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STATE OF THE ADIRONDACKS, JANUARY 2023

The Adirondack Region is unique in New York State and the nation. It is the only region where roughly 84 percent of all land is committed to preservation, conservation, recreation, and resource management. Nearly half the land in the region is owned outright by the State of New York and protected permanently as state Forest Preserve with no building or development allowed. The lands that remain in private ownership, which diminish in number and acreage as more lands are acquired by the state or private environmental organizations, are highly regulated by the Adirondack Park Agency Act, with the goal of limiting development to protect the environment.

This forested region of 10,000 mountain lakes and 30,000 miles of rivers and streams is one of the most breathtakingly beautiful on Earth. It is the single largest constitutionally protected landmass in the contiguous United States, at once a vast forested area and home to 130,000 full-time residents living in about 100 small communities. It is that combination of human communities and natural splendor that creates both its enchanting appeal and its complex policy challenges: How to protect this special place while meeting the needs of people who live here and the hundreds of thousands who visit? How to preserve school districts and ambulance and fire services in small, remote communities as people age and populations decline? How to create sustainable economic opportunity to reverse the decline in population and encourage young people to stay?

The Adirondack region is one of the most economically challenged areas of New York State. Its legacy industries, forestry, mining and trapping, have sharply declined or disappeared. Tourism, another great Adirondack legacy industry, is healthy and growing, but remains largely seasonal in many places, which limits the magnitude of private-sector investment in future growth. Its seasonality also means tourism provides limited opportunities for permanent, career-oriented jobs that support families. Public-sector employers including local colleges, school districts, municipalities, and New York State agencies and facilities. These remain the most stable sources of permanent jobs with good pay and benefits. Future growth in this sector is limited, however.

The inevitable result is that Adirondack communities see continued outmigration of young people, families and college-educated citizens. School enrollment is declining. Grocery stores have disappeared because there are too few customers to support them. Broadband and cellular service is limited. The Adirondack region now has one of the oldest populations in the country. It's an aging population that tends to rely more on volunteer ambulances and fire departments, and yet these organizations encounter great difficulty finding young new members because many young people have left for career opportunities elsewhere and those who remain often need to work two or three jobs to make ends meet.



It would be a mistake to conclude that the region's needs are confined to the small and declining population of permanent Adirondackers. Hundreds of thousands of people come to the Adirondacks in every season. They come to have fun, explore the lakes and mountains, ski, swim, hike and fish. They, too, need emergency services, hospitals, safe highways, gasoline, and food. The Adirondack High Peaks are more popular than ever as a hiking destination, so much so that state and local officials are working to manage the crowds, provide adequate, safe parking, and maintain the trails. New York State spends millions of dollars each year urging people to explore the Adirondacks. Our communities welcome these visitors with open arms. When they come, as they do in droves, there must be adequate, up-to-date services and facilities.

And so this is our shared challenge: How to balance protection of our unique environmental assets and our vital human communities so that the natural assets are preserved and the human communities prosper.

The Adirondack Park Agency Act enshrined this concept of balance in 1971. The Statement of Legislative Findings and Purposes of the APA Act (§ 801) recognizes "the complementary needs of all the people of the State for the preservation of the Park's resources and open space character and of the Park's permanent, seasonal, and transient populations for growth and service areas, employment, and a strong economic base, as well. In support of the essential interdependence of these needs, the plan represents a sensibly balanced apportionment of land to each."

More than 50 years later, preserving the Adirondacks still means preserving both the wilderness and the human communities that make the region unique in the world.

AATV: REPRESENTING ADIRONDACK COMMUNITIES

The Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages (AATV) is a membership organization representing the 101 towns and villages within the Adirondack Park. We are a non-partisan alliance of local elected officials who address issues of concern to local communities and local governments, full-time and seasonal residents, businesses, and visitors. AATV was formed by local elected officials to provide a unified, informed, and responsible voice to encourage meaningful dialogue and achieve constructive solutions that benefit all stakeholders. Our mission is to educate policymakers and decision-makers about the reality of life in the Adirondacks, to work with other interested groups, and to support solutions that protect the Adirondack environment and open space while ensuring sustainable economic opportunities and the wellbeing of residents and visitors.



