



**Adirondack  
Park Agency**



**Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation**

# **Visitor Use Management**

# Goals

1. Visitor Use Management
2. Legislation and Policy
3. DEC Involvement
4. VUMF and Application





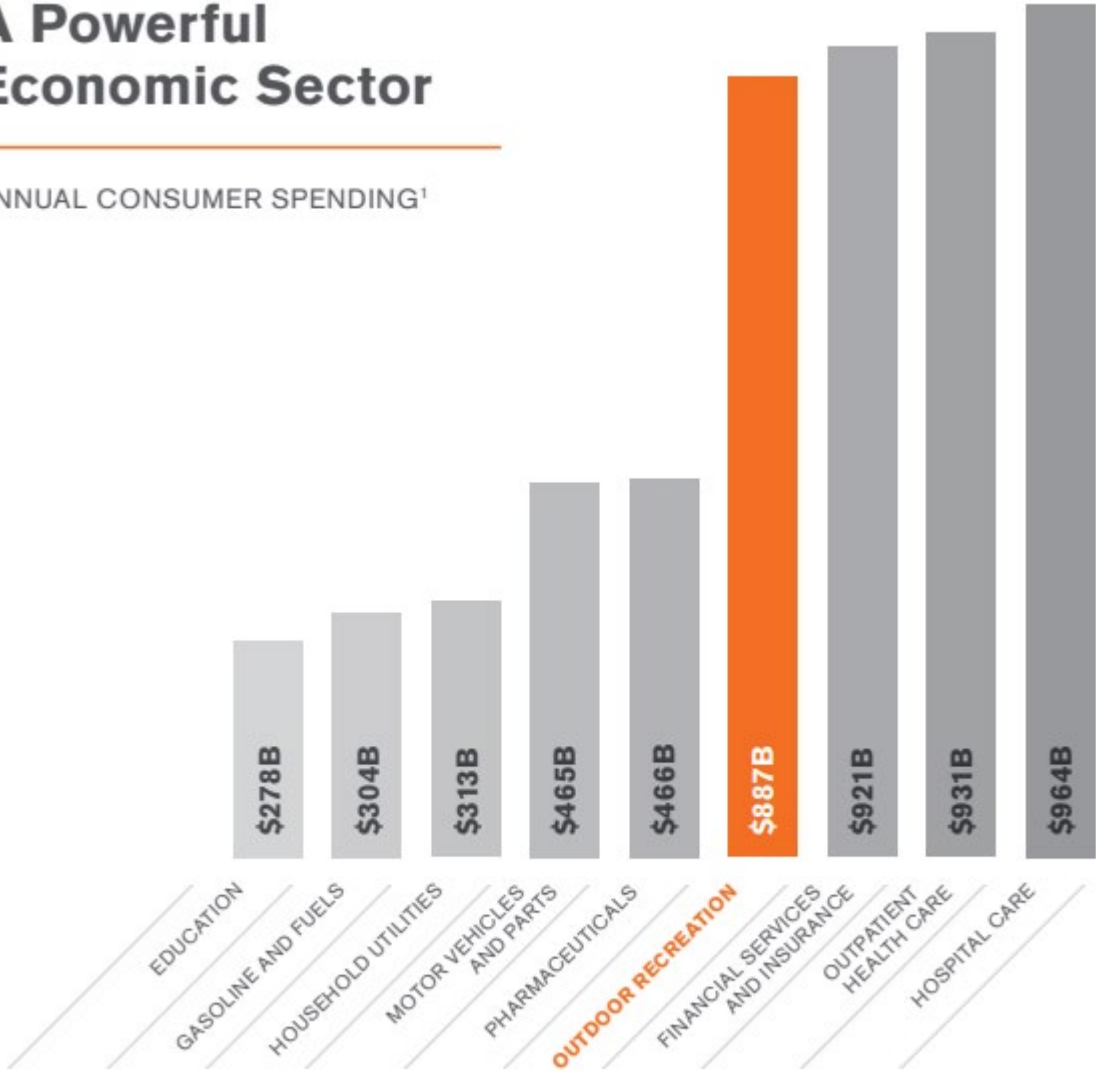
# Adirondack Recreation



# Outdoor Recreation Economy

## A Powerful Economic Sector

ANNUAL CONSUMER SPENDING<sup>1</sup>



Source: Outdoor Industry Association

<sup>1</sup> Bureau of Economic Analysis, Personal Consumption Expenditures by Type of Product

