

# **ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY**

## **MISSION**

The Adirondack Park Agency (APA) was established in 1971 to "insure 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 APA is governed by an 11-member board, including the Commissioners of Environmental Conservation and Economic Development, and the Secretary of State. The other members, five of whom must be Park residents, are nominated by the Governor with Senate confirmation. The principal functions of the APA 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;
- analyzing and developing policy to further the goals for which the agency was established;
- helping local governments develop land use plans and providing technical expertise;
- administering the State's Wild, Scenic and Recreational River System; and
- operating two Visitor Interpretive Centers: one near Paul Smith's College, Franklin County, and one in Newcomb, Essex County, at which visitors can better understand and appreciate the Park's resources.

APA'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; Interpretive, which operates the Visitor Centers; 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. For fiscal year 2000-01, the APA will have a workforce of 60 positions.

## **FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

The Agency's fiscal year 2000-01 operating costs will be funded with State tax dollars and Federal grant moneys. The Executive Budget recommends funding of \$3.6 million in General Fund support for the Agency's operations and \$300,000 in Federal New York State Scenic Byways Program funding to enhance the Route 73 corridor. The Agency's 2000-01 capital infrastructure needs will be addressed by a \$100,000 capital appropriation to be suballocated from the Department of Environmental Conservation. This overall recommendation will support the Agency's core regulatory functions and the operation of the Visitor Interpretive Centers at Newcomb and Paul Smith's.

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In addition, the Executive Budget recommends General Fund support of \$50,000 for the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board. The Board advises and assists the APA in carrying out its responsibilities and monitors the implementation of the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Since 1995-96, 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, and improving resource data base information to better protect the resources of the Adirondack Park.

### ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS

Category	Available 1999-00	Appropriations Recommended 2000-01	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2000-01
State Operations .....	\$3,556,800	\$3,895,700	+ \$338,900	\$476,000
Aid To Localities .....	50,000	50,000	.....	.....
Capital Projects .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total .....	<u>\$3,606,800</u>	<u>\$3,945,700</u>	<u>+ \$338,900</u>	<u>\$476,000</u>

### ALL FUND TYPES LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	Available 1999-00	2000-01 Recommended Average Fill Level			Change
		Personal Service (Regular)	Maintenance Undistributed	Total Recommended 2000-01	
Administration General Fund .....	60	60	.....	60	.....
Total .....	<u>60</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>.....</u>

### STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS

Fund Type	Available 1999-00	Recommended 2000-01	Change
General Fund .....	\$3,556,800	\$3,595,700	+ \$38,900
Special Revenue Funds - Federal .....	.....	300,000	+ 300,000
Total .....	<u>\$3,556,800</u>	<u>\$3,895,700</u>	<u>+ \$338,900</u>

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<u>Program</u>	<u>Available 1999-00</u>	<u>Recommended 2000-01</u>	<u>Change</u>
Administration			
General Fund .....	\$3,556,800	\$3,595,700	+ \$38,900
Special Revenue Funds - Federal .....	.....	300,000	+ 300,000
Total .....	<u>\$3,556,800</u>	<u>\$3,895,700</u>	<u>+ \$338,900</u>

## STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL AND OFFSET FUNDS SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2000-01 RECOMMENDED

<u>Program</u>	Total Personal Service		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)		Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
Administration .....	\$3,053,700	+ \$38,900	\$2,910,500	+ \$38,900	\$139,500	.....
Total .....	<u>\$3,053,700</u>	<u>+ \$38,900</u>	<u>\$2,910,500</u>	<u>+ \$38,900</u>	<u>\$139,500</u>	<u>.....</u>

<u>Program</u>	Holiday/Overtime Pay (Annual Salaried)	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
Administration .....	\$3,700	.....
Total .....	<u>\$3,700</u>	<u>.....</u>

## STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2000-01 RECOMMENDED

<u>Program</u>	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
Administration .....	\$542,000	.....	\$83,500	.....
Total .....	<u>\$542,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>\$83,500</u>	<u>.....</u>

<u>Program</u>	Travel		Contractual Services	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
Administration .....	\$44,500	.....	\$389,900	.....
Total .....	<u>\$44,500</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>\$389,900</u>	<u>.....</u>

<u>Program</u>	Equipment	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
Administration .....	\$24,100	.....
Total .....	<u>\$24,100</u>	<u>.....</u>

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**STATE OPERATIONS — OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2000-01 RECOMMENDED**

Program	Total		Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration .....	\$300,000	+ \$300,000	\$300,000	+ \$300,000
Total .....	<u>\$300,000</u>	<u>+ \$300,000</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>	<u>+ \$300,000</u>

**AID TO LOCALITIES  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE  
APPROPRIATIONS**

Fund Type	Available 1999-00	Recommended 2000-01	Change
General Fund .....	\$50,000	\$50,000	....
Total .....	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>....</u>

**AID TO LOCALITIES  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM  
APPROPRIATIONS**

Program	Available 1999-00	Recommended 2000-01	Change
Administration General Fund .....	\$50,000	\$50,000	....
Total .....	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>....</u>