OUR 2023 PRIORITIES

Our policy priorities for 2023 fall into the following categories:

1. EXPANDING CELLULAR AND BROADBAND SERVICES TO ALL PARTS OF THE ADIRONDACKS
2. ENSURING THAT STATE FUNDS, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE RECENTLY ADOPTED ENVIRONMENTAL BOND ACT, ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THE ADIRONDACK PARK AND UTILIZED IN A MANNER THAT MEETS OUR UNIQUE NEEDS
3. AMENDING CHAPTER 371 OF THE LAWS OF 2022 TO CLARIFY THAT THE TERM "PUBLIC PARKS" DOES NOT EXTEND BROADLY TO ENCOMPASS THE ENTIRE ADIRONDACK PARK
4. ENSURING THAT EACH ADIRONDACK PARK COMMUNITY HAS THE HOUSING RESOURCES TO MEET ITS UNIQUE NEEDS
5. ESTABLISHING A PLAN FOR IMPROVED EMERGENCY SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE ADIRONDACK PARK
6. SUPPORTING STATE AND LOCAL COLLABORATION TO REDUCE THE USAGE OF ROAD SALT IN THE ADIRONDACKS
7. PRESERVING FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY JOBS AND SEQUESTERING CARBON
8. ADDRESSING OVERUSE OF PARTS OF THE FOREST PRESERVE AND MANAGING THE RECREATIONAL ECONOMY
9. PASSAGE OF THREE STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS THAT ADDRESS CRITICAL COMMUNITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS WHILE PRESERVING THE CORE BASIS OF ARTICLE XIV



1 - EXPANDING CELLULAR AND BROADBAND SERVICES TO ALL PARTS OF THE ADIRONDACKS

Significant gaps in cellular and broadband coverage have long endangered the health and safety of, and limited the economic and educational opportunities for, people who live, work and vacation in the Adirondack Region. During the COVID-19 pandemic, telehealth visits for many of our residents were impossible, difficulties implementing remote learning frustrated students and teachers, and small businesses that had to rely on online transactions were forced out of business. And our police, fire and EMT professionals continued struggling to serve communities with limited or non-existent coverage.

Expansion of broadband and cellular service to all parts of the Adirondacks to ensure an uninterrupted flow of communication services is among AATV's highest priorities. As such, we:

- Urge state and federal agencies including the FCC to prioritize allocation of broadband and cellular funding to unserved areas first, with emphasis on communities and road corridors. These agencies should also ensure that funding gets into the hands of providers who will actually build new infrastructure. We support efforts by the FCC to coordinate with other federal agencies to ensure that funds for both broadband and cellular infrastructure are spent efficiently, and to incorporate the most current and accurate availability data for both in future funding decisions, including the 5G Fund for Rural America and a Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase II.
- Urge the Governor and Legislature to adopt and fund the recommendations of the New York Upstate Cellular Coverage Task Force to encourage private sector investment in cellular infrastructure through regulatory reforms and, where appropriate, economic incentives.
- Urge the Public Service Commission to implement a straight-forward, consistent, and fair methodology allocating pole replacement costs to pole owners and attachers based upon the percentage of the pole cost already recovered from rate payers. The Commission should also simplify and clarify rules in the Pole Attachment Order related to the make-ready process so that attachers are not unfairly paying for pre-existing conditions. The currently limited pool of vendors for the make-ready pole design process must also be widened to reduce costs and improve delivery times.
- Repeal New York State Department of Transportation regulations requiring fiber optic installers to survey state highway property before installing fiber. This requirement can cost up to \$5,000 per mile and prevent otherwise possible projects from being built.
- Urge the Federal Communications Commission to limit the fees municipalities can charge broadband and cellular providers for installing infrastructure along local rights-of-way. Municipalities should be allowed to recoup their actual costs for issuing and processing permits but prevented from assessing arbitrary and excessive fees that discourage private-sector investment.
- Urge the Adirondack Park Agency commissioners and staff to reconsider the Agency's policy requiring any cellular tower located within the Park to be "substantially invisible," which in actual practice appears to be defined by the Agency as being no greater than 10 feet taller than nearby trees and visible from one direction only. These constraints dramatically limit the reach of a tower's signal and minimize the number of people who benefit from its presence. AATV believes a common-sense compromise is possible that simultaneously protects the natural beauty of the Park as well as public health and safety.
- Urge all New York State agencies to comply with the letter and intent of all Federal Communications Commission regulations and rulings regarding cellular towers and broadband infrastructure.



