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Eliot Spitzer, Governor

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Cover photo of Lake George by Carl Heilman II. At right, photo of Taylor Pond from the summit of Silver Lake Mountain by Michele Powers, of the Adirondack Coast Visitors & Convention Bureau.



Dear Friends and Colleagues:

I write to you as the new Governor of the Empire State at an exciting time in New York's history. As our Administration takes form and engages a myriad of important issues facing our State, we also recognize over a century of State stewardship for the Adirondack Park and the Adirondack Park Agency's central role.

The Adirondack Park is a special place for nearly 18 million New Yorkers and a resident population of nearly 135,000. It is also increasingly valued by visitors as a tourist destination, a location with unsurpassed public and private open space and recreational opportunity, and as a model of sustainability.

I direct your attention to details of the Agency's 2006 annual report in the pages which follow. And, I urge your assistance and partnership in the years to come as we endeavor to make the Adirondack Park an even stronger point of pride for our State.

Respectfully,

Eliot Spitzer
Governor

Message from the Governor



Eliot Spitzer, *Governor*



Dear friends:

I am pleased to provide you with our 2006 annual report, a statement of progress in a most noble venture, the protection and enhancement of the Adirondack Park.

The year 2006 was an important one at the Agency. We managed a growing workload in all our program areas while successfully implementing new initiatives critical to the long-term future of the Park. Balancing resource protection with community needs is paramount in all our decisions.

The year 2006 was also the beginning of a transition in State government, an exciting time for all of us who feel strongly about our role as stewards of the Adirondack Park. The Adirondack Park is an extraordinary place of mountains, lakes and streams interspersed with quality communities of neighborhoods and main streets supported by farms, businesses and working forests.

We encourage your interest in the ongoing work of the Agency and urge continued citizen involvement in regional and local initiatives. It is only through cooperative partnerships and open communication that we will be able to maintain this place as a model of sustainability for rural wild lands.

With best regards,

Dr. Ross S. Whaley
Chairman

Message from the Chairman



Ross S. Whaley, Ph.D., *Chairman*

BY THE NUMBERS FUNDS & STAFF 2006-2007

Total Operating Funds	\$4,407,000
Local Government Review Board	\$50,000
Permanent Staff 2006	67

Adirondack Park Agency Board

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 government agency with an eleven-member board and a staff consisting of 67 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.



Back row (from left): Frederick Monroe (Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board Executive Director), Randy Beach (Department of Economic Development Designee), Stuart A. Buchanan (Department of Environmental Conservation Designee), Cecil Wray, Arthur Lussi, Richard L. Hoffman (Department of State Designee), James T. Townsend, William Thomas and Frank Mezzano. Front row (from left): Richard H. Lefebvre, Katherine O. Roberts, Ross S. Whaley and Leilani C. Ulrich.

The Adirondack Park Agency is an independent agency in the Executive Department.

The Board consist of eleven members. Eight are appointed by the Governor, and three are ex-officio members: the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Secretary of State, and the Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development. This membership represents a careful balance of local, regional and Statewide interests.

The Adirondack Park Agency Act gives the Agency board authority which has been refined through a Delegation Resolution to involve a discrete set of tasks, such as ordering a project to hearing and considering policy matters. The Agency conducts its business at regular monthly public meetings and does so through specialized committees charged with responsibilities in specific issue areas.

The Agency has further defined those tasks that are most appropriately handled by staff. Under these delegated responsibilities, staff members develop technical information and conduct analysis necessary to make informed decisions or to develop policy direction. Under the direction of the Executive Director, the staff also exercises broad authority to conduct certain aspects of the Agency's business. A careful balance of activities between the Agency Board and staff is a matter of ongoing dialogue and close attention.

AGENCY BOARD

Ross S. Whaley, *Chairman, Franklin County*
Arthur Lussi, *Essex County*
Frank Mezzano, *Hamilton County*
Katherine O. Roberts, *Putnam County*
William H. Thomas, *Warren County*
James T. Townsend, *Monroe County*
Leilani C. Ulrich, *Herkimer County*
Cecil Wray, *New York County*
Charles Gargano, *Commissioner Department of Economic Development*
Denise M. Sheehan, *Commissioner Department of Environmental Conservation*
Randy A. Daniels, *Secretary of State*
Randy Beach, *Designee Department of Economic Development*
Stuart A. Buchanan, *Designee Department of Environmental Conservation*
Richard L. Hoffman, *Designee Department of State*



Meet the Board Members



Ross S. Whaley
Chairman

Dr. Ross S. Whaley assumed duties as Chairman of the Adirondack Park Agency on Sept. 16, 2003 with his appointment to the Board. He brings to this position more than 30 years experience as a university teacher, researcher and administrator. He also served as Director of Economics Research for the United States Forest Service for six years. Starting in 1984, he was associated with the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, 16 years as its President and subsequently as University Professor, focusing on the political economy of sustainable development. He lives with his wife at Upper Saranac Lake.



Arthur Lussi
Member

Arthur Lussi was appointed to the Agency in June 2006. He joined the New York State Bar in 1989 and the District of Columbia Bar in 1990 and spent time coaching ski racing in Colorado, returning to Lake Placid in 1991 to help his family manage and operate the Holiday Inn (now Crowne Plaza Hotel). He worked on the Village of Lake Placid's Comprehensive Plan in the mid 1990s. Mr. Lussi resides in Lake Placid with his wife, son and two daughters.



Katherine O. Roberts
Member

Katherine Roberts was appointed to the Agency in June 1995. She was employed as an investment analyst by INA Corporation, Philadelphia. She has served as principal, chair of the Social Studies Department and teacher at the Spence School. She is also an author and writer. Commissioner Roberts served as Executive Director of the Open Space Institute, which buys and protects land. She lives with her family in Garrison.



Frank Mezzano
Member

Frank Mezzano was appointed to the Agency in February 1998. He is Supervisor of the Town of Lake Pleasant, a member of Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, and President of the Speculator/Lake Pleasant Consolidated Health District. Commissioner Mezzano also served as the County representative to the Region 5 Open Space Committee. He owned the Speculator Department Store and lives with his wife in Speculator.



William H. Thomas
Member

William H. Thomas was appointed to the Agency in December 2006. He worked at Montgomery's Department Store in Pottersville, the State Bank of Albany and NL Industries in Newcomb. In 1990, Mr. Thomas was elected Supervisor of the Town of Johnsbury. He has served as the Warren County Budget Officer from 1996 to 2000, then in 2001 he was elected by his fellow supervisors as Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors.



James T. Townsend
Member

James T. Townsend was appointed to the Agency in June 1999. He is a partner with the Rochester, New York, law firm of Remington, Gifford, Williams & Colicchio, LLP, a general practice firm concentrating in corporate, business and real estate matters. He is also Counsel to the Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation. Mr. Townsend was also an Assistant Corporation Counsel to the City of Rochester. He lives in Rochester.



