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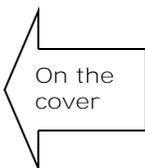
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Just north of Tupper Lake, the rails of the old line that goes to Lake Placid are torn up as work begins to create a bike/hike/snowmobile trail, long sought as a critical recreation resource in the North Country. See article Page 3. Photo by Chris Keniston.

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The Lookout

The Newsletter for the Schenectady Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club

Chairman Reviews Complex Year, Looks Ahead

Friends:

While this certainly hasn't been the sort of year any of us expected or wanted, I could not be prouder of the awesome work of our chapter. Outings were led, helping so many replenish themselves in the great outdoors during such difficult times. Trails were maintained and improved. Relationships between our members of all ages and backgrounds were fostered despite being physically apart. Decades of service to the chapter and the wider ADK were honored. Stories of adventure were shared. New members were welcomed and new leaders were equipped to serve. We'll miss what would've been our Third Annual Holiday Social this year and a number of monthly Young Member socials as the weather gets colder, but my gosh, we had an incredible annual meeting of the chapter despite not being able to be together in person.

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About the annual meeting: The challenge was getting the word out – online and in Lookout -- and bringing as many members as possible together on Zoom on Oct. 27. So there was no dinner at the community college, no wine bar or old friends gathered at tables,

which hurts. But we got to honor seven long-time friends as new Fellows of the Chapter, recognizing their decades of service whether leading hikes or canoe trips, blazing trails or carrying leadership loads at the chapter and state levels. They are Rudy Dehn, Robert Grimm, Walter Hayes, Mary MacDonald and Norm Kuchar. Honored posthumously were William M. "Bill" White and Betty Lou Bailey. (See August-September issue for details of their contributions.)



Chairman Dustin Wright

We also got to meet – all online of course – the new executive director of the ADK, Michael Barrett, who has the unenviable job of succeeding Neil Woodworth, who retired but remains active in the ADK. Barrett noted the stress of the covid pandemic on the organization as he took over leadership, including maintaining the work of trail stewards and the pro trail crew while keeping social distance and wearing masks, a whole new world for the wilderness. He reported success in putting a new roof on the Heart Lake Lodge (which took the OK of Gov. Andrew Cuomo) and a healthy growth in membership in the age range of 30 to 50. New insurance rules will allow the club to sponsor rock climbing and scrambling, he said, and there will be about \$50,000 invested in creating a new website.

There is a great deal of difficulty in our world, and a great deal of change as well, but from what I've seen out of this chapter in the past year, I have no doubt we're coming out of 2020 stronger than ever. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you for all the ways you've worked to support the critical mission of the Schenectady ADK.

Conservation Report

Green Amendment Needs Local Leader Boost

ADK members and all local environmentalists can work to amplify their voices on the proposed "Green Amendment" now before New York legislators, the Conservation Committee was urged at its Nov. 7 zoom meeting. The push is to prompt local governments – village boards, town or county governments – to in turn push state Assembly and Senate members to support second passage of the state constitutional mandate.

Cathy Pedler, ADK director of advocacy, said the amendment would put in the constitution, "...the right to clean air and water, and a healthy environment" for all state residents. It would stand as Section 19 of the Bill of Rights. In Pedler's article in the Nov.-Dec. issue of *Adirondack*, she writes that the amendment "...would ensure that environmental impacts are considered early in processes such as those for development projects, presenting the greatest opportunity to prevent pollution, degradation, and other environmental harm."

The amendment was passed by the state Legislature in 2019 (A2064/S2072); if it receives second passage in the early work of the new Legislature in 2021, it will appear for voter approval on the November, 2021 ballot. To that end, she told the committee, it is important to get local governments to register support for the amendment and communicate that up the line to state representatives. **ADK members or others who know officials who may be sympathetic are asked to connect with Pedler at cathy@adk.org or call 518-935-0492.**

Military Training

Use of the Adirondacks for military training – both airspace and on the ground – is also a continuing issue, particularly in the nine northwesterly counties, the committee was advised. This is nothing new. Neil Woodworth, in his new role as committee member, recalled taking a low-level training flight in a B-52 years ago when the ADK was working to mitigate training procedures over recreational areas. The now-obsolete F-111s used to buzz the region also. Now, he said, the airspace issue is from Apache helicopters from Fort Drum, the F-35 fighters out of Burlington, VT, and the F-15E out of Springfield, MA.