2 - ENSURING THAT STATE FUNDS, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE RECENTLY ADOPTED ENVIRONMENTAL BOND ACT, ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THE ADIRONDACK PARK AND UTILIZED IN A MANNER THAT MEETS OUR UNIQUE NEEDS

The Adirondack Park is a national treasure comprised of forever-wild Forest Preserve lands, beautiful and sustainably managed private working and recreational forests, and vital communities with residents, businesses and millions of visitors annually.

The overwhelming majority of counties within the Adirondack Park supported the historic, recently adopted \$4.2 billion environmental bond act. As New York State prepares to determine how those funds will be spent, and as the State continues disbursing funding from the Environmental Protection Fund, AATV calls upon the Governor and our elected representatives to ensure these monies are accessible to our communities, dedicated to improving public and private land stewardship, and support essential community infrastructure needs including water and wastewater.

Among AATV's priorities for investment are:

- Additional funding to municipalities for upgrades and protections to wastewater treatment plants, stormwater management programs, and drinking water supplies.
- Allowing state funding, including Bond Act funds, to be utilized for right-sizing infrastructure including culverts and bridges, which promotes aquatic migration, biodiversity and healthier ecosystems.
- Need-based funding to residents and businesses for maintenance and replacement of aging and failing septic systems that threaten the health of lakes, ponds and streams.
- Improved funding for the early identification, prevention and treatment of terrestrial and aquatic invasive species, including the establishment of inspection stations on Forest Preserve lands.
- Expanded funding for proper maintenance and protection of state forestlands.
- Smart land acquisition policies that incorporate planning for ongoing stewardship and processes to determine whether a purchase is detrimental to neighboring communities' priorities, including affordable housing, maintaining jobs and economic health.
- Projects that promote floodplain protection, working forest land and working agricultural land.
- New and diverse recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities, with a particular emphasis on reducing the tremendous pressures currently being placed upon the High Peaks and other highly used resources.
- Land acquisition projects that grant recreational easements to localities and NGOs and, whenever possible, include processes to identify and/or build recreational trails.



3 - AMENDING CHAPTER 371 OF THE LAWS OF 2022 TO CLARIFY THAT THE TERM “PUBLIC PARKS” DOES NOT EXTEND BROADLY TO ENCOMPASS THE ENTIRE ADIRONDACK PARK

Chapter 371 of the Laws of 2022, which passed the state Legislature on July 1, 2022, and was signed into law by Gov. Kathy Hochul the same day, created the new crime of “criminal possession of a firearm, rifle or shotgun in a sensitive location,” a class E felony punishable by up to four years in prison. The legislation enumerates several dozen places deemed to be ‘sensitive locations,’ including ‘public parks.’ Since the law’s adoption, legislators who voted in favor have expressed contradictory interpretations of how the law would apply to lawful concealed-carry permit holders within the Adirondack Park.

The law as written does not make any provision for the fact that the entire six million-acre Adirondack Park is indeed a public park. It is of concern to the entire Adirondack Park that a literal reading of the law would mean that all individuals licensed to carry and doing so behind the Blue Line would be guilty of a felony. This suggests a troubling reality in which our residents and visitors are not extended the constitutional right to bear arms in public for self-defense that would be extended beyond the Blue Line.

The AATV supports:

- Working cooperatively with State Government officials, particularly officials in the executive branch, to craft a legislative solution clarifying that the term “public parks” in the New York State Penal Law does not extend broadly to encompass the entire six million-acre Adirondack Park.
- In the interim, urging executive department agencies including the Executive Chamber, DCJS, DEC, DOS and State Police to issue regulation and/or official enforcement guidance to state agency heads, law enforcement, District Attorneys and County Clerks clarifying that the term “public parks” in the New York State Penal Law does not extend broadly to encompass the entire six million-acre Adirondack Park.



