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30x30

Adirondack Park Agency Board Meeting - August 2026
Division of Lands and Forests

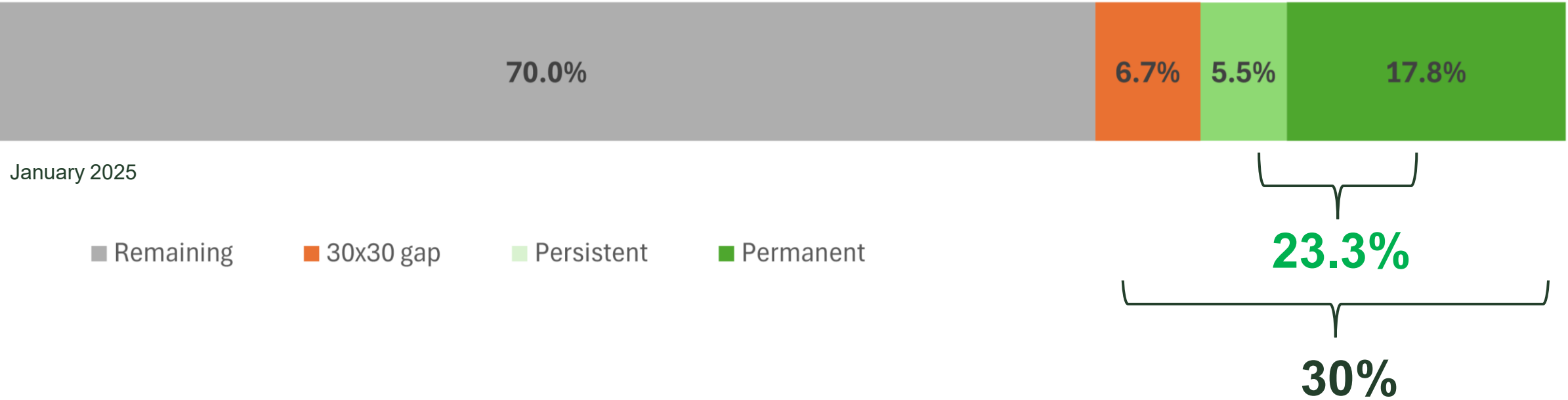
What is 30x30?

- Governor Kathy Hochul signed Bill A.5390B/S.6191A in December 2022.
- New York State will *“support and contribute to national efforts to conserve at least thirty percent of United States lands and inland waters and at least thirty percent of United States ocean areas by the year two thousand thirty.”*
- The Bill was promulgated into New York State Law and became ECL § 49-0113.



Bottom line: goal is to conserve 30% of lands and waters in NYS by 2030 – **“30x30”**

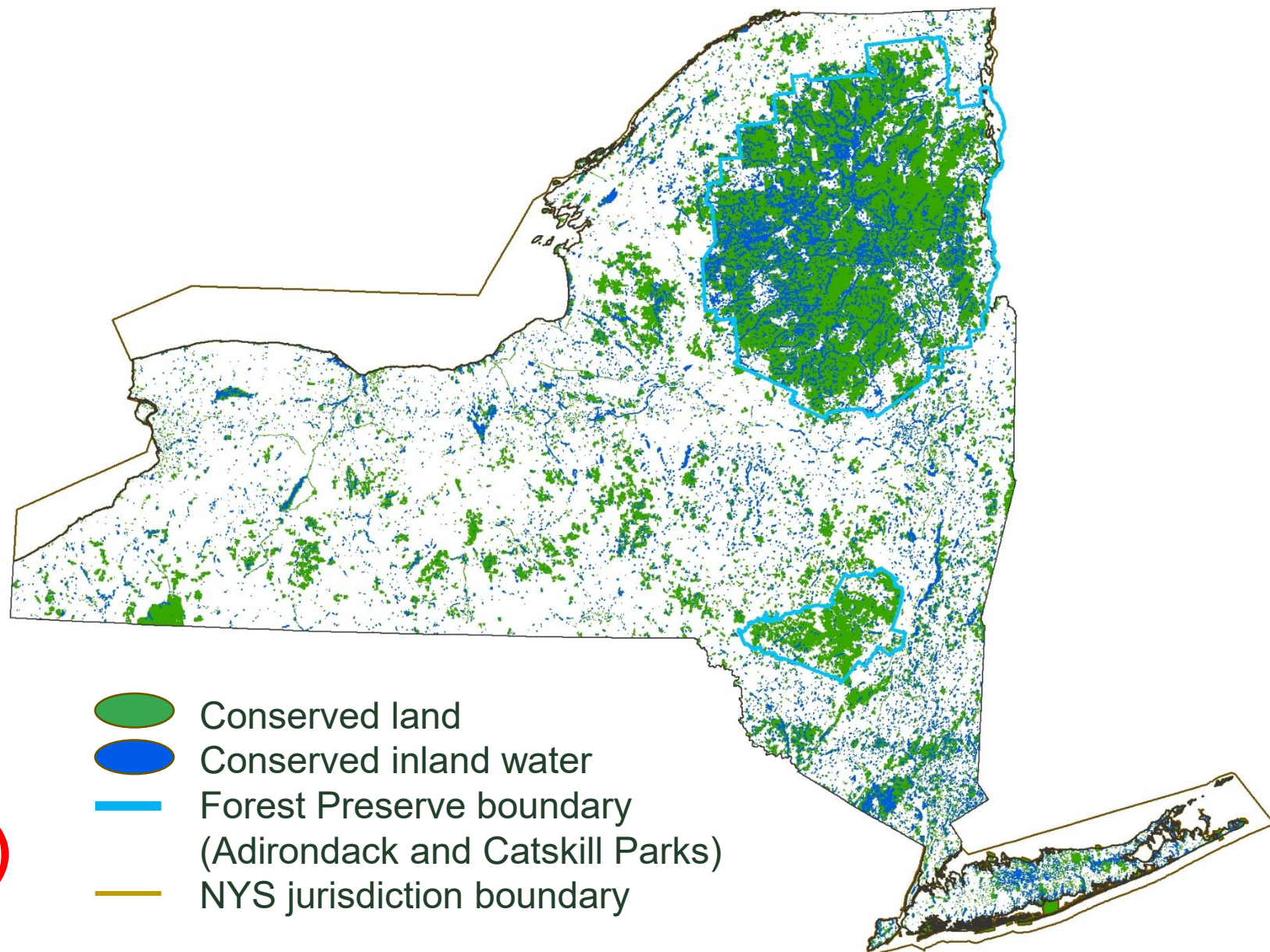
30x30 - Are We There Yet?