Leilani C. Ulrich
Member

Leilani C. Ulrich was appointed to the Agency in November 2004. In 1997, she began coordination of community discussions which grew into CAP-21 (the Central Adirondack Partnership for the 21st Century), a community development organization serving hamlets in Long Lake, Inlet, Webb and Forestport. She has received the Adirondack North Country Association Citizen of the Year Award. She and her husband reside in Old Forge.



Cecil Wray
Member

Cecil Wray was appointed to the Agency in June 1999. He is a retired senior partner with the law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton, retiring in 1997. His practice has focused on general corporate matters, including domestic and international corporate finance transactions, securities matters and acquisitions. Also, he served as a Law Clerk to United States Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark. He lives with his wife in New York City.



Randy Beach
Department. of Economic Development, Designee

Randy Beach is the Designee for the Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development.



Stuart A. Buchanan
Department. of Environmental Conservation, Designee

Stuart A. Buchanan was the Designee for the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation.



Richard L. Hoffman
Department of State, Designee

Richard L. Hoffman is the Designee for the Secretary of State.

About the Adirondack Park

The Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan sets policy for the management of the State-owned lands. Developed by the Adirondack Park Agency in cooperation with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and approved by the Governor of New York State, the Master Plan was first adopted in 1972. The actual management of the State Lands is carried out by DEC forest rangers, foresters, environmental conservation officers, and other State personnel.

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 Parks combined, and comparable to the size of the entire state of Vermont.

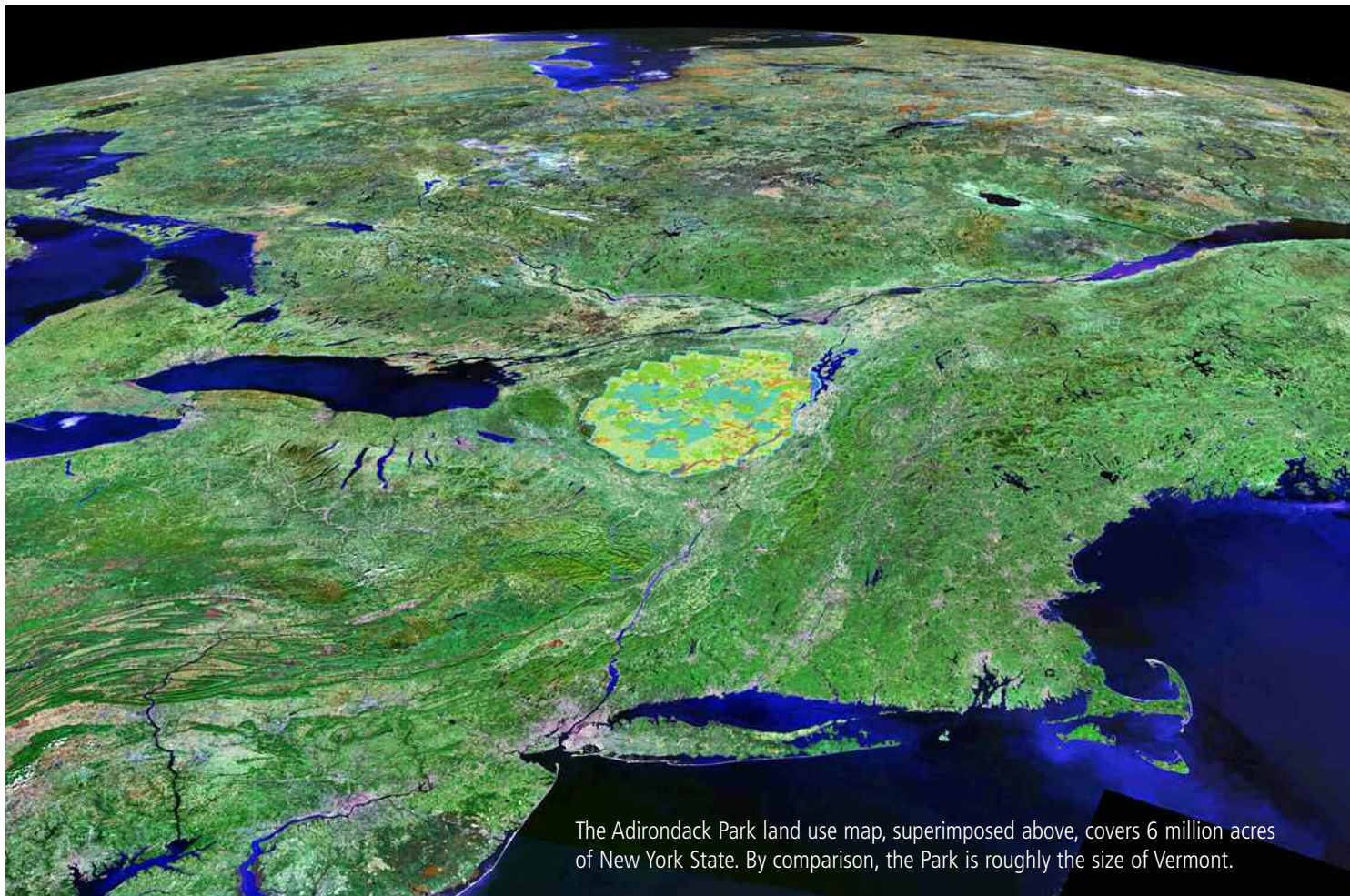
The Adirondack region boasts over 3,000 lakes, 30,000 miles of rivers and streams, and a wide variety of habitats, including globally unique wetland types and old-growth forests. The heart of the Adirondack Park is the Forest Preserve, which was created by an act of the New York State Legislature in 1885 which stated, “The lands now or hereafter constituting the Forest Preserve shall be forever kept as wild forest lands. They shall not be sold, nor shall they be leased or taken by any person or corporation, public or private.”

The boundary of the Park encompasses approximately 6 million acres, 48 percent of which belongs to all the people of New York State and is constitutionally protected to remain “forever wild” Forest Preserve. The remaining 52 percent is private land, which includes 103 towns and villages, farms, timberlands, businesses, homes and camps.

The blend of private and public lands give the Adirondacks a diversity found nowhere else—a diversity of open space and recreational lands, of wildlife and flora, of mountains and meadows, and people of all walks of life.



View from Hurricane Mountain, looking east toward Lake Champlain



The Adirondack Park land use map, superimposed above, covers 6 million acres of New York State. By comparison, the Park is roughly the size of Vermont.

About the Adirondack Park Agency

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, commonly referred to as the “Blue Line.” The APA is responsible for maintaining the protection of the State Forest Preserve, and overseeing development proposals of the privately owned lands.

The mission of the APA is to protect the public and private resources of the Park through the exercise of the powers and duties provided by law. The Agency strives to balance the complementary needs of all the people of the State for the preservation of the Park’s resources and open space character with the needs of the Park’s permanent, seasonal and transient populations for growth and service areas, employment, and a strong economic base.

