled practices and a maximum term of ten years. These contracts provide incentive payments and cost-shares to implement conservation practices. Persons who are engaged in livestock or agricultural production on eligible land may participate in the program.

The program's activities are carried out according to an environmental quality incentives program plan of operations developed in conjunction with the producer that identifies the appropriate conservation practice or practices to address the resource concerns. The practices are subject to NRCS technical standards adapted for local conditions. The local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) approves the plan.

EQIP may cost-share up to 50 or 75 percent of the costs of certain conservation practices. Incentive payments may be provided to encourage producers to carry out management practices for three years. and socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers may be eligible for cost-shares up to 90 percent. It further allows these individuals to receive in advance up to 30% of the amount needed for purchasing materials or contracting Farmers and

ranchers may elect to use a certified third-party provider for technical assistance.

An individual or entity may not receive, directly or indirectly, cost-share or incentive payments that, in the aggregate, exceed \$300,000 for all program contracts entered during the term of the Farm Bill. A cap of \$450,000 is set for projects of special environmental significance.

EQIP projects have been implemented throughout our state since its inception in 1997. Since the authorization of the 2002 Farm Bill, New York has written approximately 960 contracts. About 11 million federal dollars came into the state through this program in 2006.

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USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
 The Galleries of Syracuse
 441 South Salina Street, Suite 354
 Syracuse, New York 13202-2450
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**DEPARTMENT OF
 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY
 CONSERVATION EASEMENTS**

A workable conservation easement program must be flexible and preclude land use changes while providing for the continuation of forest management and timber harvesting capability on forests in private ownership. Our state would acquire development rights with or without the recreation rights, depending on the landowner's needs and interests and the public interests identified. Such a program is authorized through the Environmental Protection Fund and the Forest Legacy Program.

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PRIVATE FOREST LAND

UNDER SECTIONS 480 & 480-a

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5236.html

www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/2422.html

Section 480-a of the Real Property Tax Law was developed to provide forest owners with an incentive to retain and manage forest land. Owners of qualifying woodland can apply for a partial property tax exemption of up to 80% by committing their forest land to an approved forest management plan. Prior to RPTL Section 480-a, the Forest Tax Law was RPTL Section 480. RPTL 480 provides for a freeze of property value assessment but does not require a management plan. It is no longer open to new registrants.

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COOPERATING FORESTER

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5230.html

DEC's Cooperating Forester program is designed to encourage landowners to work with private foresters in managing their woodlots. Increasing contact between landowners and professional foresters will promote wise stewardship of forest land in New York. Since the results of forest management decisions can be both long lasting and hard to reverse, it is important to make these decisions carefully and intelligently. Cooperating foresters can provide valuable information and advice critical for landowners to make long range or large scale land management decisions. In many cases however, the professional assistance a landowner receives from a forester will pay for itself by increasing financial returns and other benefits from the woodlot.

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FOREST STEWARDSHIP

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/45934.html

NYSDEC's Division of Lands & Forests cooperates with the USDA Forest Service to implement the Forest Stewardship Program. The Forest Stewardship Program is authorized by the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978. Technical and educational assistance is provided to help private forest owners develop and implement Forest Stewardship Management Plans guiding them in the use and management of their forest lands and associated resources.

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FOREST LEGACY

www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/programs/loa/flp.shtml

The Forest Legacy Program (FLP), administered by the US Forest Service in partnership with the States, is a voluntary land conservation program that provides financial assistance to the states to prevent forest fragmentation and enhance conservation of forest lands. The FLP has ensured that important forests remain intact and continue to contribute to the community, local economy, the landowners and the environment. FLP re–authorization is necessary as pressure to develop forest lands continues to increase.

COMMUNITY FOREST & OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION

Provides federal matching grants, up to 50%, to help county or local governments, Indian tribes, or non–profit organizations acquire private forests that are threatened by conversion to non–forest uses and are economically, environmentally and culturally important to communities. Community Forests will be managed as “working forests” to generate economic benefits and provide jobs and economic stability to communities.

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MASTER FOREST OWNER

www.dnr.cornell.edu/ext/mfo/

The Master Forest Owner program is implemented by Cornell Cooperative Extension and provides basic forestry information to land owners who then act as mentors to their neighbors, promoting appreciation of natural resources and wise stewardship of forest lands and related resources.