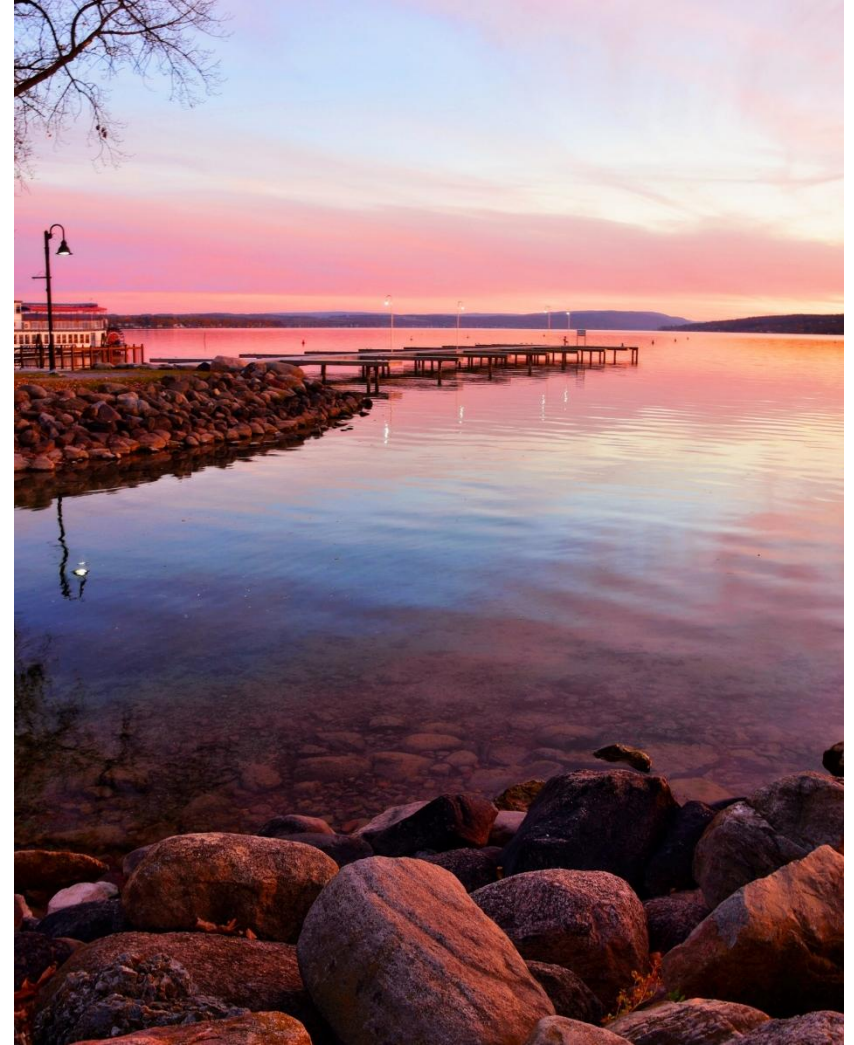
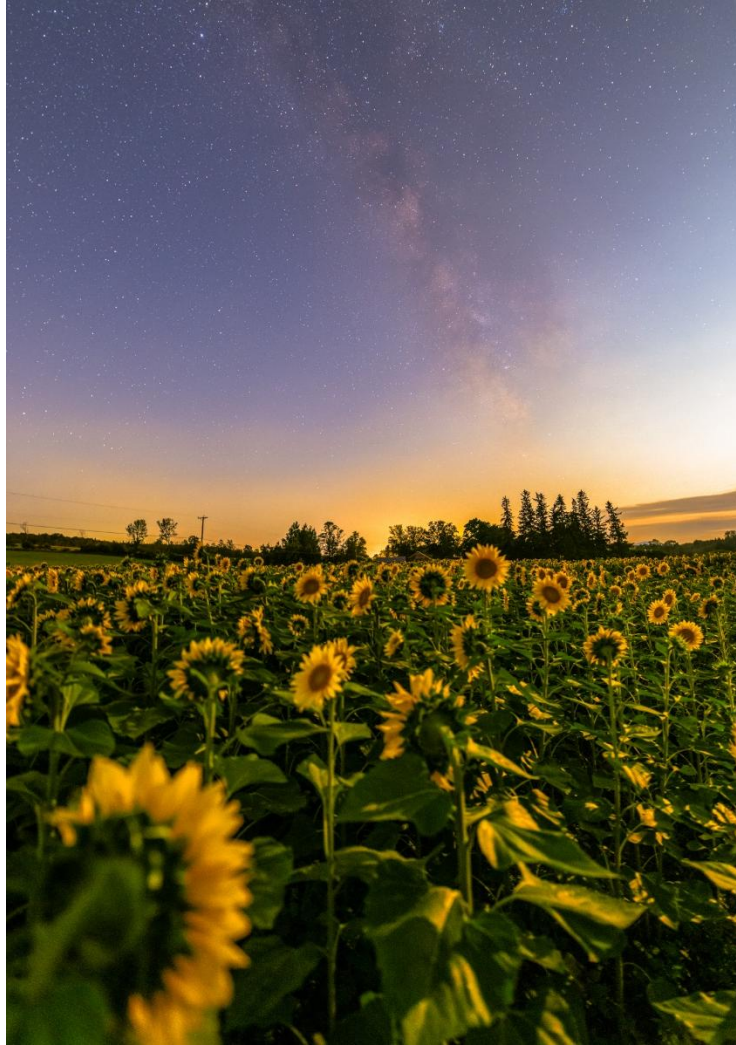