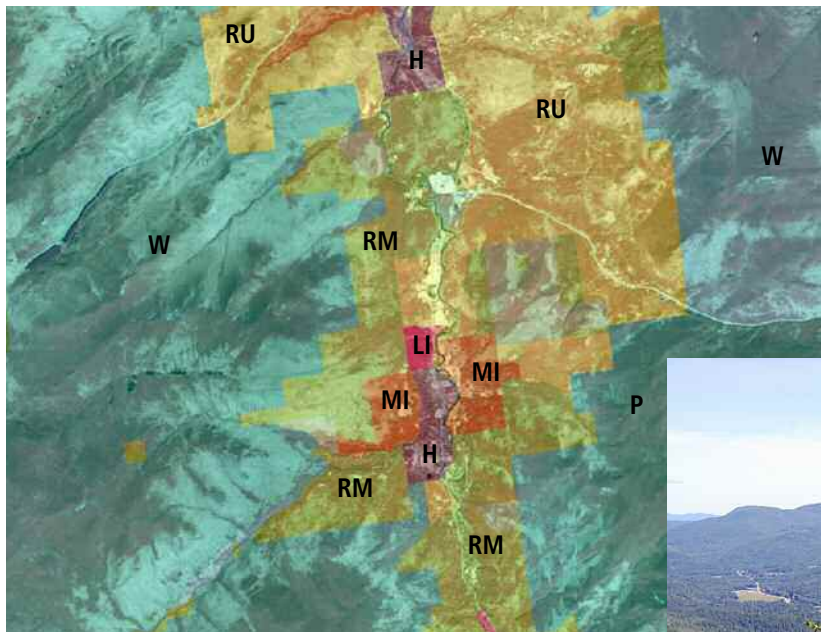
The Agency’s mission to conserve the Park’s natural resources and assure that development is well-planned in the Park is guided through the administration of:

- the Adirondack Park Agency Act and the Land Use and Development Plan;
- the New York State Freshwater Wetlands Act;
- the New York State Wild, Scenic, and Recreational Rivers System Act; and
- the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.

The Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan applies to the private land in the Park. The Plan is designed to conserve the Park’s natural resources and open-space character by directing and clustering development to minimize impact. Under the Plan, all private lands are mapped into six land use classifications: Hamlet, Moderate Intensity Use, Low Intensity Use, Rural Use, Resource Management and Industrial Use.

Guidelines are specified for the intensity of development within each category, based on number of buildings per square mile. Projects of regional significance usually require a permit from the Adirondack Park Agency.

The Agency prepared the State Land Master Plan, which was signed into law in 1972, followed by the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan in 1973. Both plans are periodically revised to reflect the changes and current trends and conditions of the Park.



Land Use Map KEY

- H = Hamlet
- MI = Moderate Intensity
- LI = Low Intensity
- RU = Rural Use
- RM = Resource Management
- P = Primitive
- W = Wilderness

Above is a map of the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan land classifications in the Essex County Town of Keene, looking north from the hamlet of Keene Valley along the Route 73 corridor to the hamlet of Keene. The photo at right is Keene Valley, as seen from Rooster Comb Mountain looking north.

The goal of the land use plan is to channel growth where it is best supported and minimize the spread of development to areas less suited to sustain growth.



Regulatory Programs

The Regulatory Programs Division is responsible for the review and the recommendations or determination of all project permit applications subject to Adirondack Park Agency jurisdiction.

BY THE NUMBERS WORKLOAD

	2006	2005
Applications	449	452
Permits issued	381	363

In 2006, Regulatory Programs received 449 applications, issued 381 permits and 5 variances, determined 22 projects to be non-jurisdictional and sent two projects to public hearing. Twenty-two applications were withdrawn from consideration after consultation with Regulatory Programs staff.

The following are some examples of approved projects in 2006.

- Saratoga County was granted a permit for a new countywide emergency radio communications system. The system involves six sites within the Park and two sites outside of the Park. Sites reviewed and approved inside the Park were the Corinth School, the Lake Luzerne Water Tank, the Conklingville site, the Lakeview site, the Spruce Mountain site and the Fraker Mountain site. The Corinth School and Spruce Mountain sites will co-locate on existing structures while the other four sites will require construction of new towers. The approved emergency communications system will cover 95 percent of the County's population within the Park, 95 percent of the time. The Agency, working closely with the County, was able to approve this important public safety project, which balances resource protection with community need.
- The Village of Northville & Nextel Partners, Inc. were granted a permit to install an 80-foot telecommunications monopole structure and a 10-foot by 20-foot accessory equipment shelter.
- The Adirondack League Club was granted a permit to subdivide 1,235± acres out of a 35,000±-acre landholding the Club owns in the Town of Webb, Herkimer County. The thirty-lot subdivision includes 26 new building lots, three common areas and a large open-space parcel. During project review, staff conducted numerous field visits to ensure all proposed lots were suitable for development and designed to minimize potential adverse impacts. The Agency approved one single-family dwelling with on-site water supply and wastewater treatment systems for

each of the 26 building lots. The permit contained conditions for structure setbacks from the shoreline and limited vegetation cutting undertaken on each lot. The 1,069-acre parcel retained by the Club will remain as open space. The Adirondack League Club will utilize the open-space parcel for sustainable forestry and recreational use.

- The New York Power Authority was granted a Section 814 Order for a 46.5-kilovolt (kV) electric power transmission line, associated access roads and construction of new substations. The “Tri-Lakes Reliability Project” will improve electrical service in the Tri-Lakes Region of Lake Placid, Saranac Lake, Tupper Lake and the surrounding communities. The approved 26-mile route begins in Parishville (Stark Falls) at an approved new 115/46.5 kV substation that will connect with the existing 115 kV system and ends at an existing substation in Piercefield where a new regulator station will be constructed. Much of the route will follow State Route 56 and Route 3. The project will deliver reliable power to the Tri-Lakes communities.

- Open Space Conservancy, Inc. was granted a second phase permit to subdivide a 10,052-acre tract of land into the following seven lots: Parcel 1, a 6,815-acre parcel to be conveyed to the State of New York for inclusion in the Forest Preserve; Parcel 2, a 2,979-acre parcel to be conveyed for future forest management purposes; Parcel 3, a 210-acre parcel surrounding the historic former mining settlement of Adirondack to be retained by the applicant for archeological research, historic interpretation, stabilization and/or reconstruction of existing structures, and preservation of an 1850s era blast furnace; Parcel 4, a 46-acre parcel to be conveyed containing two single-family dwellings which will have frontage on Henderson Lake; Parcel 5, a 1.6-acre lot on Upper Preston Pond containing a pre-existing rustic cabin to be retained by the applicant for state administrative use and non-profit, wilderness-based outdoor recreation, education, and research programs; Parcel 6, a 0.41-acre parcel containing a pre-existing fire observation tower to be repaired and to be retained by the applicant for use by the public; and Parcel 7, a 0.3-acre lot containing pre-existing structures including a fire observer’s cabin to be restored and to be retained by the



Leilani C. Ulrich, *Chair Regulatory Programs*



The Adirondack Club and Resort is a large-scale resort/residential project proposed on and around Mount Morris, above, in the Town of Tupper Lake in Franklin County. It includes a ski center, marina, shooting school, 60-unit inn, 675 single-family and multiple-family residential dwelling units and 24 “great camp” lots. Staff deemed the application complete in December.



