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PRESERVING WATER,
AIR AND WILDLANDS

VISION 2050: Fulfilling the Promise of the Adirondack Park





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Vision 2050 will...





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Preserve natural communities



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Foster vibrant human communities



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Manage the Park

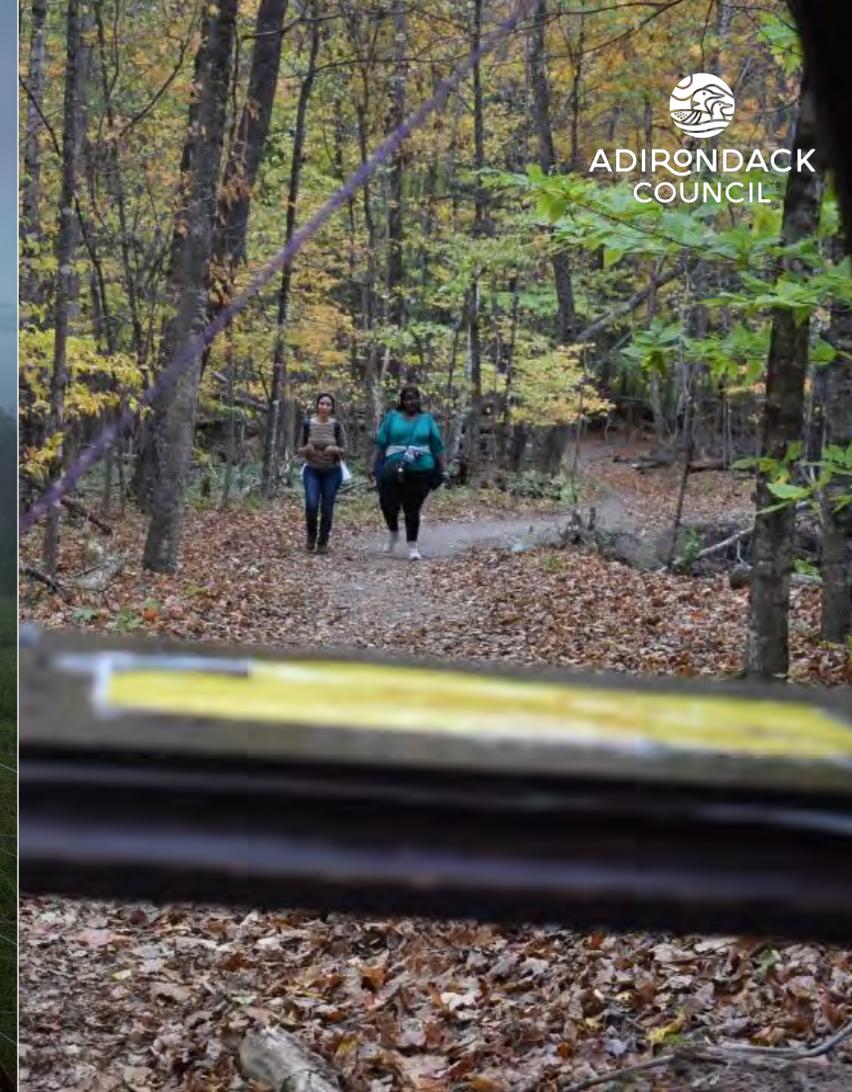
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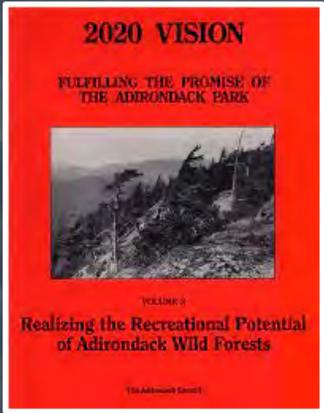
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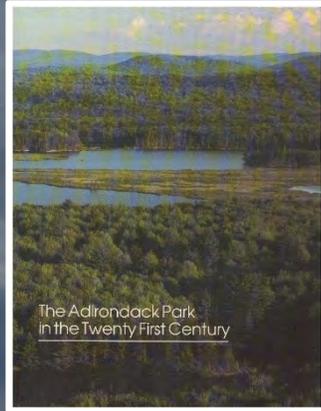
Vision 2050 builds off of the work of the past



