



**Catskill Park Coalition
2019 Budget Priorities**

Catskill Park Package Funding of \$15,000,000

Aid to Localities funding in the amount of **\$500,000** directed towards the Catskill Watershed Corporation for shovel-ready access and stewardship projects across the Catskill Park

\$10 million in funding to support Catskill Park stewardship, education, improvements and infrastructure maintenance by the NYSDEC and through:

- Maintaining \$300M Environmental Protection Fund and restoring NY Works funding for NYSDEC to \$70M to provide adequate resources for all projects
- Continuing the Adventure NY Program;
- Supporting stewardship line in the Environmental Protection Fund
- Supporting the Catskill Interpretive Center
- Continuing Campground and DEC facility improvements;
- Funding Smart Growth Grants for Catskill Park communities;
- Continuing stewardship programs with nonprofit partners; and
- Implementing mountain biking plan at Shandaken Wild Forest.

Increasing staffing for the NYSDEC's Division of Lands and Forest in Region 3 and Region 4 to better manage Catskill Park (**\$500,000**).

Providing funding to hold annual Forest Ranger Academies and grow Forest Ranger force to maintain public safety (**\$750,000**)

Funding to support the "Save the Hemlocks" initiative led by Cornell University to reduce the impact of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid on hemlock trees by developing and implementing effective biocontrols (**\$1,500,000**)

Push for carbon neutral/green infrastructure in new projects across the Catskill Park including electric vehicle charging stations and solar panel installations at State Campgrounds, the Catskill Interpretive Center and at Belleayre Ski Center (**\$500,000**)

Support continued funding of the Belleayre Ski Center for projects not related to private resort expansion (**\$1,000,000**).

New funding for Catskill Park Scenic Byways to support regional byway coordination and management efforts led by the Mountain Cloves Scenic Byway and the Catskill Mountain Scenic Byway organizations (**\$250,000**)

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