# Visitor Use Management

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**Source:** Visitor Use Management Framework





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# Visitor Use Management

- More than minimizing impacts
- Thoughtful and deliberate evaluation





# Importance of Visitor Use Management

- Meet changing demands
- Protect resources
- Improve visitor experience





# Adirondack Park Visitor Use Management – Foundational Information



## APA Act, §801 – Statement of Legislative Finding and Purposes

“The Adirondack park is abundant in natural resources and open space unique to New York and the eastern United States. **The wild forest, water, wildlife and aesthetic resources of the park, and its open space character, provide an outdoor recreational experience of national and international significance.** Growing population, advancing technology and an expanding economy are focusing ever-increasing pressures on these priceless resources.”

# APA Act, §801 – Statement of Legislative Finding and Purposes

“The basic purpose of this article is to **insure** optimum overall **conservation, protection, preservation, development and use** of the unique scenic, aesthetic, wildlife, recreational, open space, historic, ecological and natural resources of the Adirondack park.”



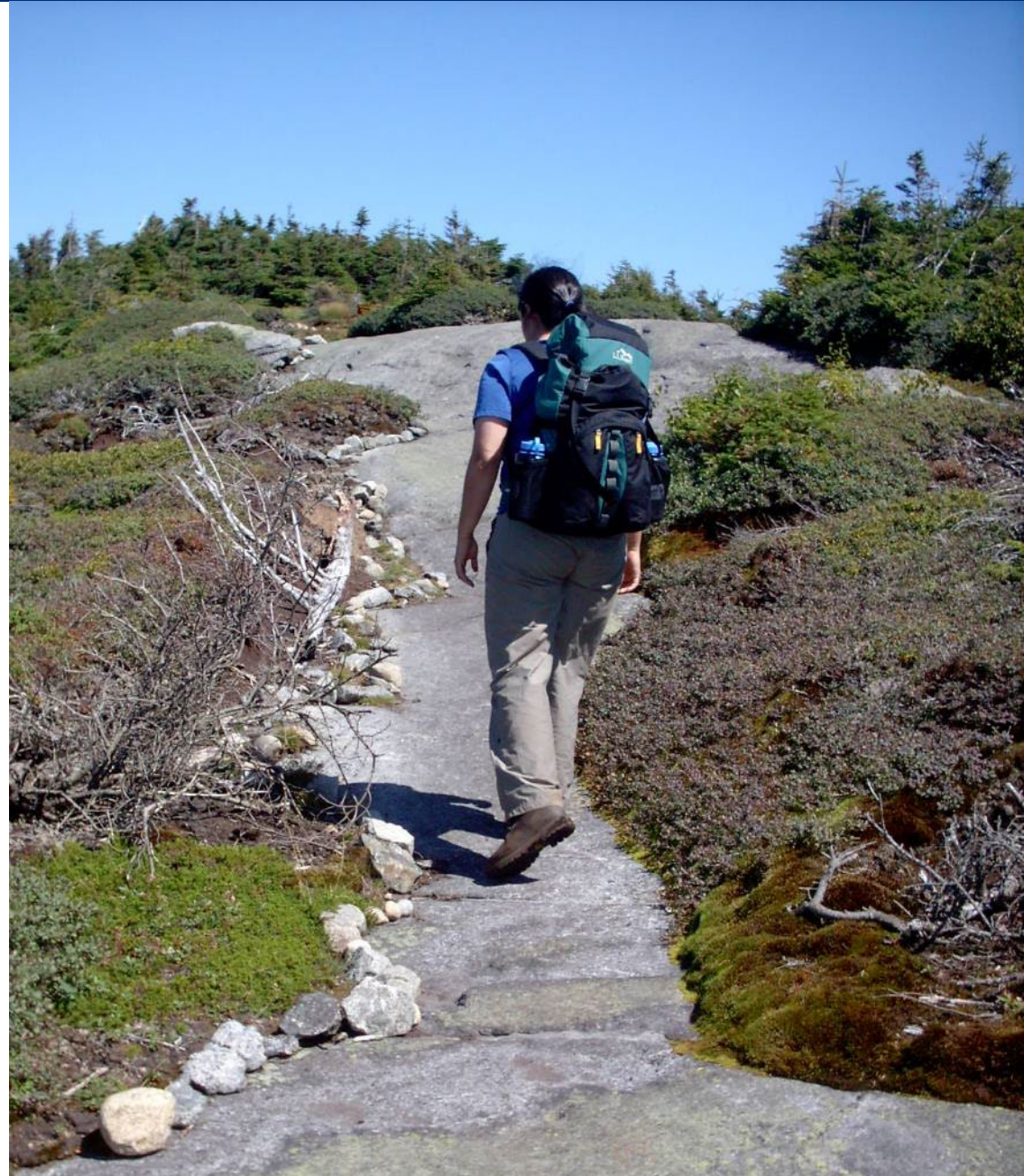


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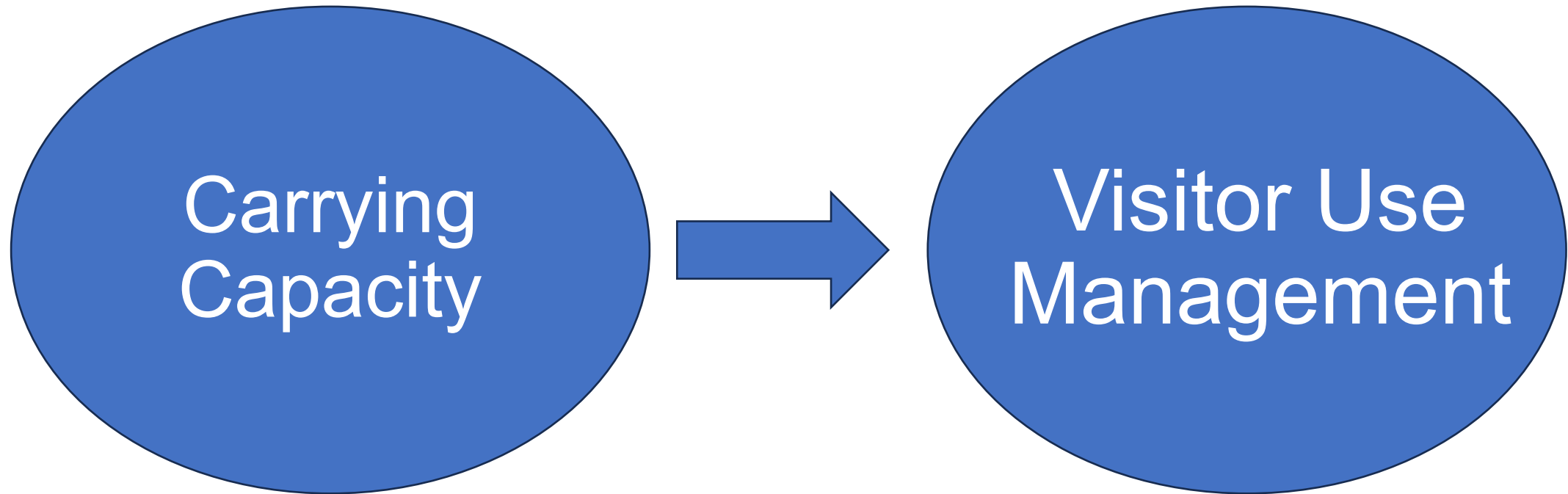
“Adoption of the **land use and development plan** and authorization for its administration and enforcement will **complement and assist** in the administration of the **Adirondack park master plan** for management of state land. Together, they are essential to the achievement of the policies and purposes of this article and will benefit all of the people of the state.”