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Spec. 1

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Leigh R. Walrath, *Environmental Prog. Spec. 1*

Jennifer Carlo, *Project Assistant*

applicant. Conservation Easements restricting future development on Parcels 2 through 7 were proposed.

- The Au Sable Valley Central School District was granted a permit for the installation of four 70-foot tall light poles for the existing athletic field at the Au Sable Valley Middle-High School located west of NYS Route 9N. Two of the four light poles are located within the recreational river corridor of the Au Sable River.

- Rondaxe Lake Association, North Branch LLC and was granted a permit for the replacement of the existing timber dam with a new rock dam on Rondaxe Lake. This will increase the size of the existing dam from 2,200 square feet to 4,160 square feet requiring a shoreline setback variance.

- The State University of New York (SUNY) College of Environmental Science & Forestry (ESF) was granted a permit involving the installation of two new 80-foot-tall lattice towers, and installation of radio equipment and solar panels on existing and previously Agency-permitted towers, and on the Goodnow Mountain fire tower at an elevation greater than 2,500 feet, a statutorily designed Critical Environmental Area (CEA). The communication towers are being utilized for environmental research purposes.

- Thomas O'Brien & Ethel Fletcher were granted a permit for the construction and operation of "Wakely Lodge Cottage Colony," which will consist of 25 duplex housekeeping cottages (a total of 50 tourist accommodation units), an office building, an access road, parking, lighting, and community water and wastewater treatment systems.

Jurisdictional Office

The public's first point of contact with the Agency is often a letter or phone call handled by the Jurisdictional Inquiry Office at the Agency. The Agency received 1,214 written requests for formal jurisdictional determinations in 2006, with an average response time of 11 days. Staff in this office addressed 7,482 telephone contacts and met with 359 walk-in members of the public. In addition, staff handled 1,263 referrals from other agencies.

It is important to note that even though jurisdictional inquiries increased in 2006 the response time decreased by seven days. The Agency attributes this to a staff increase, continued training and most importantly the dedication level of the Jurisdictional staff.

The Agency's Records Management Officer also responded to an increased number of Freedom of Information (FOI) requests. In 2006, staff processed 213 requests, an increase of 58 over the previous year's total of 155. Responding to FOI requests is a time-consuming process that can require significant research and records retrieval time.

Staff Attorneys

The Agency's five staff attorneys, Counsel and Associate Counsel continue to provide legal services and advice for all aspects of the Agency's business. The Division also manages litigation matters working with the Attorney General and saw the successful conclusion of litigation involving the enforcement of Agency permit conditions.

Staff attorneys were very busy in 2006 as the Agency reviewed a number of complex large-scale projects. Legal guidance was invaluable on towers projects such as Saratoga County's Emergency Communications project and in negotiations with CP Rail to encourage them to lower the height of towers placed along their rail line.

Legal

The Legal Division's attorneys provide legal advice to the Agency Board and staff on most issues. The Division also oversees the Jurisdictional Inquiry and Enforcement Offices.



James T. Townsend, *Chair Legal Affairs*
Cecil Wray, *Chair Enforcement*

Staff attorneys played a key role on the Tri-Lakes Reliability project, which will bring additional power to the Tupper Lake, Saranac Lake and Lake Placid region. The Adirondack Club and Resort project demanded significant legal attention in 2006. This project, one of the largest in Agency history, presents a number of complex legal issues.

Regulatory revision continued in 2006 with definition changes for “campgrounds,” “hunting and fishing cabins,” “involving wetlands,” and other significant procedural revisions authorized pending formal hearings and adoption.

Enforcement

In 2006, the Enforcement Program continued to focus on environmentally significant violations resolving 415 cases. However, 50 more cases were opened (438) in 2006 than in 2005 (388). Due to the increased number of reported cases, the number of open cases rose from 352 to 391. Approximately half are subdivision violations. Almost all of the non-subdivision cases are under investigation or are in settlement negotiations. Nearly 50 percent of the open cases are less than one year old.

Between 2000 and 2005, enforcement quadrupled the number of violations resolved each year through settlements requiring compliance and, when appropriate, civil penalties. This increased productivity is due in large part to the use of streamlined agreements that focus on addressing environmental impacts and obtaining compliance. In 2006, 284 proposed settlement agreements were issued an increase from the 2005 level of 238. Approximately 60 percent of these settlements (169) were accepted and returned during the year.

During 2006, Agency staff commenced six formal administrative enforcement proceedings involving apparent violations. The six cases alleged wetland and shoreline violations, a violation of a settlement stemming from a compliance inspection at a junkyard, and a clear-cut violation. Only one case was referred to the Enforcement

BY THE NUMBERS WORKLOAD

	2006	2005
Jurisdictional Determinations		
Written Inquiries	1,214	1,134
Responses	1,226	1,039
Phone Calls	7,482	8,171
Referrals	1,263	NA
FOILs	213	155
Enforcement Cases		
Open	438	388
Closed	415	402

Committee for consideration. This matter involved a shoreline-setback violation. The Enforcement Committee's determination sought compliance and issued a penalty for the violation. The violator failed to comply with the Committee's determination, and, in October, the matter was referred to the Attorney General for civil action.

During the winter of 2006, Enforcement Officers began a series of meetings with local code enforcement officers to discuss Agency and local enforcement issues. This ongoing effort is improving coordination and communication.

Challenges for the Enforcement Program in 2007 include the goal of resolving more cases with added attorney assistance, focusing on subdivision violation prevention, and continuing violation-prevention outreach efforts.



Larry Phillips conducts a compliance field visit for a subdivision violation. The owner was required to install a septic system designed to adequately work given the soil characteristics.



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Resource Analysis & Scientific Services

The Resource Analysis and Scientific Services (RASS) unit provides the scientific and technical data supporting most Agency matters, including project review, enforcement and state land activities. The Agency's scientists provide daily guidance on septic systems and stormwater runoff, soils analysis, forestry, invasive species and wildlife habitat. Staff also conducts wetland delineations.

In 2006, the Resource Analysis and Scientific Services unit (RASS) welcomed Melinda (Fredenburg) LaBarr, a Tupper Lake native, to the position of Keyboard Specialist 1 and said goodbye to Sunita Halasz, who retired to spend quality time with her young and growing family.

Requests for wetland delineations in 2006 increased by 28 percent over year 2005 to 444 delineations. Forty-nine percent of all wetland delineations occurred in Essex and Warren counties while 52 percent of all wetland field visits occurred in Rural Use and Moderate Intensity land use areas.

RASS assisted Regulatory Programs staff, providing timely technical support as permit applications continued to increase in number and complexity. RASS contributed to the review of several major projects including:

- Adirondack Club and Resort;
- Ski Bowl Village at Gore Mountain;
- Lake Algonquin Dredge;
- Ellsworth Marina Dredge;
- Rondaxe Lake dam replacement;
- Lake George Park Commission control of Eurasian watermilfoil; and
- Upper Saranac Lake milfoil project.