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Master Forest Owner Office
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Cornell University
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Email: dlt5@cornell.edu

*Stewarding Our Unique,
Natural & Wildlife Habitats*

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

ADIRONDACK & CATSKILL FOREST PRESERVE

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/4960.html

The Adirondack and Catskill Forest Preserve consists of lands owned by New York State within the Adirondack and Catskill regions under the management of the Department of Environmental Conservation's Division of Lands and Forests. Forest Preserve lands are protected as "forever wild" by Article XIV, Section 1 of the State Constitution. Forest Preserve lands are acquired for the preservation of open space and for public recreation. In the Adirondack Park, there are 2,700,000 acres of Forest Preserve. The Catskill Park contains 281,000 acres of Forest Preserve lands.

CONTACT:

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FOREST PRESERVE EXPANSION FUND

An amendment to Article 14, Section 3 of the New York State Constitution, effective January 1, 1974, allows the State to sell isolated parcels of Forest Preserve land that lie outside of the Catskill and Adirondack Park boundaries, providing that they are 100 acres or less in size and further providing that revenues obtained from such sales will be used to purchase Forest Preserve land within the two parks.

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STATE FORESTS

State Forests are lands owned by New York State under the management of DEC'S Bureau of State Land Management Division of Lands and Forests. These lands are acquired pursuant to Title 5 of Article 9 of the ECL for open space and watershed protection, timber production and recreation. There are 776,000 acres of State Forests across New York State.

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UNIQUE AREAS

www.dec.ny.gov/regs/13942.html#13948

A state project to acquire lands of special natural beauty, wilderness character, geological, ecological or historical significance for the state nature and historical preserve and similar lands within a forest preserve county outside the Adirondack and Catskill Parks. Funds received by the state from the 1972 Environmental Quality Bond Act for unique area preservation projects. Unique area preservation projects outside forest preserve counties shall be undertaken only upon the recommendation of the state nature and historical preserve trust and shall be recommended by the commissioner for inclusion in the state nature and historical preserve.

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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7768.html

Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) are lands owned by New York State under the management of DEC's Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources (DFWMR). These lands have been acquired for the conservation of wildlife and for public use including hunting, trapping and fishing. There are 104 wildlife management areas across New York State totaling 190,000 acres.

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DEC BIRD CONSERVATION AREAS

www.dec.ny.gov/animals/30935.html

The DEC Bird Conservation Area (BCA) program, modeled after the National Audubon Society's Important Bird Areas Program, seeks to provide a comprehensive, ecosystem approach to conserving birds and their habitats on state lands and waters, by integrating bird conservation interests in agency planning, management, and research projects, within the context of agency missions. Subsequent to passage of the BCA program, the legislature also authorized the State Natural Heritage Areas program to designate Natural Heritage sites on state-owned lands. To date, 50 BCAs have been designated.

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Nongame and Habitat Unit
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Albany, NY 12233-4754
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NEW YORK NATURAL HERITAGE

www.dec.ny.gov/animals/29338.html

The NY Natural Heritage Program is a partnership between DEC and The Nature Conservancy. Our mission is to facilitate conservation of rare animals, rare plants, and significant natural communities such as, unique forest types, wetlands, grasslands, etc. We accomplish this mission by combining thorough field inventories, scientific analyses, expert interpretation, and the most comprehensive database on New York's distinctive biodiversity to deliver the highest quality information for natural resource planning, protection, and management. NY Natural Heritage was established in 1985 and is a contract unit housed within DEC's Division of Fish, Wildlife, & Marine Resources. The program is staffed by more than 25 scientists and specialists with expertise in ecology, zoology, botany, information management, environmental review, and geographic information systems.

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 NY Natural Heritage Program
 625 Broadway, 5th Floor
 Albany, NY 12233-4757
 Ph: (518) 402-8935

STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS

www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7179.html

In fall 2001, federal legislation and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) established the State Wildlife Grants (SWG) program. The program provides funds from offshore oil and gas leasing to state wildlife agencies for conservation of fish and wildlife species in greatest need of conservation and their associated habitats. The program is implemented with funding provided as a direct result of 'Teaming with Wildlife' efforts sustained for more than a decade by fish and wildlife conservation interests across the country. The SWG program is unique in that it provides funds for species not traditionally hunted or fished. The USFWS apportions the funds to the states via a formula based on land area and population size.