4 - ENSURING THAT EACH ADIRONDACK PARK COMMUNITY HAS THE HOUSING RESOURCES TO MEET ITS UNIQUE NEEDS

Adirondack communities need more housing. Each community has unique needs, including workforce housing, low-income housing, achievable housing and seasonal housing. A diverse range of solutions is required based on the conditions each community is facing and available resources. AATV is working as a partner to connect various governmental and non-governmental organizations that are tackling these problems. In addition, AATV:

- Advocates for grants to communities to conduct housing market analyses that produce data on housing needs and the types of housing and resources currently available. This is the first step towards planning scalable solutions. This data should include: infrastructure needs, such as sewer and water; engineering studies to qualify for federal and state funding; analyses of state and local permitting requirements; and alignment with local and regional economic development plans.
- Recognizes that extensive work is already underway on this issue in Adirondack towns and among many non-profits and community groups. State efforts should focus on assisting towns and villages in developing partnerships with private business, non-profits, and the State to capitalize on these existing efforts by facilitating research and studies of communities that have made progress in solving housing shortages and aggregating useful information about local zoning codes, water and sewer access, and opportunities to maximize density.
- Acknowledges that Short-Term Rentals can have both positive and negative impacts on the availability of housing. In some towns, STRs drive up home values and remove long-term rentals as housing options. In other towns, STRs help meet lodging needs and attract visitors to the area. Towns need help, guidance, and financial assistance in developing regulations to manage STRs that fit their unique circumstances.
- Recognizes that developing a diverse range of housing options for healthy communities is a complex problem. We support the creation of a state-supported fund to provide Adirondack towns with the technical support necessary to revise their land use codes and work within the Adirondack Park Agency regulations to contain permitting and design costs.
- Urges development of a state-supported land bank pilot program, giving towns the ability to acquire and utilize low- or no-cost properties as a starting basis to meet community housing needs.
- Supports the inclusion of individuals from the Adirondack Park in any task forces, study groups, and stakeholder organizations developed by the state to address affordable housing needs.



5 - ESTABLISHING A PLAN FOR IMPROVED EMERGENCY SERVICES THOUGHOUT THE ADIRONDACK PARK

“9-1-1. What is your emergency?”

Those could be the most comforting words you will ever hear. But what if you dialed 9-1-1 and nobody answered? Many Adirondack Park communities are facing a steadily growing shortage of emergency services professionals, both volunteer and paid.

The population of the Park is aging and the number of full-time residents is on the decline. An older population means fewer people with the strength and endurance to serve in the demanding roles required in 9-1-1 call centers. At the same time, the aging population needs more emergency services, as do the growing number of seasonal residents and vacationers. This vicious cycle has life-threatening consequences. Studies commissioned by the State have found that the average emergency services response time in the North Country consistently lags that of the state as a whole, and in some cases very significantly.

To address what is rapidly becoming a public health crisis, AATV is asking our State Legislature to:

- Pass legislation that will allow for the creation of Countywide EMS Districts that provide for pooling of financial and manpower resources.
- Provide greater access to low-cost training for emergency services professionals, including support for community college-based training, with a goal of encouraging more young people to pursue paid careers or volunteer service.
- Allocate more E911 revenues to county governments, where the dollars can be put to work addressing each locality’s unique challenges.



6 – SUPPORTING STATE AND LOCAL COLLABORATION TO REDUCE THE USAGE OF ROAD SALT IN THE ADIRONDACKS

Coping with winter weather is part of the way of life in the Adirondack Park. Public safety and economic activity are both dependent upon ensuring safe passage over roadways impacted by snow and ice. For more than 40 years, road salt has been the solution of choice. Excessive road salt application, however, poses its own risks to the region’s public health and environmental resources, including contamination of drinking water, harming aquatic life, and killing trees and plants along roadways.