# APA Act, §807 – Master Plan for Management of State Lands

- Classify such lands according to their characteristics and capacity to withstand use, and;
- Provide general guidelines and criteria for the management and use of lands



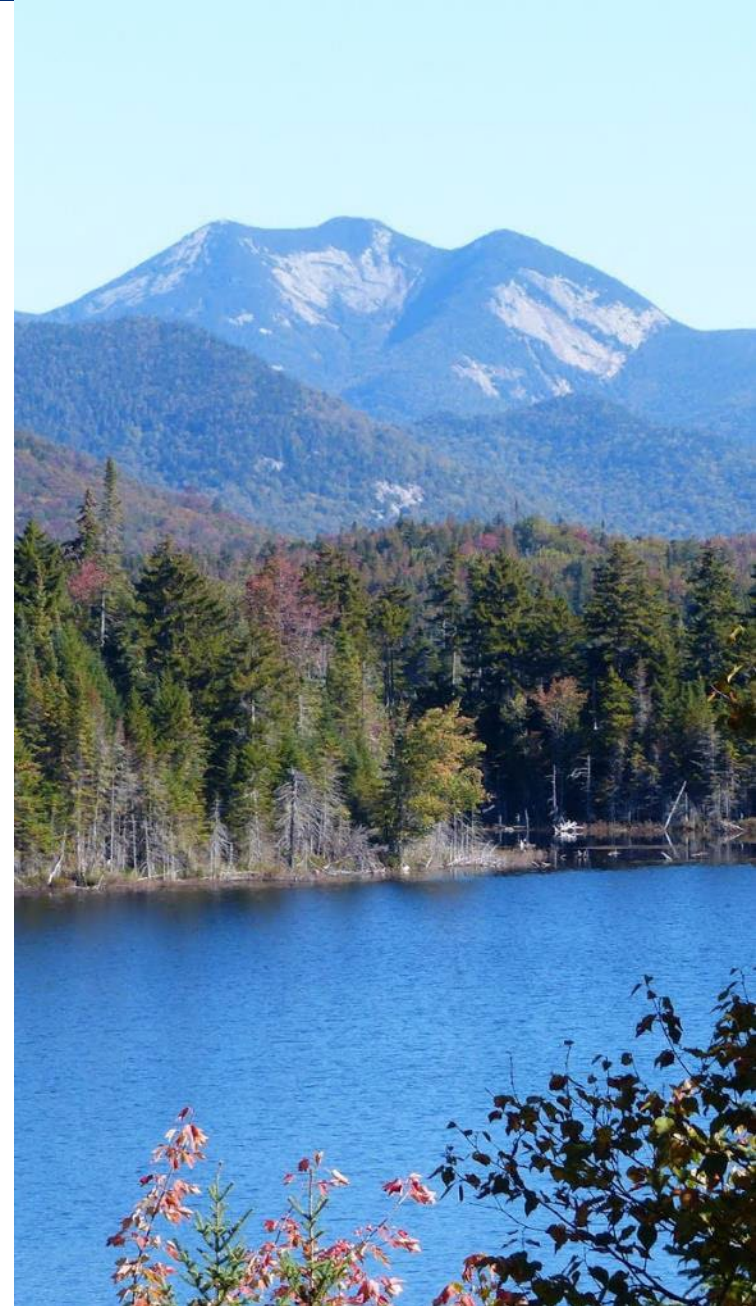
# Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan





# Carrying Capacity – Limits of Acceptable Change (LAC)

- High Peaks Wilderness UMP – March 1999
- Siamese Ponds Wilderness UMP – May 2005
- Moose River Plains Wild Forest – January 2011



# Visitor Use Management Framework - VUMF

- Rollins Pond Campground UMP
- High Peaks UMP Amendment
- Work Plan Requirements





# Current & Future – Visitor Management