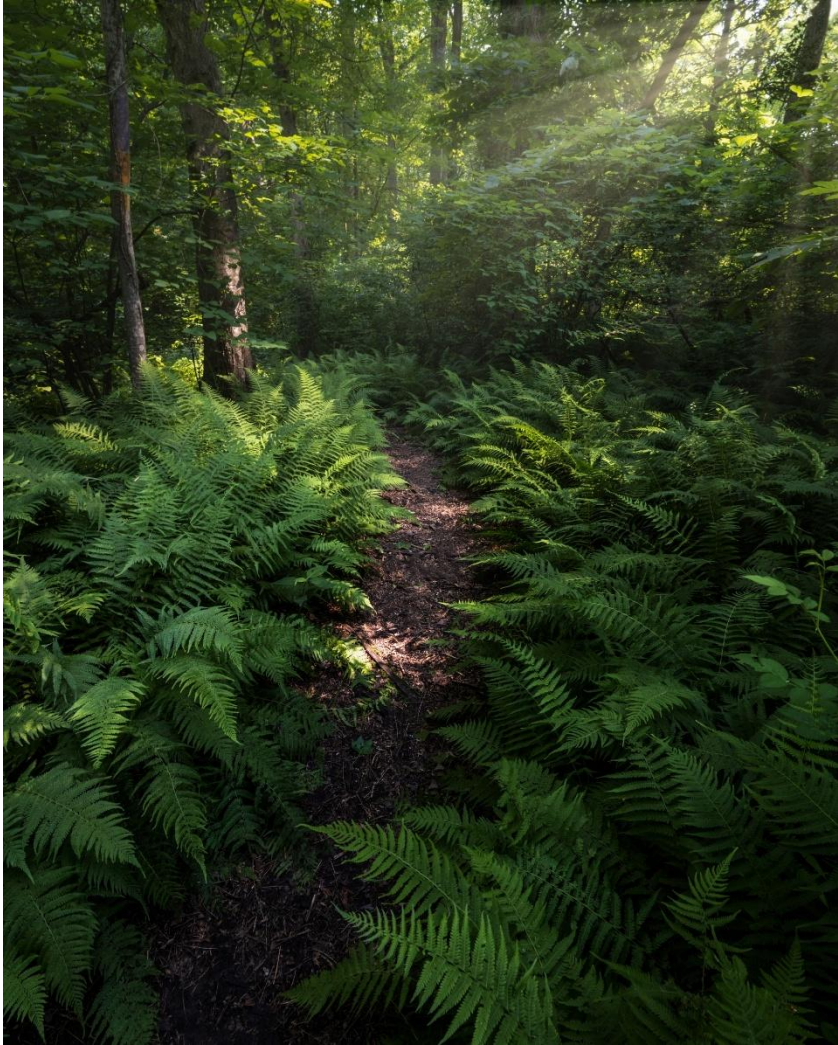


