

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 ensuring adherence to the State Land Master Plan through collaborative working relationships with the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and development of Unit Management and recreational use plans;
- Reviewing and issuing permits for private and State land-use projects, consistent with 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 Act.

The Adirondack Park Agency’s responsibilities are carried out by the following divisions: Planning, which handles local, regional and State 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 and makes ecological and adverse impact assessments of land use proposals; 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 **\$5.8 million** All Funds (\$4.6 million General Fund; \$700,000 Federal funds; \$500,000 Capital Funds) for the Adirondack Park Agency. This reflects a **\$512,000 decrease (-10 percent)** from 2010-11 levels. Spending reductions are achieved as the result of reflecting the full-year value of the conveyance of two Agency Visitor Interpretative Centers: one in Newcomb, Essex County, which was successfully transferred to the State University of New York’s College of Environmental Science and Forestry on July 1, 2010; and one in Paul Smiths, Franklin County, which was successfully transferred to Paul Smith’s College of Arts and Sciences on December 31, 2010. The Executive Budget reduces each agency’s General Fund State Operations

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budget by 10 percent. These savings are intended to be achieved through administrative efficiencies in non-personal service and negotiated workforce savings that minimize layoffs to the extent possible.

The budget will support the Agency's core regulatory functions and continue to fund the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board (LGRB). The LGRB serves as a liaison between the APA and the counties and communities within the Adirondack Park, and monitors the administration and enforcement of the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan.

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 private and State land resource data base information to better protect the resources of the Adirondack Park.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2010-11	Appropriations Recommended 2011-12	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2011-12
State Operations	5,819,000	5,307,000	(512,000)	1,005,000
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	500,000	500,000	0	500,000
Total	6,319,000	5,807,000	(512,000)	1,505,000

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

Program	Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)		
	2010-11 Estimated FTEs 03/31/11	2011-12 Estimated FTEs 03/31/12	FTE Change
Administration			
General Fund	56	56	0
Total	56	56	0

The above table does not reflect layoffs that may be necessary in the absence of negotiated workforce savings.

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

Fund Type	Available 2010-11	Recommended 2011-12	Change
General Fund	5,119,000	4,607,000	(512,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	700,000	700,000	0
Total	5,819,000	5,307,000	(512,000)

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

Program	Available 2010-11	Recommended 2011-12	Change
Administration			
General Fund	5,119,000	4,607,000	(512,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	700,000	700,000	0
Total	<u>5,819,000</u>	<u>5,307,000</u>	<u>(512,000)</u>

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2011-12 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	4,224,000	(512,000)	4,133,000	(487,000)
Total	<u>4,224,000</u>	<u>(512,000)</u>	<u>4,133,000</u>	<u>(487,000)</u>

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	90,000	(20,000)	1,000	(5,000)
Total	<u>90,000</u>	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2011-12 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	383,000	0	88,000	0
Total	<u>383,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>88,000</u>	<u>0</u>

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	37,000	0	220,000	0
Total	<u>37,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>220,000</u>	<u>0</u>

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration	38,000	0
Total	<u>38,000</u>	<u>0</u>

STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2011-12 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	700,000	0	700,000	0
Total	<u>700,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>700,000</u>	<u>0</u>

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

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available 2010-11	Recommended 2011-12	Change	Reappropriations 2011-12
Maintenance & Improvement of Existing Facilities				
Fiduciary Funds - Miscellaneous Gifts Account	500,000	500,000	0	500,000
Total	500,000	500,000	0	500,000