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INVASIVE SPECIES TASK FORCE

www.dec.ny.gov/animals/6989.html
www.dec.ny.gov/animals/33358.html
www.dec.ny.gov/animals/32861.html

Invasive species are non-native species that can cause harm to the environment or to human health. As a threat to our biodiversity, they have been judged second only to habitat loss. They come from all around the world with the rate of invasion is increasing along with the increase in international trade accompanying globalization. It is a concern that has plagued our past native ecosystems and is expected to do so into our future. In response, a statewide comprehensive strategic plan was released by the Invasive Species Task Force in 2005. It began to establish a uniform method for how the state will need to begin addressing this problem through prevention, early detection, rapid response, control management, and education. Since then, additional response plans have been developed from this strategy to address the unique measures needed to be taken for specific types of infestations.

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NEW YORK

INVASIVE SPECIES INFORMATION

The New York Invasive Species Clearinghouse
<http://nyis.info/>

**INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL
 OF NEW YORK STATE**

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 Albany, NY 12205
 Ph: (518) 690-7871

NYS LANDOWNER INCENTIVES

www.dec.ny.gov/animals/32722.html

The Landowner Incentive Program, partially funded by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, is New York’s premier program for the protection of at-risk species habitat on private lands.

Grassland Protection & Management

www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/32891.html

Through the Landowner Incentive Program for Grassland Protection and Management, private landowners are able to participate in the protection, maintenance, and enhancement of grassland habitats. Agricultural grasslands are one of the most important and imperiled habitats across our state. They need to be regularly managed to remain suitable for grassland birds. Since virtually all of the grasslands in our state are agricultural fields under private ownership and control, it would be impossible to protect these habitats and the species they comprise without the voluntary assistance of private landowners.

Since 2006, private landowners have been able to apply for technical and financial assistance to benefit this critical habitat and the species that depend on it. In partnership, DEC and Audubon NY reviewed and prepared a detailed site management plan. To maximize the program's effectiveness, key grassland focus areas have been delineated based on the birds that breed there. To date, nearly 2,000 acres of high quality grasslands have been enrolled in five-year contracts for protection and management. Landowners must refrain from mowing during the nesting season and must mow part of their fields and remove shrubs and trees in the fall in compliance with their site management plans. This management regime allows for birds to nest undisturbed and mimics a natural mosaic of vegetation height and density. Landowners are free to sell and utilize most of the hay that they harvest. In return, they receive a yearly rental payment to offset lost revenue from hay or crop sales. Everyone wins – birds are able to reproduce and prosper, landowners are compensated for their labor and efforts, and the land is kept as open space working grassland.

Management & Protection of Bog Turtle Habitat

The Landowner Incentive Program is also involving private landowners in the conservation of unique critical wildlife habitat. The LIP for Management and Protection of Bog Turtle Habitat addresses the need to protect and manage habitat for this endangered species. Most bog turtle habitat occurs on private land and relies on the voluntary protection and management of landowners. Through this program, landowners and not-for -profits will be able to participate in habitat conservation, receiving funding to address invasive species, hydrological changes, habitat fragmentation, and other threats to the species and its habitat. The first round of funding for the project is expected for December 2008 and will be announced through the DEC website and press releases. www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/48707.html

Gating of Indiana Bat Hibernacula

Since 2005, the Landowner Incentive Program has been protecting bat hibernacula on private lands through the gating of cave entrances that help to prevent disturbances to overwintering bats. One of the properties protected has historically protected over 200,000 bats. Typically, the DEC establishes Cooperative Agreements with the landowner to perform the required work. Eligibility is limited to landowners having large caves or underground mines which serve as bat wintering areas.

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WILDLIFE HABITAT INCENTIVES

www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/programs/loa/whip.shtml
www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/

The USDA Forest Service's Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) provides technical assistance and cost-sharing to private agricultural and nonindustrial forest landowners as well as tribal lands to help them enhance wildlife habitat areas on their lands. Each year \$85 million will be available through 2012. Contracts are generally 5 – 10 years in length.

WHIP complements other cost share/incentive programs and provides a mechanism capable of overcoming two major obstacles to increasing wildlife habitat area: 1) compensates landowners for the lack of market incentive to invest in public goods; and 2) encourages landowners to make long-term investments in maintaining the natural resource base.

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STATE ACRES FOR WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENT

State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is a special practice under CRP that addresses critical habitat needs of the states. The NYSDEC Bureau of Wildlife is working with the Farm Service Agency and Audubon NY to prepare Site Conservation Plans for landowners wishing to enroll. Eligibility to the SAFE-CRP program is restricted to the grassland focus areas identified for the Landowner Incentive Program. This geographical focus will maximize the efficiency of limited resources and is a first for CRP. Working together with LIP, CRP, WHIP, and other Farm Bill programs, SAFE-CRP will safeguard land, soil, agriculture, and wildlife habitat for the future.