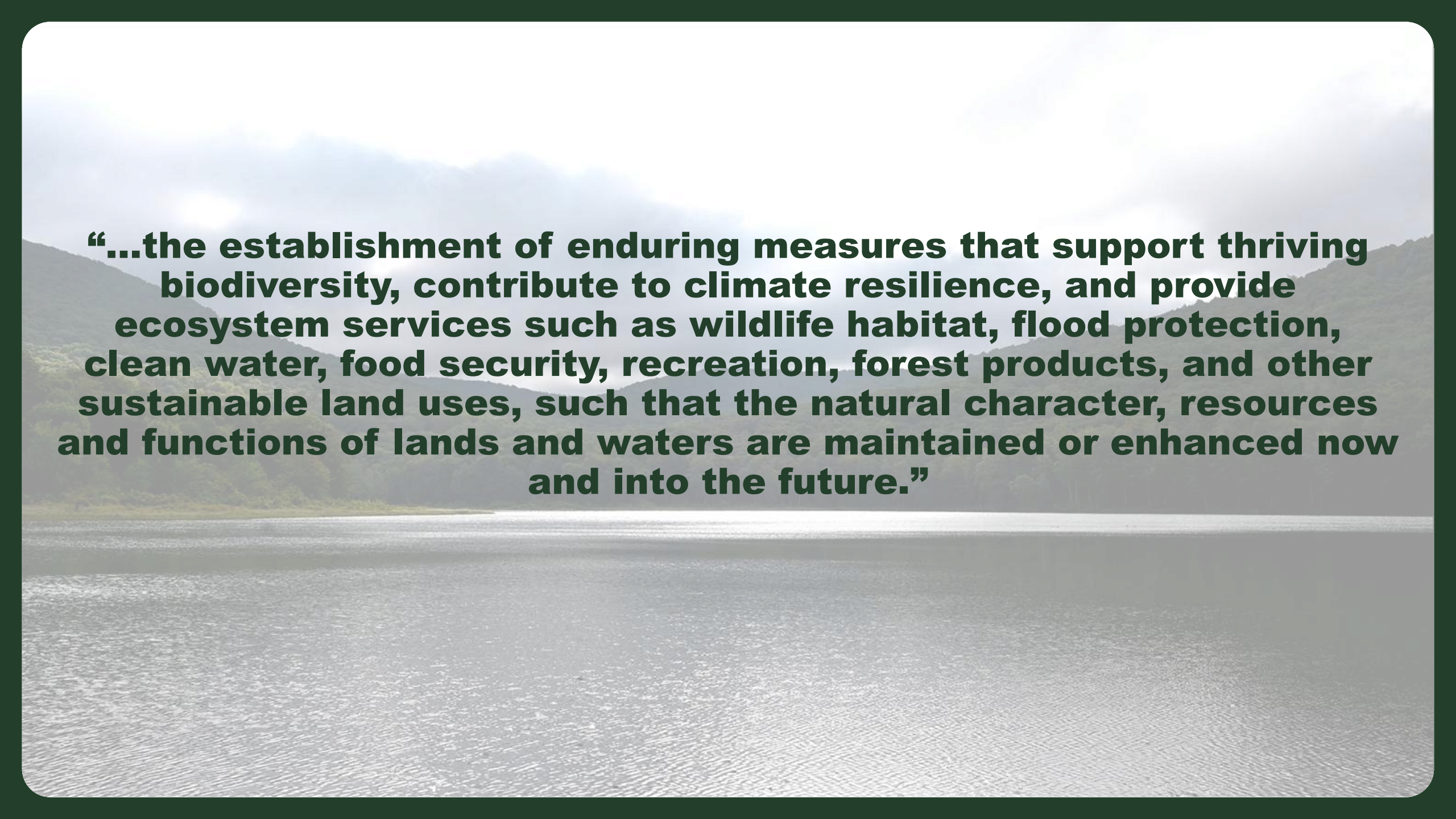
34,944,310 acres in
New York State

8,141,550 acres
(23.3%) of the state's
jurisdictional acreage
is conserved.

An additional
2,241,812 acres **(6.7%)**
is needed.







“...the establishment of enduring measures that support thriving biodiversity, contribute to climate resilience, and provide ecosystem services such as wildlife habitat, flood protection, clean water, food security, recreation, forest products, and other sustainable land uses, such that the natural character, resources and functions of lands and waters are maintained or enhanced now and into the future.”

30x30 Goals

Increase **climate resilience**

Protect **wetlands**

Preserve and restore **biodiversity** through **habitat protection** and **connectivity**

Consider **diverse landscapes**

Expand **equitable outdoor access**

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Collaborate with research institutions to utilize **innovative scientific observation**

Collaborate with **tribal partners**

Ensure **public input** and involvement

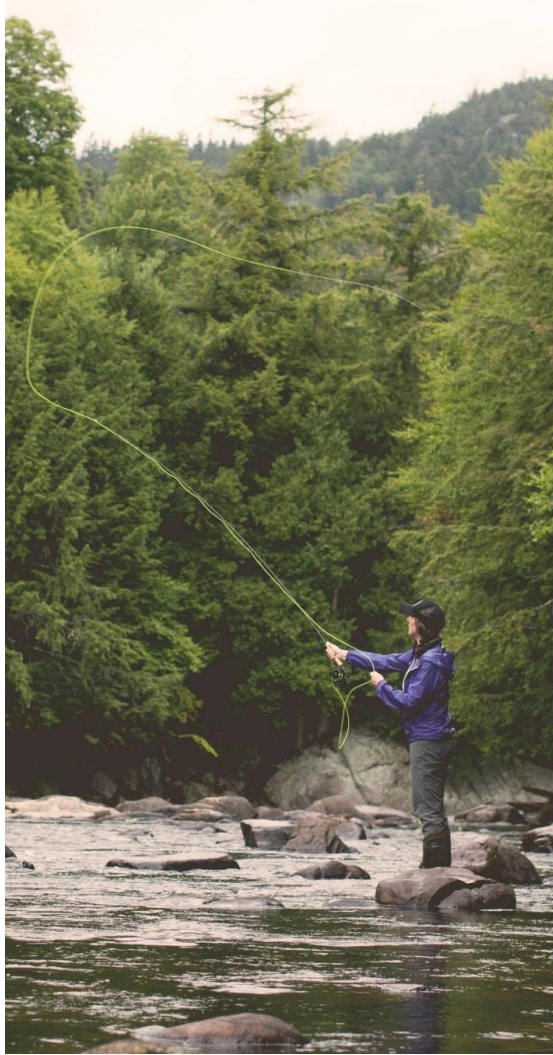


30x30 expands and protects access

- Does not impose management parameters.
- Seeks to expand access to nature and nature's benefits.
- Sets the pace and scope of land conservation in New York State.