Localities and civic groups within the Park – most notably in the Lake George region – have begun to recognize this problem and seek alternative solutions that simultaneously provide safe passage for the traveling public and protect public health and the environment. Among these alternatives are saltwater brining and improved snow removal technology such as live edge plows. Factors inhibiting wider adoption of such alternatives include the financial cost of implementation as well as reluctance on the part of highway officials to embrace new tactics with unknown outcomes.

In 2020, New York State enacted the “Randy Preston Road Salt Reduction Act” implementing a multiyear pilot program in the Adirondacks designed to gather and summarize information and recommend best management practices to reduce the usage of salt in winter road maintenance. The AATV is pleased that the Adirondack Road Salt Task Force, charged with accomplishing these objectives, includes members who represent Adirondack highway departments and civic groups.

The AATV supports:

- Continued cooperation between the State and local governments to develop and promote solutions that reduce road salt application while ensuring safe transportation on roadways within the Park.
- Development of a reliable, reoccurring funding source to assist localities in implementing these solutions, as many localities do not have the funds to invest in the necessary technology and equipment to reduce salt use while continuing to maintain safe winter roads. We urge the state to consider a model similar to the CHIPS program, with an annual state budget appropriation allocated amongst municipalities based upon the road miles they own.
- Urging the State to utilize other funding vehicles to support programs to reduce road salt application, protect water supplies from salt contamination and remediate contaminated surfaces and groundwaters, including but not limited to expansion of existing grant programs and Environmental Bond Act funds.



7 - PRESERVING FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY JOBS AND SEQUESTERING CARBON

Our forests, both public and private, are the largest carbon sink in New York and provide benefits of clean air, clean water, wildlife habitat and restoration, storm resiliency and climate adaptation. Privately owned forests also generate tax revenues for local communities and the State, and they provide recreational opportunities including hunting, fishing, hiking and skiing. Preserving these environmental, financial and social benefits is essential, and AATV supports keeping private forest lands in sustainable private forest management with the goal of maintaining or increasing forest carbon stocks while producing an annual sustained yield of wood, fiber, and energy.

Resource-based jobs are vital to the economy and small communities of the Adirondacks. The Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (AP-SLMP) embraces this reality, stating that no working forest should be acquired by the state unless it is in imminent danger of development. When the state acquires privately owned forests and makes them part of the Forest Preserve, this productive land is removed from harvesting. Since 1995, New York State has pursued an alternative approach, acquiring more than 800,000 acres through working forest easements, much of it in the Adirondacks. This approach often allows for private forestry activities to continue, helps sustain forest products jobs and local communities, and preserves the substantial benefits private forest management provides.

AATV supports policies and strategic investments in a diversified forest-based economy, including investments in:

- Protecting working forests and other important habitats through conservation easements, which are a viable solution to the problems of rising property taxes, suburban and recreational development, high inheritance taxes, and generational transfers of forest properties.
- Technical assistance to primary and secondary forest products manufacturers to modernize, adopt lean manufacturing and other cost-effective principles, expand in new markets, retain and create jobs.
- Marketing and other state-focused efforts through the Wood Products Development Council and other organizations to increase awareness and utilization of forest products.
- Promoting and deploying renewable modern wood heating and combined heat and power energy that utilize forest and mill residuals and retain dollars in the region.
- Workforce development initiatives that attract and retain loggers, foresters, mill workers and related careers while enhancing overall safety and productivity.
- Technical and financial assistance (i.e. Regenerate NY) to forest owners of all sizes, to ensure the application of forest stewardship practices that support forest products, enhance utilization of previously unmanaged lands, sequester carbon and generate ecosystem benefits.



8 - ADDRESSING OVERUSE OF PARTS OF THE FOREST PRESERVE AND MANAGING THE RECREATIONAL ECONOMY

The natural resources of the Adirondack Park are not only ecological treasures but also vital economic and cultural assets that draw hundreds of thousands of visitors, supporting local jobs and generating tax revenue to pay for essential services used by residents and visitors alike.

New York State, counties and private-sector businesses have been increasingly successful in attracting visitors to our region, but this success is leading to new and complex challenges as increased use can threaten the ecological health of natural resources and diminish the visitor experience.

The AATV supports the need for a comprehensive planning process across the region to preserve resources, enhance the tourism economy, and protect quality of life.