Pedler said ADK and other conservation groups, DEC and APA are having discussions with Army officials from the 10th Mountain Division -- specifically the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade and the 10th Sustainment Brigade -- based in Fort Drum about a planned training program of unspecified duration that will include ground maneuvers and helicopter air support, using Adirondack counties. These are Essex, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego and St. Lawrence; excluded are Sovereign Nation Indian Lands.

Part of the environmental issue, Pedler said, is the Army's "Finding of No Significant Impact" or FNSI, which bypassed a more rigorous Environmental Impact Statement. ADK's position, she said, is that the more formal review is warranted, both in terms of impact on wildlife from noise and intrusion, and the obvious impact on recreational use of the region from a cumulative four months a year training.



Boeing AH-64 Apache

Also, Pedler said in subsequent comments, "There are still jets conducting training over the Adirondack Park, but that is a completely different issue from the proposed training we are addressing with Fort Drum. We will be investigating the jet flights also to see what has changed and caused an increase in activity."

--Mal Provost, Conservation Chair

Bike Trail Work Starts, Railway Rehab OK'ed

The historic construction of railroads deep into the Adirondack wilderness is getting a new chapter with the conversion of one stretch of steel and ties north of Tupper Lake into a recreational trail for hikers, bikers, skiers and snowmobilers.

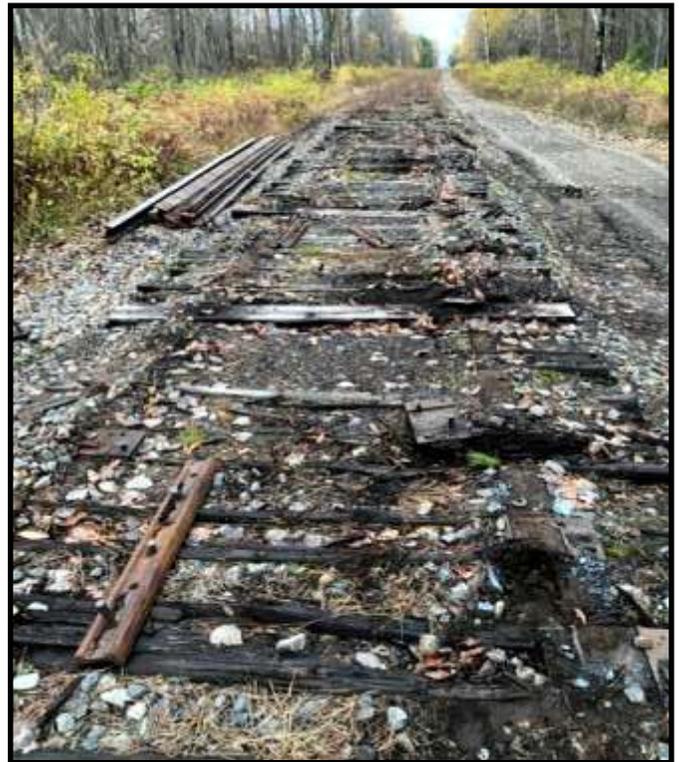
In late October the state announced a \$1.9 million project to remove the tracks from the former railroad right-of-way, clearing the way for its conversion into a shared-use path ideal for hikers, bikers, cross country skiers, and snowmobile enthusiasts between Tupper Lake and Lake Placid.

According to a Department of Environmental Conservation release, "Under the project administered by DOT, existing tracks will be removed from the northern portions of the line above Tupper Lake. The Adirondack Rail Trail will be constructed in their place to connect Lake Placid, Saranac Lake, and Tupper Lake, allowing trail users to enjoy the unique charm and amenities of each community while providing access to miles of breathtaking trails, numerous campsites, and abundant waterways in the Forest Preserve lands adjacent to the travel corridor. The corridor will also feature signage to help visitors interpret the history of the railway, the cultures of adjacent communities, and the natural resources of surrounding lands and waters to create a linear museum."

A **second project** was also announced to rehabilitate the existing rails between Big Moose and Tupper Lake to create "the longest scenic railway in the country." The \$19.1 million project to rehabilitate the rails between Big Moose and Tupper Lake will allow the current scenic railway service – operated by the Adirondack Railway Preservation Society under a use and occupancy permit from the state – to be extended 45 miles further into the Adirondacks. Rail rehabilitation is expected to be complete by the end of 2021. Plans also call for the Tupper Lake Station to be redeveloped to serve as a terminus for rail operations.

The projects are scheduled to be under way over the next two years, with the rail trail possibly completed in 2024.