30x30 balances economic, social, and ecological interests



30x30 – How Will We Get There?

1 **Collect** data from mapping programs, research institutions, and through scientific observation tools

2 **Seek** input from and collaborate with public, academic, not-for-profit, and other entities, authorities and stakeholders

3 **Recognize** Indigenous cultures and practices and collaborate with state- and federally recognized Indian Nations to achieve shared goals

4 **Support and prioritize** projects that provide a net benefit to disadvantaged and vulnerable communities

5 **Communicate** with the public to provide opportunities for meaningful input, ensure a transparent process, and share progress

30x30 – How Will We Get There?

Strategy 1

Focus, evaluate, improve, and expand existing state programs

Strategy 2

Develop new programs and support conservation partners

Strategy 3

Provide recommendations for legislative and regulatory initiatives

30x30 – How Will We Get There?

Strategy 1

Open Space Conservation Plan

Land Trust Alliance – NYSCPP and
FCELT *(EPF)*

Community Forest
Conservation Grant Program *(EPF)*

Water Quality Improvement
Project Program *(EPF, Clean Water
Infrastructure Act, Bond Act, US EPA)*

Forest Tax Law (480a)

Farmland Protection
Implementation Grant *(EPF, Bond Act –
overseen by NYSDAM)*

Strategy 2

Open Space
Conservation Grant
Program *(Bond Act)* — **NEW!**

Strategy 3

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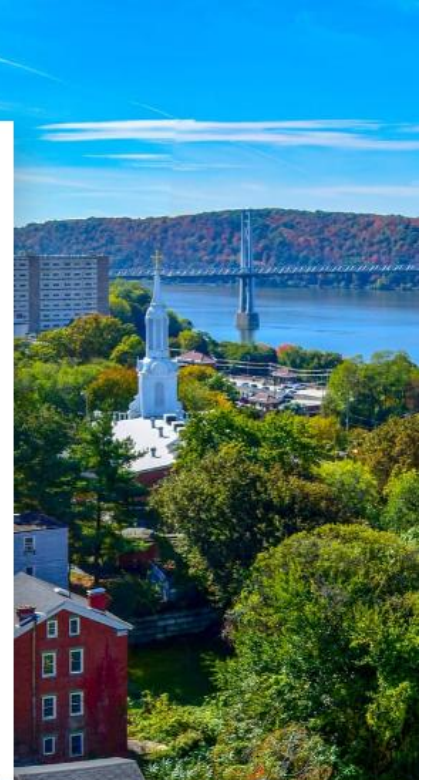
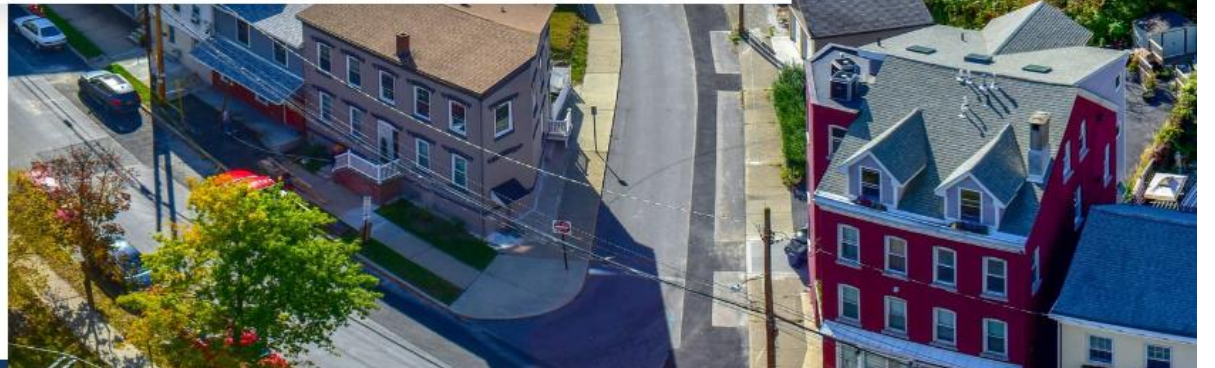
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Hudson Valley Alliance for Housing and Conservation

An Innovative Collaboration of Land Trusts and Affordable Housing Organizations Conserving Critical Landscapes and Responding to the Region's Housing Crisis