RASS staff initiated revisions to the project application process to ensure applicants proposing on-site wastewater treatment systems understand permitting requirements. The revised applications reinforces existing New York State Department of Health standards and provides more consistency for applicants resulting in an improved permit process.

RASS helped meet ambitious goals to reduce the enforcement case backlog by coordinating closely with enforcement officers and legal staff to conduct site visits and prepare affidavits. The RASS staff worked on several large enforcement actions,

including the resolution of several cases involving major wetland fills and restoration, soil erosion stabilization, shoreline stabilization following shoreline structure removals, and shoreline vegetation-cutting remediation. RASS staff provided technical input on regulatory reform efforts and wetland jurisdictional determinations.

Staff continued providing invaluable guidance to referrals from the Jurisdictional Office regarding citizen land use and development proposals. Guidance results in compliance with Agency regulations thereby preventing potential violations.

RASS assisted Planning staff with determinations on resource impacts for proposed development activities on State land and with Unit Management Plan reviews. RASS staff reviewed numerous general permit applications submitted by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for activities involving wetlands on State lands.

EPA Grants

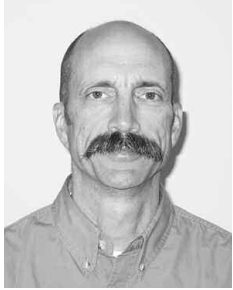
RASS staffers continued to secure funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to conduct data collection and study and map wetlands with the goal to improve resource protection efforts in major watersheds of the Park. In 2006, RASS staff worked on the Au Sable-Boquet Watershed EPA project, identifying historic wetland patterns. This project was a partnership with the Au Sable and Boquet River Associations, the New York Natural Heritage Program, and the Remote Sensing Lab at SUNY College at Plattsburgh. Ariel Diggory coordinated the project as part of a master’s degree program at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

RASS successfully secured additional EPA grant funding to complete wetland and watershed mapping to inventory and manage aquatic and terrestrial invasive plants in the Mohawk River Watershed. This project includes a partnership with the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program.



Katherine O. Roberts, *Chair Park Ecology*

BY THE NUMBERS		
WORKLOAD		
	2006	2005
Wetland		
Delineations	444	347
Soil Test Pits	105	NA
Field/Site Visits	205	NA



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Soil and Water Engineering Specialist Shaun LaLonde, far right, and Environmental Engineer Greg A. Bendell, second from right, conduct a site visit at Huletts Landing to assist the local fire department locate an appropriate site for their firehouse expansion.

APA received funds for a project awarded in 2005 to complete wetland mapping in the Saranac River and Lake George basins and to develop a systematic permit compliance effort. Three independent contractors were hired in 2006, one to serve as the project coordinator and two as project compliance officers.

During 2006, the Planning Division continued its role in implementing the State Land Master Plan; developing and maintaining the Agency's GIS and mapped data; working with local government to provide training and expertise in zoning law; implementing scenic byways improvements; managing the Agency's records systems; and providing essential support to the functions of the other Agency Divisions.

Some notable Planning Division accomplishments include:

Scenic Byway Projects: These projects included completion of the Town of Keene hamlet improvement project to install new community entrance signs, electronic speed boards, new public parking lot, pocket park, sidewalks and curbing, and plantings; Route 73 vegetative remediation and demonstration project to improve a number of roadside locations with native wildflowers and vegetation; remaining parking and safety improvements to 18 traffic pullout areas along Route 73; improved parking and access and interpretive signage along NYS Route 86 on the West Branch of the Au Sable River from Lake Placid to Wilmington; and rehabilitation of the Holt House at Marcy Field for use as a visitor information center

Geographic Information Systems (GIS): GIS functions include management of the Agency's GIS environment, planning and production of large-scale, high-accuracy map products, and compilation of geospatial data. Staff completed a new GIS database structure; completed a Parkwide GIS database and map layer for JIF information; programmed new routines in the GIS Lookup System to map and query soils, project review, wetlands field visits and enforcement case sites; updated the Private Land Use Map GIS database to reflect the 2005 State Land classifications and map amendments; provided maps and GIS data to the Towns of Elizabethtown, Chester and Queensbury; and developed standard protocols so that DEC staff can format UMP documents and maps for posting on the Agency's Web site.

Park Policy & Planning

The Agency's Planning Division is responsible for Local Government Services, Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map Updates and Map Amendments, Scenic Byways Program Development and Management, State Lands, Park Policy Research & Analysis, Geographic Information System (GIS), Cartographic Services, Records Management & Library Services, and Web Site Management.



Cecil Wray, *Chair Park Policy and Planning*

Agency Web Site: Division staff are also responsible for maintaining the Agency’s Web site, providing tools and instruction for program staff, updating of content, ensuring quality design and usability, keeping current with technology trends and complying with State standards. As of December 2006, the average number of visits per week was 7,093, and the average number of pages viewed per week was 11,516. The most frequently visited pages in 2006, other than the Home Page, included Press Releases, About the Park, Town GIS Land Classification, GIS Home Page, FAQ, State Lands, Regulations, and Contact Us. The most frequently downloaded documents were the Rules & Regulations, State Land Master Plan, Citizen’s Guide, Moose River Plains Wild Forest Proposed Final UMP, APA Act, 2005 State Land Classification Package Maps, Special Area Management Plan from Jessup River Wild Forest UMP, Wilmington/Ausable Region Visitor’s Guide, Watson’s East Wild Forest Proposed Final UMP and Ausable River Watershed Visitor’s Guide.

VIC Web Site: Staff worked with a consultant to overhaul the Agency’s VIC Web site—www.adkvic.org. This phase of the project, which was completed during 2006, will provide improved site navigation capabilities, more information, and Flash animation features. The new site was expected to be launched March 1, 2007.

Records Management: Staff continued processing Agency records, converting Agency paper records and map files to CD format, and initiated a comprehensive effort to revise and update the Agency’s official records retention and disposition plan.

BY THE NUMBERS WORKLOAD

	2006	2005
Agency Web Site		
Average Weekly Visitors	7,093	NA
Average Weekly Pages Viewed	11,516	NA

State Lands

State Land staff of the Agency's Planning Division are responsible for working with the Department of Environmental Conservation on preparing Unit Management Plans which are consistent with the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; working with the Agency Board to provide guidance and interpretation of the Master Plan; reviewing projects proposed by DEC to insure conformance with the Master Plan; and making recommendations to the Agency, in consultation with DEC staff, on State Land classifications and re-classifications.

Based on guidance and advice from the State Land staff, the Agency approved nine Unit Management Plans prepared by NYSDEC during 2006 including: Blue Ridge Wilderness, Jessup River Wild Forest, Lake Eaton Campground, Lewey Lake Campground, Northampton Beach Campground, Raquette Boreal Wild Forest, St. Regis Canoe Area, Silver Lake Wilderness and White Hill Wild Forest.