The rail trail and scenic railway are elements of the recently completed 2020 Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor Unit Management Plan (UMP), which provides a blueprint for developing this picturesque 119-mile travel corridor to bolster tourism and further recreation opportunities. The corridor follows the path of a once-thriving rail line constructed in 1892 and operated continuously until 1972. The line and its right-of-way were purchased by the state in 1974.



The condition of the rail bed is obvious even despite the rail removal. Photo by Chris Keniston.

Gulf Brook Road

Another major undertaking is waiting for mud season to pass in 2021. Vehicle access to the Boreas Ponds wilderness area got a major boost a couple years ago with reconstruction of Gulf Brook Road, a former logging road by Finch Pruyn, from Blue Ridge Road to the ponds. Now, according to DEC, "Gulf Brook Road remains closed to public motor vehicle use at this time due to washouts caused by the 2019 Halloween storm. DEC has repaired several ditches and culverts to date. Additional bridges and large culverts are still required to ensure the road is resilient to damage from future storms. Construction is coming to an end for this season but it is anticipated to resume after the 2021 spring mud season. The road will remain open for hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, skiing, and snowshoeing. Visitors can park at the Blue Ridge Parking Lot."

--Mal Provost

Information courtesy DEC and other state agencies.

Outings

Best weekday, between Dec. 1 and Dec. 21

Whiteface Mountain Memorial Highway Ski Tour

Class A2B - Intermediate because of length and constant steepness. Roy Keats, royskipaddle@gmail.com or 518-466-8544. Contact if interested to get on the list. I will pick a day when the weather and snow conditions both look good.

This is a beautiful ski tour up a road with great scenery all the way up (and down). It is approximately an 11 mile round trip including a quarter mile stair climb from the end of the road to the top. There is a total of approximately 2,500 feet of ascent. A fairly constant 8 or 9 percent grade makes for a continuous downhill run out. Everyone should come layered (no cotton) because the long uphill will warm you up, and the long downhill will cool you off. This is rated as an intermediate trip. It takes about 3.5 hours up and 1.5 hours down.

Saturday, Dec. 12

Ski to Great Camp Santanoni

Class A2C

Mike Brun, brunmcts@verizon.net or 518-487-8054

We will ski from Newcomb to the camp following the road, climbing over a rise in the land first half of the trip and then descending to the lake. We will pass the old farm and have some nice views of the mountains as we approach the lake and eat lunch at the camp. The round trip is about 9 miles of easy skiing on the road with modest gradients.

Saturday, Dec. 12

Young Adult Hike: Noonmark Mountain

Class B2B

Dustin Wright, dustingwright@gmail.com or 603-953-8782

Join our Young Member Group as we bag one of the best of the ADK 29er peaks on a puppy friendly route! Noonmark via Round Pond is a 6.4 mile lightly trafficked out and back trail located near Keene that features a lake, great views and only 2,086 of elevation gain. Depending on time we might even bag nearby Round Mountain, another ADK 29er. There is only a limited number of folks allowed on the hike due to social distancing guidelines, so please reserve your spot.

Friday Jan. 1

Hunter Mt.

Class B2B

John Susko, 518-383-1284 or jpsusko@nycap.rr.com

Start the new year right by climbing the second highest peak in the Catskills. We'll take the Becker Hollow trail, the most scenic route to the top of Hunter which has a fire tower that provides excellent views. The distance is ~5 miles with ~2,000 feet of ascent. At this time of year snowshoes and crampons or other traction devices may be needed. In case of inclement weather the hike will be postponed to the next day.

Saturday, Jan. 9

Ski to Botheration Pond

Class B2B

Mike Brun, brunmcts@verizon.net or 518-487-8054

We will make a 7-mile loop from Old Farm Parking Area using the East Branch Trail, Botheration Pond Trail and Halfway Brook Trail with a stop at Botheration Pond for lunch. One of the bridges on the Sacandaga river is out, but the stream can be crossed when there is sufficient snow cover.

Saturday, Jan. 9

Young Adult Hike: Pharaoh Mountain

Class A2B

Dustin Wright, dustingwright@gmail.com or 603-953-8782

Pharaoh Mountain is an 11 mile out and back trek. It rises 1,900 feet near Schroon Lake. In addition to epic views on the summit there's a beautiful stroll across a number of ponds, and it's a mountain on the ADK 29er Challenge list as well! Come out and enjoy the crisp winter air! Microspikes and other winter gear is required. Covid restrictions in place, so please reserve early.