Partnerships matter





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New York State 30x30

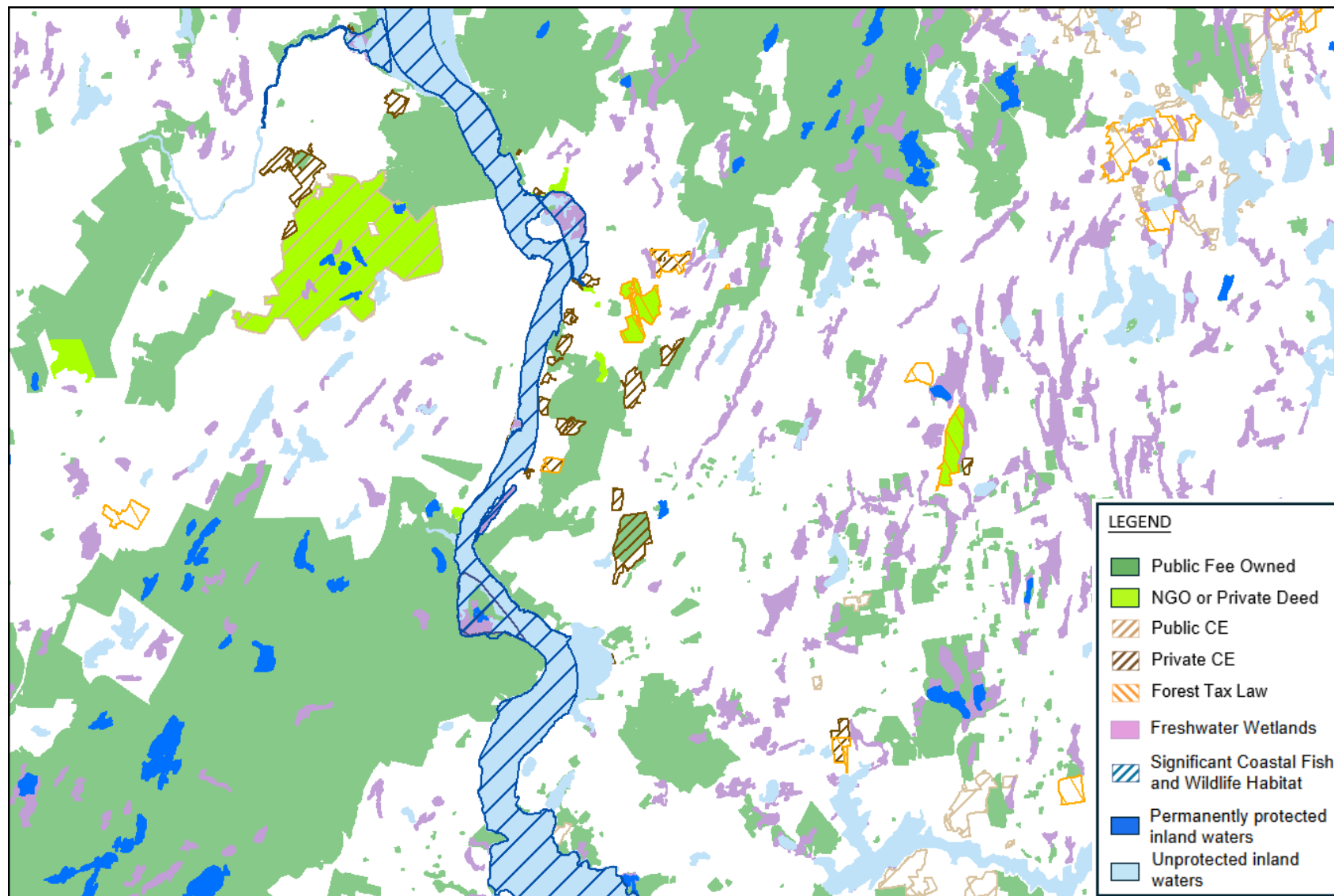
CONSERVING 30 PERCENT OF LANDS AND WATERS BY 2030

STRATEGIES AND METHODOLOGY

Kathy Hochul, Governor | Amanda Lefton, Commissioner | Kathy Moser, Acting Commissioner

What's new?

- Public comment response appendix
- Updated baseline analysis
- Maps illustrating the variability of New York State's conservation areas
- Expanded definitions of protections