Also in 2006, the Agency approved amendments to the Gore Mountain Ski Area, Whiteface Mountain Ski Area and Fulton Chain Wild Forest UMPs. Plans released for public review included Moose River Wild Forest, Watson's East Triangle Wild Forest, Ferris Lake Wild Forest, Lake George Wild Forest and Wilcox Lake Wild Forest. Seventeen plans are currently under development by the DEC.

Staff presented background information on SLMP interpretation issues, such as snowmobile trail maintenance and grooming, character of snowmobile trails, carrying capacity analysis on water bodies, competitive events, primitive camping, natural materials, and view maintenance in Wilderness. A new Agency State Land Master Plan interpretation guidance was completed for standard snowmobile trail bridge design. The Agency also conducted a field visits to Indian Lake Islands and the Saranac Lake Wild Forest to review primitive tent site design and conducted a snowmobile grooming demonstration at Agency headquarters in conjunction with the NYS Snowmobile Association and the Town of Long Lake.



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Working closely with DEC in the Unit Management Planning process, APA State Land staff ensures that future generations of fishermen will have the opportunity to pass along lessons learned and experiences gained from fishing a remote wilderness pond. Above, Grandpa Jack patiently teaches his grandsons the secret to baiting a lure.

State land policy issues in which staff played a role in 2006 include the Adirondack Snowmobile Plan, DEC Statewide ATV Policy, DEC Forest Preserve Road Policy, affordable housing, updates to DOT Guidelines for the Adirondack Park, Statewide Wireless Network, Hudson River-Black River Regulating District MOU and Parkwide permit patterns and trends.



View from atop Sleeping Beauty Mountain in the Lake George Wild Forest

BY THE NUMBERS WORKLOAD

	2006	2005
Unit Management Plans (UMPs)		
UMP Approvals	9	7
UMP Amendments	3	1

In terms of local planning assistance, 17 towns and one village have Agency-approved local land use programs. The Agency transfers its jurisdiction for Class B regional projects and variances to towns with approved programs. These municipalities kept staff busy in 2006 reviewing local zoning amendments and variances. Staff reviewed and approved amendments to approved local land use programs submitted for the Towns of Arietta, Lake George and Horicon.

In addition, staff reviewed 106 variances issued by towns with approved local land use programs. The Agency must review variances to ensure towns are consistent with local land use program approval criteria.

Agency staff spent significant time working with the Town of Johnsbury on their effort to gain approval for its local land use program. Johnsbury is committed to maintaining its existing community character while ensuring adequate room for future growth. The Town is upgrading local laws that will be consistent with its Comprehensive Plan and Agency development considerations.

Outreach is an important ongoing effort of the Agency with a major communication goal to increase public awareness to reduce violations. Staff communication efforts are designed to improve public understanding of Agency jurisdiction, improve partnerships with local governments and to further an atmosphere of trust, fairness and openness.

To accomplish this goal, staff visited municipalities to discuss jurisdiction and enforcement prevention with elected officials, code enforcement officers, planning board members and zoning board officials. In addition, staff attended regularly scheduled Town Board meetings to address specific areas of the APA Act. Structure height and the Telecommunications and Tall Structures Policy were popular topics in 2006.

Local Government Services

The Local Government Services Division works with individual towns in the Park to assist them in planning and zoning and administering Agency-approved local land use programs. The staff also assists communities by attending community meetings, providing written advice, designing workshops and providing plan and code review.



Richard L. Hoffman, *Chair Local Government Services*



Brian Grisi, *Local Planning Assistant Specialist*

Outreach efforts extend to all stakeholders. Throughout the year, staff presented jurisdictional training workshops to lake shore associations, real estate professionals, contractors, professional organizations and the general public.

An important benefit derived from outreach efforts is furthering relationships with local officials, property owners and the various stakeholders that exist inside the Adirondack Park. Overall in 2006, staff conducted 33 municipal visits, attended 25 town meetings and conducted 20 jurisdictional workshops.

Local Government Day is a major outreach initiative for the Agency. In 2006, over 190 people attended the event held in the Village of Saranac Lake. This is the highest attendance for Local Government Day since its inception nine years ago.

Topics addressed in 2006 included affordable housing, outdoor boilers and open burning, invasive species, alternate energy technology and energy conservation for public buildings. APA staff teamed with the Department of State and the Department of Environmental Conservation for workshops covering issues such as APA jurisdiction, local planning and zoning basics, watershed protection and stormwater prevention.

BY THE NUMBERS WORKLOAD

	2006	Total to date
Local Land Use Programs		
Approvals	1	17

	2006	2005
Local Land Use Programs		
Amendments	33	12
Variances	106	103
Municipal Meetings	44	NA
Jurisdictional Workshops	17	NA



Brian Grisi and Sarah Reynolds prepare for a local planning board presentation.

Protecting the open-space character and environmental quality of the Adirondack Park and helping to build a sustainable economy in Park communities are compatible goals for the Adirondack Park Agency. Working through the Agency's Economic Affairs Committee and its staff-level Economic Services unit, quality-of-life improvements are pursued with stakeholders, including local governments.

In 2006, the Economic Affairs Committee focused its attention on three important issues for the region's long-term economic viability: community housing or housing that is available for residents of the Park at a reasonable price; broadband; and challenges facing the paper-making industry and the forests that have traditionally been the source of wood fiber for the region's mills.

During 2006, there were new local and Parkwide initiatives to address housing needs, including the Adirondack Regional Housing Trust funded through grant monies secured by State Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little. The Agency has been considering specific ways that it can be of support to these initiatives consistent with the statutes it administers.

There is also increasing recognition of the importance of broadband service in building a sustainable economy for the Adirondack Park. During the year, the Agency closely monitored a range of new broadband planning initiatives and ensured, through designated liaisons, that any questions regarding permit jurisdiction or the permitting process are quickly answered.

Regarding paper making, the Agency has been building its understanding of global trade issues that are affecting the long-term future of this important Adirondack industry. The Board and staff recognize the important relationship of viable regional wood product firms and the long-term maintenance of vast areas of private, forested open space in the Adirondack Park. Active research into the potential for and impacts of alternative uses for Adirondack timber is being followed.

Economic Services

The Economic Services unit provides expertise in real estate and financial feasibility analysis, economic and fiscal impact analysis and economic development planning. It also provides general public guidance on development sites and assists project sponsors, economic developers and planners in the evaluation of specific business development sites.



Frank Mezzano, *Chair Economic Affairs*
Stephen M. Erman, *Special Assistant-Economic Affairs*

Stephen M. Erman, Special Assistant for Economic Affairs (far left), stands next to Tom Amidon, Professor and Faculty Chair, Paper Science and Engineering at SUNY/ESF; Dennis Gingles, Regional Forest Products Procurement Coordinator for International Paper; and Chris Mallon, Mill Manager for the Ticonderoga International Paper Mill. This photo was taken after their Economic Affairs Committee presentation to the Agency Board on paper making and its economic impacts to the Adirondack region.

