

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 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 improve and protect the Park;
- 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 1999-00, APA will have a workforce of 60 positions.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Agency's 1999-00 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. This recommendation will support the Agency's core functions of regulating development within the Adirondack Park and operating 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 the needs of people who live in the Adirondack Park. The Agency's priorities for the future include continued updating of the Agency's rules and

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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 1998-99	Appropriations Recommended 1999-00	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 1999-00
State Operations	\$3,642,800	\$3,556,800	-\$86,000	\$952,000
Aid To Localities	50,000	50,000	. . . .	. . . .
Capital Projects . . . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Total	\$3,692,800	\$3,606,800	-\$86,000	\$952,000

ALL FUND TYPES LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	Available 1998-99	1999-00 Recommended Average Fill Level			Change
		Personal Service (Regular)	Maintenance Undistributed	Total Recommended 1999-00	
Administration General Fund	60	60	. . . .	60	. . . .
Total	60	60	. . . .	60	. . . .

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS

Fund Type	Available 1998-99	Recommended 1999-00	Change
General Fund	\$3,492,800	\$3,556,800	+ \$64,000
Special Revenue Funds — Federal	150,000	. . . .	-150,000
Total	\$3,642,800	\$3,556,800	-\$86,000

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

Program	Available 1998-99	Recommended 1999-00	Change
Administration General Fund	\$3,492,800	\$3,556,800	+ \$64,000
Special Revenue Funds — Federal	150,000	-150,000
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STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 1999-00 RECOMMENDED

Program	Total Personal Service		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)		Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$3,014,800	+ \$64,000	\$2,871,600	+ \$58,900	\$139,500	+ \$5,000
Total	\$3,014,800	+ \$64,000	\$2,871,600	+ \$58,900	\$139,500	+ \$5,000

Program	Holiday/Overtime Pay (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change
Administration	\$3,700	+ \$100
Total	\$3,700	+ \$100

STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 1999-00 RECOMMENDED

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

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

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration	\$24,100	. . . .
Total	\$24,100	. . . .

STATE OPERATIONS — OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 1999-00 RECOMMENDED

Program	Total		Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	-\$150,000	. . . .	-\$150,000
Total	-\$150,000	. . . .	-\$150,000

AID TO LOCALITIES ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS

Fund Type	Available 1998-99	Recommended 1999-00	Change
General Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total	\$50,000	\$50,000

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AID TO LOCALITIES ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Program</u>	<u>Available 1998-99</u>	<u>Recommended 1999-00</u>	<u>Change</u>
Administration			
General Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000	.....
Total	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>.....</u>