

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

MISSION

The Adirondack Park Agency was established in 1971 to “ensure the optimum overall conservation, protection, development and use of the unique scenic, aesthetic, wildlife, recreational, open space, ecological and natural resources of the Adirondack Park.” The Park itself was created in 1892, and contains six million acres of publicly and privately owned lands.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

The Adirondack Park Agency is governed by an 11-member board, including the Commissioners of Environmental Conservation, Economic Development and the Secretary of State. The other members, five of whom must be Park residents, are nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The principal functions of the Agency are:

- Reviewing and issuing permits for private and State land-use projects, consistent with the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan and the Adirondack Park Private Land Use and Development Plan, and for certain activities on or near fresh water wetlands, pursuant to the 1975 Freshwater Wetlands Act;
- Helping local governments develop land use plans and providing technical expertise; and
- Administering the State’s Wild, Scenic and Recreational River System.

The Adirondack Park Agency’s responsibilities are carried out by the following divisions: Planning, which handles local and regional land use policy issues; Counsel’s Office, which provides legal advice to all Agency functions and oversees jurisdictional determinations and enforcement functions; Regulatory, which performs the Agency’s permitting function; Resource Analysis, which conducts scientific research of the ecology of the Adirondacks; Economic Services, which assists project sponsors in the review process; and Local Government Services, which provides technical expertise and assistance to communities.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Budget recommends **\$6.3 million All Funds** (\$5.1 million General Fund; \$700,000 Federal funds; \$500,000 Capital Funds) for the Adirondack Park Agency. This reflects a \$338,000 decrease from 2009-10, after adjusting for a new \$500,000 capital gift account, resulting from overall State operations reductions and the closure of the Agency’s two Visitor Interpretative Centers in Newcomb, Essex County, and near Paul Smith’s College in Franklin County. For 2010-11, the Adirondack Park Agency will have a **workforce of 59** positions, 10 fewer than in 2009-10.

The budget will support the Agency’s core regulatory functions and continues to fund the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board. The Board advises and assists the Agency in carrying out its responsibilities and monitors the implementation of the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Since its inception, the Agency has worked to achieve a balance between strong environmental protection and sustainable economic development opportunities for the residents of the Adirondack Park. The Agency's priorities for the future include continued updating of the Agency's rules and regulations, facilitating the development of land use plans by local governments, providing local governments with technical expertise and training, working toward completing Unit Management Plans for the State lands of the Adirondack Park and improving resource data base information to better protect the resources of the Adirondack Park.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

| Category | Available 2009-10 | Appropriations Recommended 2010-11 | Change | Reappropriations Recommended 2010-11 |
|-------------------|----------------------|--|-----------|--|
| State Operations | 6,157,000 | 5,819,000 | (338,000) | 3,373,000 |
| Aid To Localities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Capital Projects | 0 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 0 |
| Total | 6,157,000 | 6,319,000 | 162,000 | 3,373,000 |

ALL FUND TYPES PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

| Program | 2009-10 Estimated FTEs 03/31/10 | 2010-11 Estimated FTEs 03/31/11 | FTE Change |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Administration | | | |
| General Fund | 69 | 59 | (10) |
| Total | 69 | 59 | (10) |

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

| Fund Type | Available 2009-10 | Recommended 2010-11 | Change |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| General Fund | 5,457,000 | 5,119,000 | (338,000) |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal | 700,000 | 700,000 | 0 |
| Total | 6,157,000 | 5,819,000 | (338,000) |

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

| Program | Available 2009-10 | Recommended 2010-11 | Change |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Administration | | | |
| General Fund | 5,457,000 | 5,119,000 | (338,000) |
| Special Revenue Funds - Federal | 700,000 | 700,000 | 0 |
| Total | 6,157,000 | 5,819,000 | (338,000) |

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STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2010-11 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

| Program | Total | | Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried) | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|
| | Amount | Change | Amount | Change |
| Administration | 4,736,000 | (215,000) | 4,620,000 | (205,000) |
| Total | 4,736,000 | (215,000) | 4,620,000 | (205,000) |

| Program | Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried) | | Holiday/Overtime Pay | |
|----------------|---|----------|----------------------|--------|
| | Amount | Change | Amount | Change |
| Administration | 110,000 | (10,000) | 6,000 | 0 |
| Total | 110,000 | (10,000) | 6,000 | 0 |

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2010-11 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

| Program | Total | | Supplies and Materials | |
|----------------|---------|-----------|------------------------|----------|
| | Amount | Change | Amount | Change |
| Administration | 383,000 | (123,000) | 88,000 | (39,000) |
| Total | 383,000 | (123,000) | 88,000 | (39,000) |

| Program | Travel | | Contractual Services | |
|----------------|--------|----------|----------------------|--------|
| | Amount | Change | Amount | Change |
| Administration | 37,000 | (10,000) | 220,000 | 16,000 |
| Total | 37,000 | (10,000) | 220,000 | 16,000 |

| Program | Equipment | | Maintenance Undistributed | |
|----------------|-----------|----------|---------------------------|----------|
| | Amount | Change | Amount | Change |
| Administration | 38,000 | (10,000) | 0 | (80,000) |
| Total | 38,000 | (10,000) | 0 | (80,000) |

STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2010-11 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

| Program | Total | | Nonpersonal Service | |
|----------------|---------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| | Amount | Change | Amount | Change |
| Administration | 700,000 | 0 | 700,000 | 0 |
| Total | 700,000 | 0 | 700,000 | 0 |

CAPITAL PROJECTS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

| Comprehensive Construction Program | Available 2009-10 | Recommended 2010-11 | Change | Reappropriations 2010-11 |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Maintenance & Improvement of Existing Facilities | 0 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 0 |
| Fiduciary Funds - Miscellaneous Gifts Account | 0 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 0 |