The Economic Services unit also assisted economic development planning in the Park by working with entrepreneurs needing Agency permits to establish or expand their businesses. Economic staff provided expertise on economic and fiscal issues to the Regulatory Programs Division and other Agency divisions on an as-needed basis and assisted in the 9th annual Local Government Day conference in March 2006.

The Agency is proud of its increased attention to community and economic issues and the quest for a more vibrant and sustainable economic future for the Park.



The year 2006 was an exceptional year for environmental education in the Adirondack Park as the Interpretive Programs Division welcomed the opening of the Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks (aka the Wild Center) in Tupper Lake. With 18 years of experience serving the public, the Adirondack Park Agency Visitor Interpretive Centers (VICs) at Paul Smiths and Newcomb were in a unique position to support the Wild Center's opening while fulfilling the Division's mission "to enhance public awareness of Park resources and the Agency's role in their protection."

In addition, the VICs solidified their partnership with the Adirondack community and provided excellent service to more than 104,000 visitors in 2006, an all-time high since opening the Paul Smiths and Newcomb VICs in 1989 and 1990, respectively.

Accomplishments

In anticipation of the July 4, 2006 opening of the Wild Center, the Interpretive Programs Division supported the new facility by assisting with exhibit preparation, staff and volunteer training, and publicity.

On Sept. 24, 2006, the Newcomb VIC opened the 1.1-mile R.W. Sage Jr. Memorial Trail in honor of the late Richard "Dick" Sage Jr., a researcher and manager at Newcomb's Adirondack Ecological Center who died in 2002.

Both VICs continued to implement the Division's Comprehensive Sign Plan, which was initiated to erect signage with updated information and uniform colors and styles that blend in well with the environment.

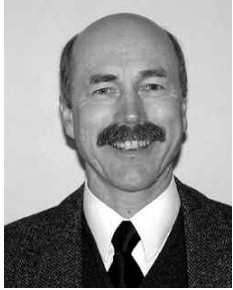
New Initiatives

The VIC facility managers—Michael Brennan at Paul Smiths and Rynda McCray at Newcomb—became Project Wild Facilitators as a cooperative effort between the Agency and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Interpretive Programs

The Interpretive Programs Division oversees two Visitor Interpretive Centers (VICs) in the Adirondack Park located in Paul Smiths and Newcomb. They offer environmental education and visitor orientation services. Both facilities feature exhibits, indoor and outdoor public programs and miles of scenic, surfaced trails where people can learn about the Park's ecology. They are open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. year round, except Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Admission is free.



Stuart A. Buchanan,
Chair Interpretive
Programs



Michael Brennan, *Environmental Educator 3*
(Facility Manager-Paul Smiths)



Rynda McCray, *Environmental Educator 3*
(Facility Manager-Newcomb)



On Sept. 24, 2006, friends, family members and dignitaries helped open the 1.1-mile R.W. Sage Jr. Memorial Trail at the Adirondack Park Agency Visitor Interpretive Center (VIC) in Newcomb. The trail honors the late Richard "Dick" Sage Jr., a researcher and manager at Newcomb's Adirondack Ecological Center (AEC) who died in August 2002. Pictured above, from left, during the ribbon-cutting ceremony are: Rynda McCray, Newcomb VIC site manager; AEC Director William F. Porter; Dick Sage's wife, Brenda; Agency Chairman Ross S. Whaley, and Newcomb VIC Maintenance Assistant Michael Tracy.

BY THE NUMBERS

VISITATION

VIC	2006	2005
Newcomb	27,768	26,342
Paul Smiths	76,376	76,831

Both VICs began exhibiting the “Trip of the Drip” PowerPoint presentation, which was created by the Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP). This new program is an example of an ongoing partnership between the LCBP and the VICs.

Environmental Education

The Interpretive Programs Division continued to fulfill its directive from Agency commissioners to strengthen its environmental education services, including a push to emphasize its outreach offerings. Education is provided by both VICs through school field trips, school outreach, weekend programming, exhibits, special events, special summer programs and off-site trips. Information about programs available to teachers is listed in the Teacher Resource Guide in the VIC newsletter, the Adirondack Observer, and on the VIC Web site: www.adkvic.org.

Volunteers

Let’s hear it for the volunteers! Without them, we would not be as successful in serving the public. The VIC volunteers assist in many areas both on and off the centers’ properties. In 2006, about 4,261 volunteer hours were donated at Paul Smiths, and 721 were donated at Newcomb. In addition, inmate crews from the Department of Correctional Services facilities at Camp Gabriels in Brighton and the Moriah Shock Camp provide invaluable assistance to maintenance staff at both facilities, including about 1,200 hours at Paul Smiths and about 828 hours at Newcomb.



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BY THE NUMBERS			
PROGRAMS, GROUPS & SCHOOLS			
VIC	2006	2005	
Newcomb	3,771	4,050	
Paul Smiths	19,681	20,580	

BY THE NUMBERS			
OUTREACH			
VIC	2006	2005	
Newcomb	283	774	
Paul Smiths	1,680	1,869	

Adirondack Park Institute

The Adirondack Park Institute, Inc. (API) was created in 1989 as a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit corporation to provide enhanced environmental educational and interpretive opportunities to schools, area visitors, children and their families. The API accomplishes this mission through a partnership with the two Visitor Interpretive Centers (VICs) operated by the Adirondack Park Agency. The API motto, "Teaching a Generation to Care," reflects this important mission.

The API's primary source of funding comes from its membership, a dedicated group, and members are asked to renew their commitment on an annual basis. The API also administers grants for the benefit of program development at the VICs. With the members' help, the API can continue to teach the importance of caring for the world around us and help preserve the natural beauty of our environment.

The API supports environment education programs, special events, publications and curricula at the Paul Smiths and Newcomb VICs. Some current examples of API-funded programs are the: Adirondack Wildlife Festival, Chilly Ski Festival, Adirondack Raptor Celebration, Saturdays are for Kids, Exploring Nature with Little People, school field trips, and the Native Species Butterfly House.

Learn more about the API by contacting its office at (518) 582-2022 or going online to www.adirondackparkinstitute.org.

Officers and Executive Director

President, Col. Robert C. Lilly, USAF (Ret.)

Secretary, Edmund E. Lynch

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Executive Director, Jennifer Fregoe-Fifield



Families enjoy handmade crafts at the children's activities table during the 2006 Adirondack Wildlife Festival, which is held the second Sunday every August at the Paul Smiths VIC. The Adirondack Park Institute, Inc. funds the Wildlife Festival and other special events at both VICs.

Section 803-a of the Adirondack Park Agency Act provides for the establishment of the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board. As provided by law, the purpose of the Review Board is to advise and assist the Agency in carrying out its mission. The Agency enjoys a strong working relationship with the Review Board through open discussion and dialogue focused on local government perspectives.