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GRASSLAND RESERVE

www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/grp/
www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=copr&topic=grp

The Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) is a voluntary program offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore, and enhance grasslands on their property through long-term rental agreements or easements. The Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency and Forest Service are coordinating implementation of GRP, which helps landowners restore and protect grassland, rangeland, pastureland, shrubland and prairie lands, and

provides assistance for rehabilitating grasslands. An additional 1.22 million acres have been authorized for enrollment in 2009–2012. Tracts must be at least 40 contiguous acres to enroll. Landowners can receive up to 50% cost-sharing on restoration of grasslands.

NYS HABITAT CONSERVATION & PUBLIC ACCESS

www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/4771.html

In May, 2006, legislation was introduced to create a New York State Habitat Conservation and Public Access Program, which would encourage landowners to voluntarily designate and conserve critical habitats for wildlife, fish and marine life. Private landowners would be eligible for modest incentives under this program if they conserve important habitat and/or allow public access for fishing, hunting, trapping, or other outdoor wildlife-related recreational activities.

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HABITAT/ACCESS STAMPS

www.dec.ny.gov/permits/329.html

The Habitat/Access Stamp is available to people who want to support DEC's efforts to conserve habitat and increase public access for fish and wildlife related recreation. The 2008–2009 stamp may be purchased for a \$5.00 donation at license issuing outlets and online beginning August 18, 2008. All monies raised through purchases of the Habitat/Access Stamp are deposited in the State's Conservation Fund in the Habitat Account. Habitat/Access Grants are awarded annually to fund projects that improve fish and wildlife habitat and public access for hunting, fishing, trapping and other fish and wildlife related recreation.

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CONSERVE HABITAT LICENSE PLATES

www.nydmv.state.ny.us/org.htm

Sales from the "Conserve Habitat" custom license plate program are dedicated to improve habitat and to increase habitat access throughout the state. Revenues are deposited in a special account within the Conservation Fund and overseen by DEC. The habitat account is used solely to protect, restore, and manage habitat, and to develop public access for fish and wildlife-related recreation and study.

CONSERVE OPEN SPACE LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5067.html

www.nydmv.state.ny.us/org.htm

Roger Tory Peterson, the foremost naturalist of the 20th century, graciously donated a bluebird painting, which was used as the basis of New York's beautiful bluebird license plate. Anyone concerned about open space conservation should consider purchasing the bluebird plate.

CONTACT:

To Order Conservation License Plates:

NYS Department of Motor Vehicles

www.nydmv.state.ny.us/org.htm

Ph: (518) 402-4838

MINED LAND RECLAMATION

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5020.html

The NYS Mined Land Reclamation Law requires that sound environmental principles be applied to reclaimed areas affected by minerals development to a condition that allows productive use of the land. Regulated mining operations have an approved mining plan that specifies how mining will take place, and an approved reclamation plan that provides for the land to be returned to productive use. Financial security submitted by the mining permit applicant ensures that the land will be reclaimed. Since the state Mined Land Reclamation Law was enacted in 1975, more than 2,500 mines have been reclaimed, most of these by the mine operators. In the small number of cases where the operators have defaulted on their obligation to reclaim, DEC has seized the financial security and used it to carry out the reclamation. Today, sites in New York State that were once mined are used as farms, wetlands, wildlife habitats, residential develop-

ments and public recreation areas. In addition, DEC's Division of Mineral Resources, along with the NYS Geological Survey, provides assistance to municipalities with their efforts to define and protect mineral resource aggregate areas within their jurisdictions.

CONTACT:

NYSDEC, Division of Mineral Resources

625 Broadway

Albany, NY 12233-5600

Ph: (518) 402-8072

Email: *dmnmine@gw.dec.state.ny.us*

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

www.apa.state.ny.us

The Adirondack Park was created in 1892 by the State of New York amid concerns for the water and timber resources of the region. Today the Park is the largest publicly protected area in the contiguous United States, greater in size than Yellowstone, Everglades, Glacier, and Grand Canyon National Park combined. The boundary of the Park encompasses approximately 6 million acres, nearly half of which belongs to all the people of New York State and is constitutionally protected to remain "forever wild" forest preserve. The remaining half of the Park is private land which includes settlements, farms, timber lands, businesses, homes, and camps.=

The Adirondack Park Agency (APA) was created in 1971 by the New York State Legislature to develop long-range land use plans for both public and private lands within the boundary of the Park. The APA is a New York State governmental agency with an eleven-member board, and a staff consisting of 60 people. The Agency Board meets monthly to act on Park policy issues and permit applications. Agency Board meetings take place the second Thursday and Friday of each month and are open to the public.

