



**Adirondack
Park Agency**

Certificate of Appreciation

30th Anniversary

Adirondack High Peaks Summit Stewardship Program

At the Friday, May 17, 2019 meeting of the Adirondack Park Agency, as part of the Agency's Public Awareness and Communication Committee, Summit Steward Coordinator Kayla White from the Adirondack Mountain Club gave a presentation on the Adirondack High Peaks Summit Stewardship Program to commemorate 30 years of alpine conservation.

The mission of the Summit Stewardship Program is to protect the New York's alpine habitat through education, trail work and research. Highly motivated and environmentally conscious stewards have ascended Mt. Marcy, Algonquin, Wright Peak, Mt. Colden and Cascade Mountain braving inclement weather and swarms of black flies to educate hikers on alpine ecology, stewardship, ethics and Leave No Trace skills. Their efforts have helped protect and restore New York's 173 acres of unique alpine habitat spread across 21 Adirondack summits. This rare and fragile ecosystem has endured atop our summits since the last glaciers retreated.

The Adirondack Park Agency expresses its sincere appreciation to the Adirondack Mountain Club, the Adirondack Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, the 46ers and the Department of Environmental Conservation for their commitment to preserve a truly special habitat. Due to the dedication of these organizations, Summit Stewards have played a critical role in expanding knowledge of the Adirondack Alpine Zone resulting in the preservation and restoration of over 30 rare species of plants.

Presented this 17th day of May 2019 in Ray Brook, New York.

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