

Supports Park Agency

To the Editor:

As an Adirondack landowner, I feel the park should have a master plan legislated by an agency of people concerned with the total needs of the park.

The decision to create the Adirondack Park Agency and make it autonomous was a good one. When we reflect on our reasons for being here, freedom, privacy and the surrounding beauty rank among the highest values of this rugged land.

Resourcefully, we maintain our individuality but without a master plan and APA to assist us, our voices would be too weak to stop speculators and undisciplined groups who would destroy this beautiful land.

Our businesses are directed toward the downstater who comes to see this land. I doubt if I, or anyone else here, really wants a New York City atmosphere to creep in because of speculation and poor planning.

Support the APA. Do not allow large investors to manipulate the small landowner into destroying his only real protective agency. As independent people we maintain our own discipline but alone we cannot control those who have none.

Ask yourself three questions:

- 1 — Will my children be able to see the same beautiful land I have seen?
- 2 — How can the APA assist me and my town to live harmoniously with wilderness?
- 3 — How can I assist the APA in its efforts to maintain the beauty of my land?

Up to now, destruction of wilderness has been synonymous with the coming of man. Let's be different and try wise planning, some personal sacrifice and togetherness to preserve our park. Support good legislation. Support your Adirondack Park Agency.

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