CONTACT:

NYS Adirondack Park Agency

P.O. Box 99

1133 NYS Route 86

Ray Brook, NY 12977

Ph: (518) 891-4050

FISH & MARINE RESOURCES

**NEW YORK OCEAN & GREAT LAKES
ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION COUNCIL**

www.nyoglecc.org

New York State has a strong foundation of planning, regulatory and technological tools to manage the State's fisheries and marine resources. The Council is working to manage ecosystem impacts, promote habitat protection and restoration, and achieve a sustainable fishery with participation by both the commercial and recreational fishing industries and the improvement of data collection efforts.

CONTACT:

New York Ocean & Great Lakes
Ecosystem Conservation Council
99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1010
Albany, NY 12231-0001
Ph: (518) 474-6000

**NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY
HARBOR ESTUARY**

www.harborestuary.org

CONTACT:

NY/NJ Harbor Estuary Program
290 Broadway, 24th Floor
NY, NY 10007-1866
Ph: (212) 637-3889

LAKE CHAMPLAIN BASIN

www.lcbp.org

**DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

PECONIC ESTUARY

www.peconicestuary.org

CONTACT:

NYSDEC, Bureau of Marine Resource
205 N Belle Meade Road, Suite 1
East Setauket, NY 11733-3456
Ph: (631) 444-0871

LONG ISLAND SOUND STUDY

www.longislandsoundstudy.net

CONTACT:

NYSDEC, Bureau of Marine Resources
205 N. Belle Mead Road, Suite 1
East Setauket, NY 11733-3456
Ph: (631) 444-0467

NYS GREAT LAKES

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/25562.html

WILD, SCENIC & RECREATIONAL RIVERS

www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6033.html

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/32739.html

The Wild Scenic and Recreational River System Act establishes a means of providing protection for three major classifications of river corridors from development through land use controls. Rivers are placed in the system by legislative enactment. Regulated corridors are administered by DEC except for private lands within the Adirondack Park where the Adirondack Park Agency has administrative responsibility. The three river classifications are: Wild, Scenic and Recreational with Wild having the most restrictive limitations and Recreational having the least.

PROTECTION OF WATERS

www.dec.ny.gov/regs/2485.html

CONTACT:

NYSDEC

Bureau of Water Assessment & Management
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-3502
Ph:(518) 402-8180

FRESHWATER WETLANDS PROTECTION

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5124.html

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5138.html

CONTACT:

DEC Regional Offices

www.dec.ny.gov/about/558.html

or

NYSDEC Bureau of Habitat

625 Broadway

Albany, NY 12233-4756

Ph: (518) 402-8903

TIDAL WETLAND REGULATORY INITIATIVE

CONTACT:

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205 N Belle Mead Road, Suite 1

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TIDAL WETLAND MONITORING

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EASTERN BROOK TROUT JOINT VENTURE

*www.easternbrooktrout.org/
www.easternbrooktrout.org/docs/EBTJV_Conse
rvation_Strategy_July_08.pdf*

Brook trout are an important recreational and cultural species, regional icon, and indicator of high water quality. However, brook trout populations are declining across their historic eastern United States range. In New York, only 5% of watersheds that historically contained brook trout in streams and rivers remain intact. Brook trout have been lost from almost all of the large lakes in the Adirondacks that historically supported brook populations, leaving brook trout to survive in a small percentage of smaller lakes and ponds.

The Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture (EBTJV) was formed in 2004 to address regional and range-wide threats to brook trout. The EBTJV is comprised of Fish and Wildlife agencies from 17 states and a number of federal agencies, conservation organizations, and academic institutions. The EBTJV has completed a detailed, sub-watershed scale assessment of brook trout status and threats throughout its eastern range. Based on this assessment, a range-wide conservation strategy was prepared that lays out specific goals, objectives, and target dates for brook trout protection and restoration.

