

Adirondack Park Agency

Mission

The Adirondack Park Agency’s (APA) mission is to protect the public and private resources of the Adirondack Park through the exercise of the powers and duties provided by law. This mission is rooted in three statutes administered by APA in the Park: the Adirondack Park Agency Act; the New York State Freshwater Wetlands Act; and the New York State Wild, Scenic, and Recreational Rivers System Act.

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 and confirmed by the Senate.

APA'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 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 FY 2025 Executive Budget recommends appropriations of approximately \$6.6 million for the APA, an increase of about \$310 thousand from FY 2024 Enacted Budget levels. This year-to-year increase is largely attributable to the general salary increase for APA’s 54 FTEs scheduled for FY 2025.

For more information on this agency's budget recommendations located in the Executive Budget Briefing Book, click on the following link:

Program Highlights

Since its inception, APA has worked to achieve a balance between strong environmental protection and sustainable economic development opportunities for the residents of the Adirondack Park. The principal functions of APA 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.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Available FY 2024</u>	<u>Appropriations Recommended FY 2025</u>	<u>Change From FY 2024</u>	<u>Reappropriations Recommended FY 2025</u>
State Operations	6,566,278	6,638,000	71,722	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	31,500,000
Total	6,566,278	6,638,000	71,722	31,500,000

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

Program	FY 2024 Estimated FTEs 03/31/24	FY 2025 Estimated FTEs 03/31/25	FTE Change
Administration			
General Fund	54	54	0
Total	54	54	0

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2024	Recommended FY 2025	Change
General Fund	6,566,278	6,638,000	71,722
Total	6,566,278	6,638,000	71,722
Adjustments:			
Transfer(s) From			
Special Pay Bill			
General Fund	(237,278)		
Appropriated FY 2024	6,329,000		

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

Program	Available FY 2024	Recommended FY 2025	Change
Administration			
General Fund	6,566,278	6,638,000	71,722
Total	6,566,278	6,638,000	71,722

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2025 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	5,538,000	(16,278)	5,438,000	(16,278)
Total	5,538,000	(16,278)	5,438,000	(16,278)

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	100,000	0	0	0

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Total	100,000	0	0	0
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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2025 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	1,100,000	88,000	88,000	0
Total	1,100,000	88,000	88,000	0

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	37,000	0	478,000	0
Total	37,000	0	478,000	0

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration	497,000	88,000
Total	497,000	88,000

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

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2024	Recommended FY 2025	Change	Reappropriations FY 2025
Maintenance & Improvement of Existing Facilities				
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	0	0	0	30,000,000
Miscellaneous Gifts Account	0	0	0	1,500,000
Total	0	0	0	31,500,000

Note: Most recent estimates as of 01/16/2024