Thursday, Jan. 14

Ski Trip to Dexter and Dry Lakes

Class B2C Novice to intermediate

Roy Keats, 518-466-8544 or royskipaddle@gmail.com

This ski tour follows a snowmobile trail from Route 10 into Dexter and Dry Lakes for a round trip of about 6 miles. On Thursday there should not be significant snowmobile traffic. It is a gently rolling trail with two steeper sections which can be walked if necessary. It is recommended in Tony Goodwin's ski tours book, and tends to be OK even in relatively low snow years.

Chapter outings will adhere to the ADK COVID-19 guidelines:

- If anyone has symptoms of COVID-19, they should cancel out ahead of time and not attend the outing.
- Masks and social distancing are required - everyone must have a mask and hand sanitizer available. Masks are only needed to be on when social distancing is not possible -- areas with less than 6 foot separation.
- Avoid crowded trails and high use areas.
- Carpooling only with immediate family members.
- Limit group size to under 10.
- Injuries: Trip leader will try to walk the person through first aid having them use their own supplies, but provide help if necessary. All involved should wear face masks and gloves throughout.

--Roy Keats, Outings Chair

HIKE CLASSIFICATIONS

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Leader's Pace</u>	<u>Terrain</u>	<u>Examples</u>
A+ 13 Miles or More	1. Fast	A Very Difficult	A+1A Most Difficult Trip
A 8-12 Miles	2. Moderate	B Strenuous	B2C Moderate Trip
B 5-8 Miles	3. Slow	C Average	C3D Easy Trip
C Under 5 Miles		D Easy	

Plotter Kill Preserve Gets New Trail Markers

Early November offered some gloriously bright, mild days, which were a gift and an opportunity for work to improve trail marking in Schenectady County's Plotter Kill Preserve, part of a continuing effort aimed at safety and accessibility.

The trails snake through the 632-acre preserve in the western county uplands and give access to woods, creeks and striking waterfalls. The routes are popular and extensive enough also to create opportunities for hikers to get lost, which is a recurrent problem for the Plotter Kill Volunteer Fire Department and other public responders. Over recent years the county Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has used state and county money to create overlooks and improve emergency access, and the trail marking now is a continuation of the upgrades. The Parks and Trails Committee of the Schenectady County Environmental Advisory Council has helped coordinate the new marker system.

So with favorable weather, staff time and volunteers from both the Schenectady Chapter, ADK, and Environmental Clearinghouse, new trail markers were nailed to trees on the main trails during early November.

Nick Klemczak, interim manager of the SWCD, outlined the marking system:

New signage was installed along the two main (red) trails: North Rim Trail and South Rim Trail. New markers are reflective white triangles with red circular symbols of N or S. The NRT goes from the Mariaville Road access via the new bridge and then northeast down to the creek bed near the Thruway, ending directly across from the SRT. The SRT begins from about 500 yards down off Coplon Road entrance and continues northeast down to the creek bed near the Thruway, ending directly across from the NRT.



The new trail marker design.

Connector routes running from the entrances to the main trails have reflective white triangles with black circular symbols designating the entry points: C=Coplon, M=Mariaville, LG=Lower Gregg. These markers end at the main trails.

Because of several factors, other marker changes and map updates will have to wait until spring 2021. These factors include planned changes to other trail patterns and possible new trail construction that are not yet finalized; planned National Grid power line upgrades that will significantly affect sections of the NRT, SRT, and trails in between. The marker updates are projected to be completed late spring/early summer of 2021, with final maps published by the county at that time.

--Mal Provost

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Chapter Board Updates

Mary MacDonald steps back from printing/ mailing chair after many years of service.

We'd like to give a MASSIVE thank you to Mary MacDonald for this work for many years. Her simple but critical work of picking up and sending out print editions of *The Lookout* has made such a difference. We also need someone to fill such a critical role! The main responsibility includes coordinating the mailing of *The Lookout* six times each year. That involves getting the copies from the printer, stamping and hauling them to the Post Office, keeping track of expenses, and attending board meetings. If you're interested, reach out to Chapter Chair Dustin Wright at 603-953-8782 or dustingwright@gmail.com today!

Roy Keats passes the baton of Outings leadership to **Jason Waters**.