For New York State, top priorities include the protection of intact brook trout populations through land acquisition, easements, or other methods to ensure the perpetuation of healthy brook trout populations into the future. These opportunities should be identified through the open space planning process.

CONTACT:

NYSDEC – DFWMR

Cold Water Unit
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12233-4756
Ph: (518) 402-8959

NYS SEAGRASS TASK FORCE

*http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/suffolk/habitat
_restoration/seagrassli/conservation/manager
s/seagrass_taskforce.html*

Chapter 404 of the Laws of 2006 Laws, established a Seagrass Task Force within DEC's Bureau of Marine Resource; acknowledging the importance of seagrasses and seagrass habitat in NY's waters and the necessity to protect and restore this valuable natural resource. The Task Force is charged with developing management, research, monitoring and regulatory recommendations to the NYS Governor and state officials by December 31, 2009.

CONTACT:

Marine Habitat Protection
NYSDEC, Bureau of Marine Resources
205 N Belle Mead Road, Suite 1
East Setauket, NY 11733-3456
Ph: (631) 444-0430

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SIGNIFICANT COASTAL HABITATS

www.nyswaterfronts.com

Many habitats that are vital to the survival of New York's coastal fish and wildlife resources exist along New York's 3,200 mile shoreline. To protect these important natural areas, DOS, in cooperation with DEC, has designated 250 Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitats (SCFWHs) across the State. The designations are designed to protect and offer guidance on management activities within the habitats with important natural resource values, including recreational fishing and other passive natural resource-related activities.

CONTACT:

NYS Department of State
Division of Coastal Resources
99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1010
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Ph: (518) 474-6000

– See *Protecting Our Coastlines & Establishing Riparian Buffers & Wetland Protections* for additional program information –

***Preserving Our Scenic,
Historic & Cultural Heritage***

**OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION &
HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

STATE HERITAGE AREAS PROGRAM

http://nysparks.state.ny.us/heritage/herit_area.asp

The New York State Heritage Areas Program fosters unique working partnerships between the state and local governments and the private sector for the preservation, economic development, recreational and educational use of natural and cultural resources of statewide significance. This program and model planning process has received national recognition and deserves continued inter-governmental support. Over 25 years after the development of the Urban Cultural Park system, there are 18 active Heritage Areas encompassing over 400 municipalities. The system remains the oldest and one of the largest, statewide heritage systems in the country.

**NEW YORK STATE
HERITAGE TRAILS PROGRAM**

The NYS Heritage Commission administers the New York State Heritage Trails Program. The program administers a series of thematic trails which will link historical sites together, bringing history to life and giving New Yorkers and visitors an opportunity to learn about and discover our State's rich heritage.

**NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST PROGRAM
GIFTS & DONATIONS**

The Natural Heritage Trust is a public benefit corporation of our state that can accept private sector gifts and funds for the preservation, protection, and enhancement of the natural and historic resources for parks, recreation and

historic preservation purposes. This provides an opportunity for OPRHP and DEC to promote public/private cooperation.

NYS HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

<http://nysparks.state.ny.us/shpo/>
Peebles Island Resource Center
P.O. Box 189
Waterford, NY 12188-0189
Ph: (518) 237-8643

**STATE & NATIONAL REGISTERS
OF HISTORIC PLACES**

Historic site and historic preservation data may be accessed by contacting:

NYS OPRHP – Bureau of Historic Sites
Peebles Island
Waterford, NY 12188
For archeological data:

CONTACT:

NYS OPRHP
Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau
Box 189
Peebles Island, NY 12188
or
New York State Museum
Anthropological Services
CEC 3097
Albany, NY 12230
<http://www.nysm.nysed.gov>

OPRHP – NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

<http://nysparks.state.ny.us/nht/default.asp>

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SCENIC COASTAL AREAS

www.nyswaterfronts.com

The Department of State's Coastal Management Program assists the state in designating scenic areas of statewide significance (SASS), recognizing and providing additional protection for coastal landscapes important in the natural, historical, and cultural history of the state. Six SASS have been designated in the Hudson River corridor covering over 50% of the shorelands between New York City and Troy. Each scenic

area encompasses unique, highly scenic landscapes which are accessible to the public and recognized for their scenic quality. Designation provides special protection to the landscapes.

HISTORIC MARITIME COMMUNITIES

DOS also assists in continuing our state's maritime legacy by preserving historical elements, supporting contemporary maritime uses in waterfront communities, and making both more accessible to the public to foster an appreciation of our maritime history.

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