Managing resource use in the Adirondack Park presents a complicated set of issues crossing municipal lines, management units, and agency jurisdictions. These include roadside safety, parking, public education, access, waste management, and environmental impact. The planning and implementation of actions must be collaborative, system-wide, and follow a well-researched progression of intensity.

The series of management steps below reflect the work of Chad Dawson, Professor Emeritus at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, and have been utilized by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and others in the discussion of these issues:

- Education and outreach: Expand and enhance public education initiatives to inform hikers of the principles of Leave No Trace, and to increase awareness of the abundance of quality hiking opportunities in the region with a goal of spreading use over a greater number of locations.
- Comprehensive Planning: Engage all concerned parties in complex planning to develop solutions that are comprehensive.
- Front Country Infrastructure: Establish appropriate facilities for the visitors we bring to our towns so that they have a safe, well-planned experience.
- Backcountry Infrastructure: Ensure appropriate trails, signage, and ranger presence to protect the resource and the visitor.
- Resources & Staffing: Provide appropriate allocations of money and staffing to implement the above steps.
- Limits on use: Impose limits on use as a last resort, only after all the above steps have been planned and implemented.

The AATV supports a comprehensive planning effort that brings together municipalities, state agencies, private landowners and user groups with a goal of supporting the towns and villages, providing services for visitors, and protecting the resource for future generations.



9 - PASSAGE OF THREE STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS THAT ADDRESS CRITICAL COMMUNITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS WHILE PRESERVING THE CORE BASIS OF ARTICLE XIV

The Adirondack Forest Preserve, as created by Article XIV of the New York State Constitution, is one of two great pillars that define and make the Adirondack Park special. The other pillar is the people who live and work here and their communities. The remarkable combination of forever-wild, state-owned Forest Preserve lands co-mingled with private lands and living, breathing communities represents a unique social experiment molded more than a century ago by visionaries who believed an equitable balance of people and Preserve would create a thriving regional community.

This concept that the Preserve and local communities can and must exist to the benefit of one another has been on display multiple times in recent years in the form of cooperative efforts to support mutually beneficial amendments to the New York State Constitution. For this Legislative Session, AATV seeks to build on that good work through support of three amendments to Article XIV that maintain the integrity of the Forest Preserve while addressing a discreet and specific public need, and delivering a strong public benefit:

- An amendment that would allow the state to sell Camp Gabriel, the former prison property in the town of Brighton that has sat vacant and unmaintained since closing in 2009. Upon its closure, the property automatically became part of the Forest Preserve and cannot otherwise be sold.
- An amendment that would save Debar Lodge, a historic Great Camp-style building acquired by the State in 1979 and now slated for demolition since the property has been incorporated into the Forest Preserve. The amendment would allow the State to trade the property to a nonprofit group for the purposes of preservation in return for 400 lakefront acres elsewhere in the region.
- An update to an existing amendment that authorized the Olympic Regional Development Authority to build and operate international winter sports facilities on Forest Preserve lands. This update would allow for the expansion of the Mt. Van Hoevenberg winter sports complex to sustain and grow its relevance as an Olympic-caliber facility and regional economic engine for decades to come.

AATV's position on these amendments is consistent with our long-held position that Article XIV should be subject to amendment by the Legislature and people of New York State allowing the transfer of property from the Forest Preserve if it is determined that such transfer will provide an important community benefit while ensuring the Preserve is replenished with the addition of new lands of equal or greater value.



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CLA SITE provides support services to a number of not-for-profit organizations, community groups and churches throughout the area by offering organizational leadership, site-specific design solutions, or simply lending a hand in an annual cleanup or planting day. CLA SITE recognizes the importance of community leadership as an essential tool for creating a better-built environment.



Adirondack Landowners Association
512 Old South 2nd St., Fulton, NY 13069
<http://www.adklandowners.org/>

The Adirondack Landowners Association is focused on the unique responsibilities, challenges and opportunities of owning private land in a region that in both principle and practice is a park. This Association was founded in 1990 to encourage continued stewardship and sound resource management of the land; to promote public awareness of the valuable role played by private landowners in the Park; to advocate laws, regulations and governmental policies that promote and facilitate good stewardship by private landowners and recognize and preserve their rights in the land.



