

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, 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 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;
- 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 in 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 2003-04, the APA will have a workforce of 59 positions.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Agency’s 2003-04 operating costs will be funded with State tax dollars and Federal grant moneys. The Executive Budget recommends funding of \$4.2 million in General Fund support for the Agency’s operations and \$900,000 in Federal funds for the New York State Scenic Byways Program project to enhance the Route 73 corridor. 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.

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,

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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 2002-03	Appropriations Recommended 2003-04	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2003-04
State Operations	5,137,000	5,077,000	(60,000)	1,350,000
Aid To Localities	50,000	50,000	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	5,187,000	5,127,000	(60,000)	1,350,000

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

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2002-03 Estimated FTEs 03/31/03	2003-04 Estimated FTEs 03/31/04	FTE Change
Administration			
General Fund	62	59	(3)
Total	62	59	(3)

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

Fund Type	Available 2002-03	Recommended 2003-04	Change
General Fund	4,237,000	4,177,000	(60,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	900,000	900,000	0
Total	5,137,000	5,077,000	(60,000)

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

Program	Available 2002-03	Recommended 2003-04	Change
Administration			
General Fund	4,237,000	4,177,000	(60,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	900,000	900,000	0
Total	5,137,000	5,077,000	(60,000)

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2003-04 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	3,675,000	0	3,531,800	0
Total	3,675,000	0	3,531,800	0

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	139,500	0	3,700	0
Total	139,500	0	3,700	0

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2003-04 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	502,000	(60,000)	110,000	26,500
Total	502,000	(60,000)	110,000	26,500

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	60,000	15,500	292,000	(117,900)
Total	60,000	15,500	292,000	(117,900)

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration	40,000	15,900
Total	40,000	15,900

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2003-04 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	900,000	0	900,000	0
Total	900,000	0	900,000	0

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

Fund Type	Available	Recommended	Change
	2002-03	2003-04	
General Fund	50,000	50,000	0
Total	50,000	50,000	0

**AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Program	Available	Recommended	Change
	2002-03	2003-04	
Administration			
General Fund	50,000	50,000	0
Total	50,000	50,000	0