Agency Members and staff regularly attend the Review Board meetings, which are held monthly throughout the Adirondack Park. At the monthly Adirondack Park Agency meetings, Review Board staff plays a prominent and active role in all deliberations. The Agency's efforts to achieve balanced decision making are greatly enhanced by this dialogue.

The State of New York includes \$50,000 in operating funds for the Adirondack Park Local Review Board in the Agency's budget.

Chairman and Officers

Chairman, Lloyd Moore, St. Lawrence County

Executive Director, Frederick Monroe

Counsel, John C. McDonald

Secretary, Carol A. Monroe



The Au Sable River flows under the Stone Arch Bridge in the historic Village of Keeseville.

Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board



LGRB Executive Director Frederick Monroe addresses a crowd at the grand opening of the Schroon Manor Day Use Area in Schroon Lake. Behind him, from the left, are Cathy Mooses, Supervisor Town of Schroon; Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little; and DEC Commissioner Denise Sheehan.

Message from the Executive Director

The Administration Services Division is responsible for all fiscal management, contract administration, personnel management, physical plan management, and office support. This includes fiscal matters such as: preparation of purchase orders and vouchers, determination of division allocations, fiscal record keeping, determination of availability of funds for the Agency's division programs, and computerization of fiscal records. Staff are also responsible for media relations, community relations and outreach.

Governor Spitzer and Members of the Legislature:

The Adirondack Park Agency completed its 33rd year of administration of the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan in 2006, and I am pleased to submit this report as required by our enabling legislation.

This has been an extremely busy year, partly a reflection of the appetite for new subdivision and construction within the Park, but due also to a growing awareness of the central role of this Agency in the details that will determine the Park's future. We have sought to balance outreach through the World Wide Web, through personal contact with landowners and local government officials, and through the bully pulpit the Agency provides for issues of Parkwide concern to New Yorkers with the monthly agenda of State and private land policy and permits.

We have struggled to meet our obligations with pending large-scale proposals unprecedented at this Agency, along with a stream of smaller projects and the fruition of a number of years of State land unit planning. At the same time, we have renewed contacts with local code enforcement officials as part of a program of



Public Information Director Keith P. McKeever (left) and Executive Director Richard H. Lefebvre



Executive Director Richard H. Lefebvre, Chairman Ross S. Whaley, Counsel John S. Banta

“enforcement prevention,” maintained a vigorous dialogue with the Local Government Review Board and other representatives of local government including affordable housing and community infrastructure, and seen broadly based engagement by the different constituencies concerned with the Park’s environment on themes ranging from the Park’s open space to energy and our carbon footprint.

The year ended with attention to the transition to Governor Spitzer’s incoming administration for this small Agency lodged in the Executive Department. Thus I close with appreciation for opportunities provided by his staff and the time devoted to the Agency’s future in that process. I reaffirm my belief that the trust of past generations guarded by this Agency will garner respect and cooperation among all who are responsible for the Park’s future.

Very truly yours,

Richard H. Lefebvre
Executive Director



Frank Mezzano, *Chair Administration Services*
Richard H. Lefebvre, *Executive Director*

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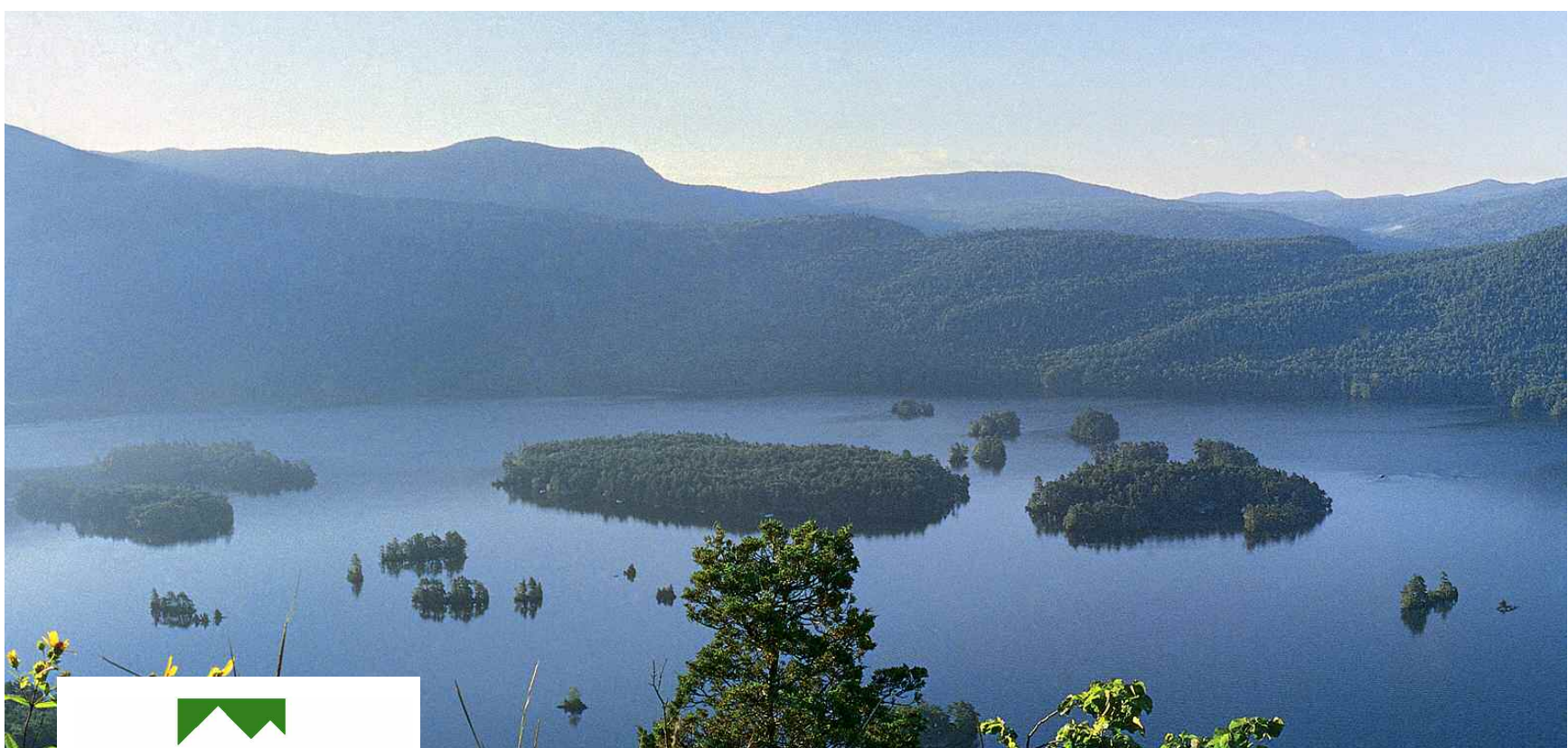


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This report was produced by Agency Public Information Director Keith P. McKeever and Senior Public Information Specialist Andy Flynn.

At left, photo of Silver Lake from the summit of Silver Lake Mountain by Michele Powers, of the Adirondack Coast Visitors & Convention Bureau.



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