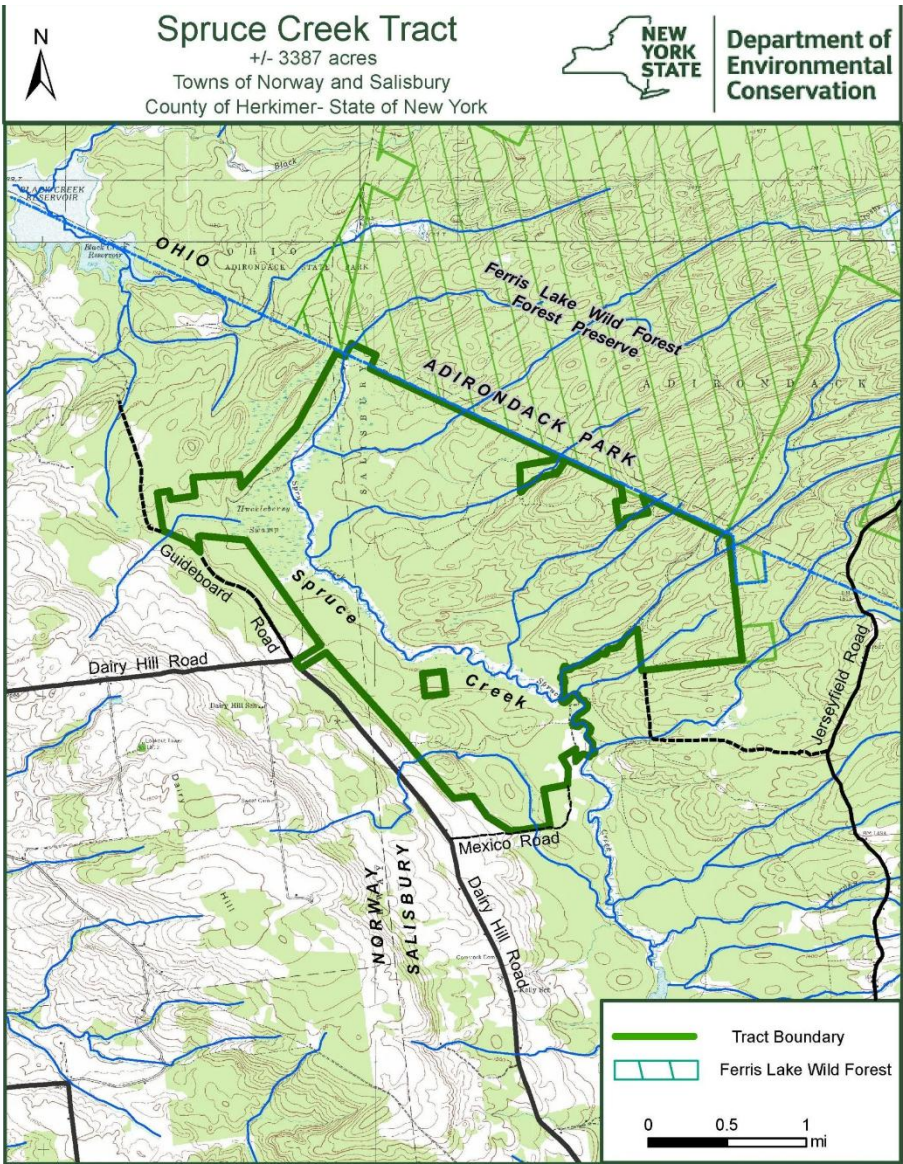


What now?

Land acquisition



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Spruce Creek Tract

Location:

Adirondack Forest Preserve

Size: 3,387 acres

Method: Direct acquisition 2025



Land acquisition



Good Community Forest

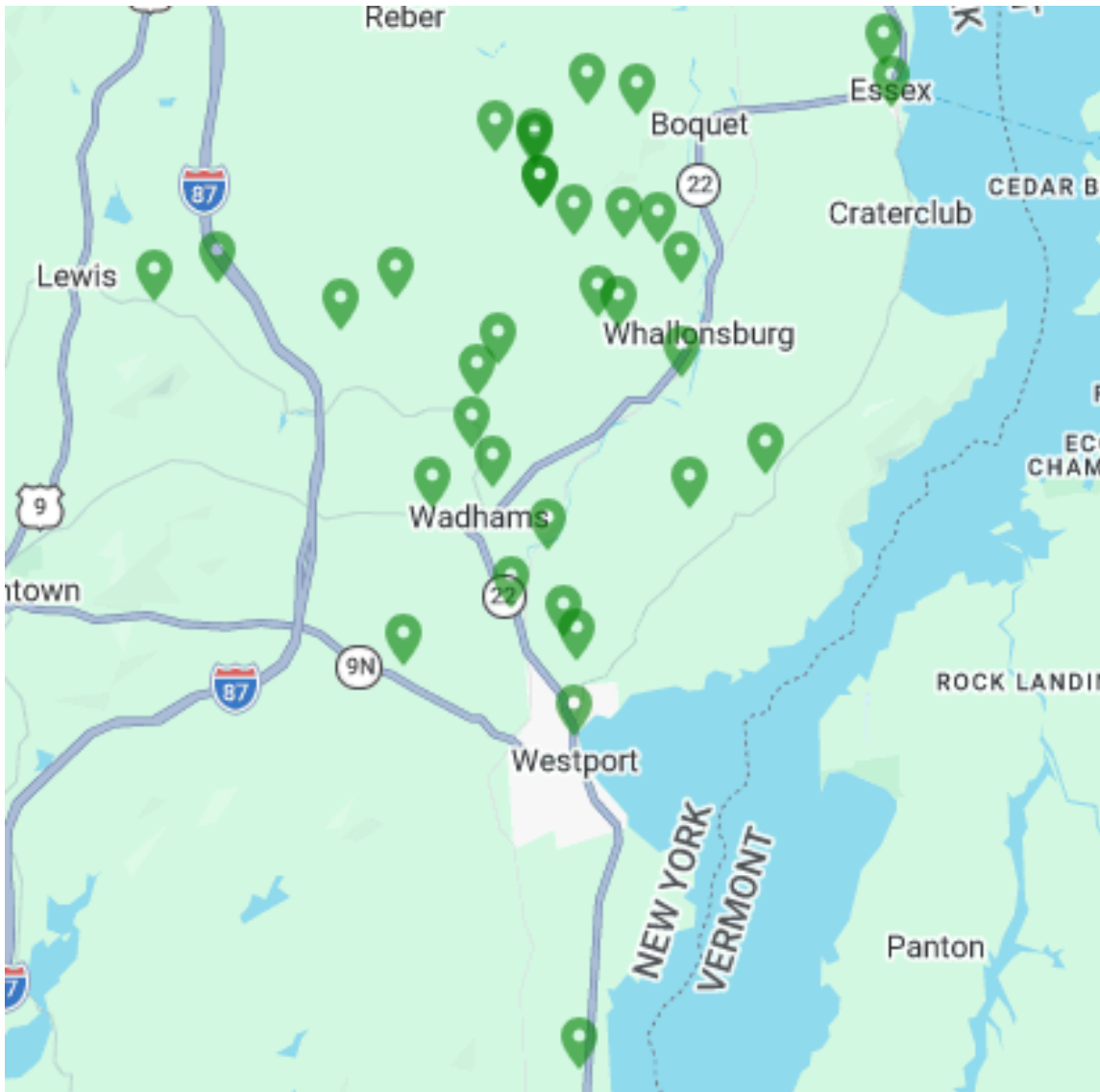
Location: Town of Bethlehem,
Hamlet of Selkirk