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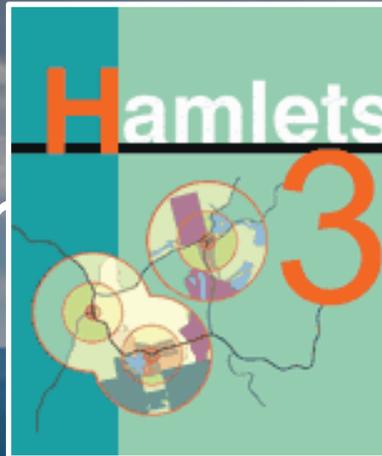
The ADK
Park in
the 21st
Century



The
Temporary
Study
Commission



AdkFutures



Hamlets 1, 2 & 3



ANCA's
Growing the New
Economy



Adirondack Park
Regional
Assessment
Project

And many others...

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THE VISION 2050 PROCESS: Setting the ground work

- Scientists
- State and local government officials
- Environmental advocates
- Community leaders
- People from every major study that we referenced as foundational, including Members of the original Temporary Study Commission, and authors of the APA Act

Over 125 Interviews in the last 22 months

“I can get a better grasp of what is going on in the world from one good Washington dinner party than from all the background information NBC piles on my desk.”

-- Barbara Walters



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THE VISION 2050 PROCESS:

Background synthesis of prior projects



Key issues for consideration in VISION 2050



Engage Experts

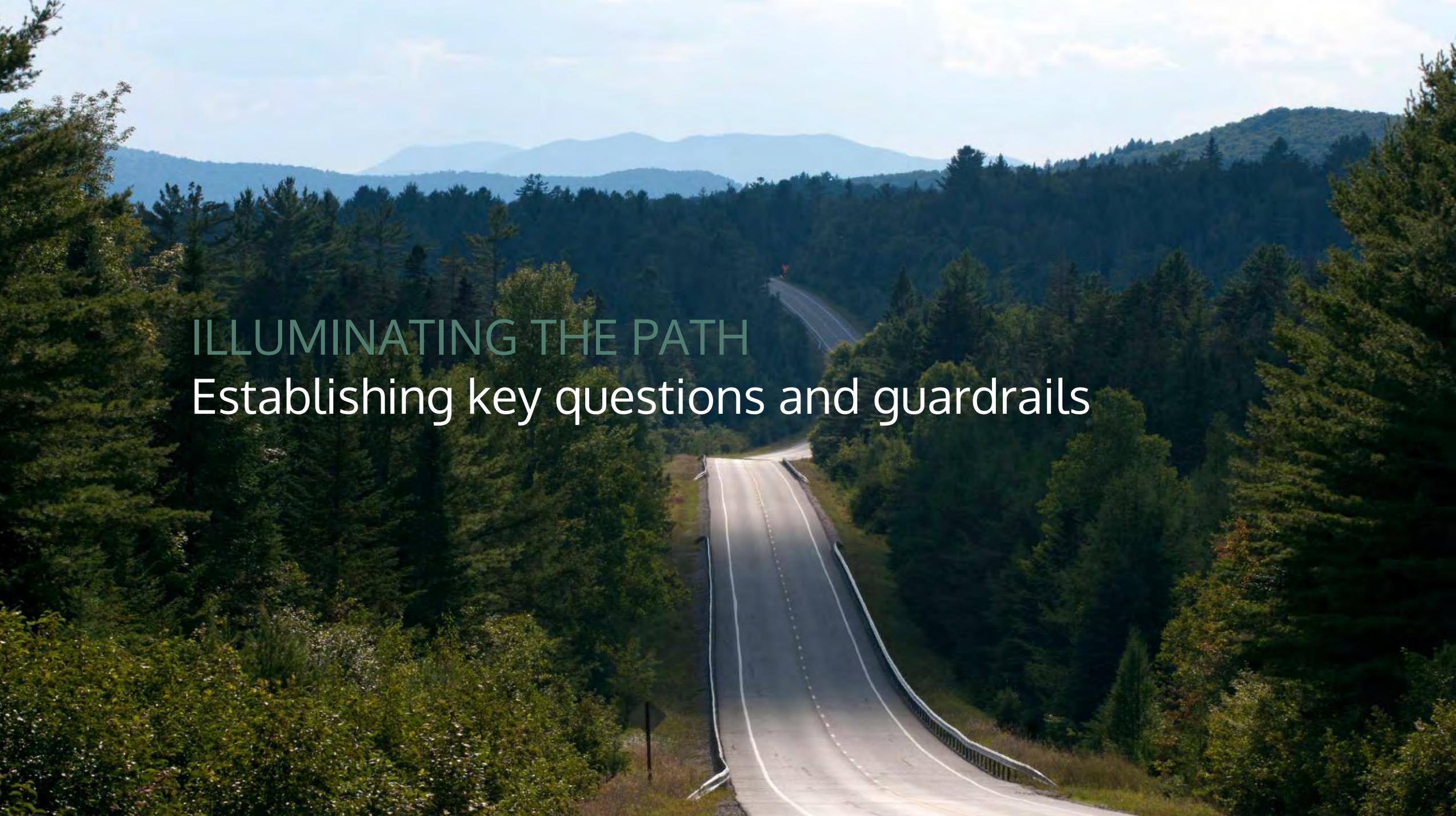
Steering
Committee

Board Group
Discussion

Non-Board
Experts



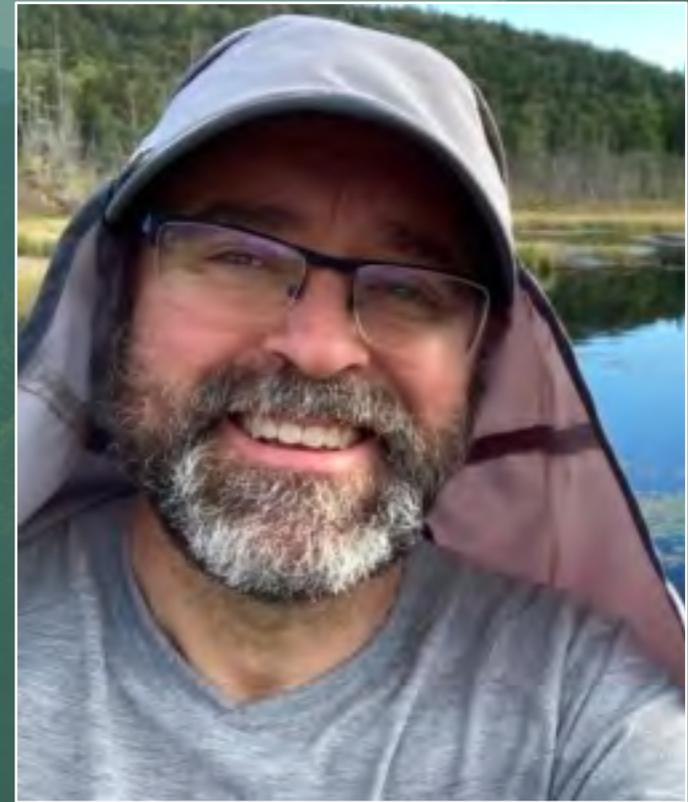
FINDINGS



ILLUMINATING THE PATH

Establishing key questions and guardrails

“ It has global promise. It also has promise locally. It’s the home of our wild kinfolk, our wild neighbors. The park’s promise is to be a good and secure home. It already is. It is a story for the world about what the land can be. The VISION can articulate expanding and fostering that integrity. Make the park a resilient,



Tom Butler
Northeast Wilderness Trust



1

Science and monitoring to guide park management





2

Protecting and restoring the Park's wild character



3

Landscape connectivity
within and beyond
the Blue Line





4

Public and private land are both central to the integrity of the whole



5



Ecosystems have a finite capacity to absorb or mitigate impacts without loss of integrity.





6

Mitigating and adapting to the challenges of climate change





7

Building a broad and diverse constituency for nature and the Adirondacks





1
**Foster a sense of
identity that creates
common bonds**



2

Sustain a spectrum of
well-paying jobs





3

Provide needed
infrastructure





4

Robust schools and diverse career pathways



5

**Encourage inter-community
collaboration and
regional initiatives**

1

**Strengthen and restructure the
Governance of the Adirondack Park**



2

Create dedicated funding for the Adirondack
Park

3

Create a structure to ensure scientific research

4

Create a comprehensive education program



5 Strengthen legal protections for waters and
wildlands



6

**Change public lands management to include
comprehensive watershed and broader regional
planning**



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