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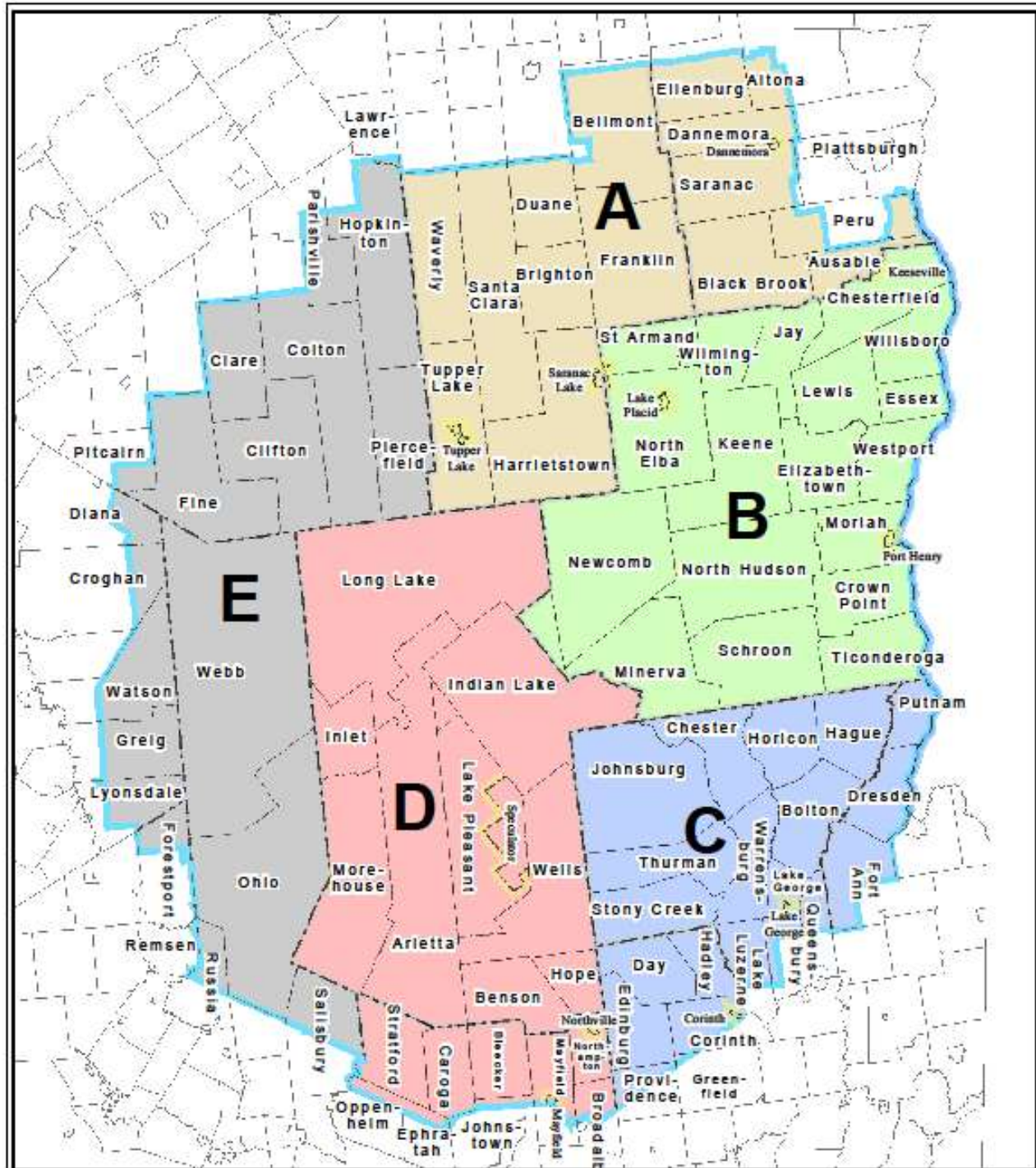
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AATV Regional Representation Map

- State Boundary
- Park Blue-line
- County Boundary
- Town Boundary
- Village Boundary