Size: 69 acres

Method: DEC Community Forest
Conservation Grant Program (2024)



Land acquisition



Champlain Area Trails

Location: Champlain Valley

Size: 78 miles of trail

Method: Smart Growth Grant Program



A large, dark silhouette of a tree with many branches and leaves dominates the left and center of the frame. The tree is set against a bright, glowing sunset sky with a gradient from orange near the horizon to a deep blue at the top. The sun is a bright, circular orb partially obscured by the tree's trunk. In the background, a calm body of water stretches across the horizon, with some distant land visible. The foreground shows a grassy field.

Marine acquisitions

JANUARY 8, 2026 | Albany, NY

Governor Hochul Announces 180-Acre Expansion of Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve on Long Island

Marine acquisitions

DECEMBER 18, 2025 | Albany, NY

Governor Hochul Announces Nearly 100 Acres Added to Broad Cove Preserve in Suffolk County





Marine acquisitions

Open Space Acquisitions
Will Improve Health of
Coastal Waters and
Protect Wildlife

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Mapping & Tracking

Figure 5. 30x30 Baseline Conservation Acreage. This table reflects the total acreage in each category minus the overlapping areas. Permanent protection areas are maximized over persistent acreages. The Total Category Acreage from Figure 4 is carried over to clearly illustrate the reduced acreage in the 30x30 baseline calculations, which represents the elimination of overlaps, such as when persistent acreages fall within permanent parcels.

30x30 Baseline Conservation Acreage					
Category	Geography Type	Total Category Acreage*	Total 30x30 Acreage	% 30x30 Baseline	% Total NYS Acreage
PERMANENT PROTECTION		6,366,186	6,224,425	76.5%	17.8%
Fee Ownership	Land	5,050,826	5,035,666	61.9%	14.4%
Conservation Easement	Land	1,315,360	1,188,759	14.6%	3.4%
PERSISTENT PROTECTION		3,250,768	1,917,125	23.5%	5.5%
Forest Tax Law (480a)	Land	879,777	415,527	5.1%	1.2%
Regulated Wetlands		1,941,625	1,218,131	15.0%	3.5%
Freshwater Wetlands**	Land	1,859,704	1,155,313	14.2%	3.3%
Tidal Wetlands	Water	81,921	62,818	0.8%	0.2%
Marine Protected Areas (Both NOAA and NYS jurisdiction)	Water	68,646	20,122	0.2%	0.1%
Significant Coastal Fish & Wildlife Habitat Areas	Water	360,720	263,345	3.2%	0.8%
Total 30x30 baseline acreage		--	8,141,550	100.0%	23.3%
Total NYS Jurisdictional Acreage***			34,944,541	--	100.0%

Mapping & Tracking

- Low hanging fruit (what's already conserved)
- Sister agencies
- Land Trust Alliance census
- Persistent protections





Land Trusts and 30x30 Be Sure Your Work is Counted!

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Welcome to the New York Protected Areas Database (NYPAD)

Calling all land trusts, county governments, cities, towns, and villages!

We welcome you to add information about permanently protected lands that do not currently appear on NYPAD. If you are a land trust, municipality, or county that holds conserved open space—either land held in fee or subject to a conservation easement—sharing information on protected land can help us better track the progress of 30x30. Help us by completing this five-minute form: [Submit Data](#)

Background:

NYPAD is the essential resource for tracking New York State's permanently protected lands, and a planning tool for state agencies, organizations, and individuals working to conserve New York State's lands and waters. It also supports 30x30, the State's initiative to conserve thirty percent of

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Adirondack Park – baseline progress

PERCENTAGE OF CONSERVED LAND IN ADIRONDACK PARK (as of 2026)		
Type	Acreage	Percentage of Total ADK Park
Permanent Protections		
Fee	2,709,705	46.5%
Conservation Easement	847,165	14.5%
Subtotal	3,556,870	61%
Persistent Protections		
Forest Tax Law (480a)	265,523	4.5%
APA Wetlands	703,126	12%
Subtotal	968,649	16.5%
TOTAL CONSERVED	4,525,519	78%
TOTAL ADIRONDACK PARK	5,818,988	

Questions?



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