Thanks are due to Roy, who has served as our Outings Chair for many years! This is such a central role in what we do as a chapter from reviewing proposed outings to training new outing leaders and Roy has performed admirably! Many thanks as well are due to Jason for stepping up to take on this work. Under Jason's leadership we hope to further diversify our offerings of outings from primarily hikes and paddles to an increasing number of rock scrambles, cross country ski trips and more. As the ADK Main Club continues improve its insurance policy to include things like bike rides, rock climbing and more, there will be additional opportunities for new types of leaders. If you're interested in becoming an Outings leader, it's a pretty easy certification process and the chapter will also help subsidize Wilderness First Aid and other types of training. To find out more please contact Roy and Jason!

--Rev. Dustin G. Wright, Chairman

Time To Get Ready For Next Year's Whitewater

In years past this is time to hit the pool and practice those skills. Sadly we are still on COVID-19 hold but hoping for a change soon. To that end we are working on setting up winter pool sessions with Gateway Sports complex in Cohoes (www.joingateway.org) formerly the Cohoes Community Center facility. They have done a great job renovating the facility and are happy to have us there. This is a great pool and central location for area paddlers.

The details are in the works and I will be sending out a questionnaire for arranging the optimal times and days for our paddlers. For newcomers this is a great time to learn the basics and have a solid paddling foundation. Winter pool sessions are a time to practice those skills and learn or brush up on that roll. It is also great to try out new or different boats. We have great instructors who are more than willing to help.

We will once again have a winter planning meeting to set up the schedule for next year. All paddlers are welcome and encouraged to participate. As there are some new COVID vaccine developments (hope springs eternal) I plan to wait a little while before setting dates for both pool sessions and planning. Watch the calendar on the Schenectady Chapter web site and I will be sending out an email to our whitewater paddlers list. If you would like more information about the pool sessions, instruction or about the planning meeting please send me an email: whitewater@adk-schenectady.org



Sally Dewes, one of many top kayakers in the Schenectady Chapter, surfs a smooth wave on the Fish Creek in the Rome area.

Some Background

The Schenectady chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club has a long history of being THE whitewater chapter of the ADK. What does that mean? Our group of paddlers plans, prepares and presents a spring, summer and fall schedule of over 60 trips and classes. Yes, we lead trips for fun and safe whitewater paddling. We also mentor new paddlers and have beginner and novice classes. For the more experienced paddlers we have wilderness first aid and rescue classes. So if you are looking for training or just a great group of people to paddle with give us a call at 518-235-1614 or send me an email at the above address.

--Ralph Pascale, Whitewater Chair

Contact State Legislative Chairmen

It never hurts to write to political leaders to make your positions known, and there are a ton of topics active this year for sure. Over time these will include budget issues such as how many forest rangers are employed. **Your voice counts.**

Following are the chairmen of environmental conservation committees for 2019 in the state Senate and Assembly:

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Trip Tales



Kathie Armstrong, one of the original paddlers of the Schenectady Chapter, in bow on the West Branch of the Sacandaga River, accompanied by Mal Provost. Photo by Sally Dewes

Moxham Mountain Hike

Tuesday, Oct. 6

Eight hikers climbed Moxham Mountain on a beautiful sunny and warm day, but the winds cooled us off on top. Upon arriving at the trailhead we found the parking area nearly full at shortly after 9 a.m. We were able to shuffle cars and park alongside the road until we all fit into the available spaces. We then climbed for about 2 hours, ate our lunches on the windy summit and visited with some of the other hikers. The fall colors were beautiful. Many hikers brought their dogs along. This seems to be a growing trend. Hikers: Roy Keats, Kendra and David Pratt, Nilde and Ken Marcinowski, Margie Litwin, Walt Addicks and Mary MacDonald, leader.

Fish Creek Paddle - Saratoga Lake

Friday, Sept. 25

Five paddlers enjoyed a sunny warm afternoon on Fish Creek outside of Saratoga Springs. We paddled downstream to the dam that controls the level of Saratoga Lake and then paddled upstream for a ways. The fall colors were bright and the sun was at such an angle to provide a remarkable view of the underwater vegetation and occasional fish. We finished up our trip with soft ice cream cones at the Farmer's Daughters. Participants were Pete Sheridan, Miriam and Ron Philipp, and Jan and Marc Limeri, leaders.

Clear Pond and John Pond Loop Hike

Friday, Oct. 16

We parked at the end of Wilderness Lane and walked the loop clockwise. Soon after going into the woods at the Clear Pond



Left to right: Richard Wang, Melinda Browman, Lynne Christensen, Karen Wang, Roy Keats, Ron Philipp, and Mary MacDonald. Photo by Richard Wang.

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trailhead we met a hunter with a dog. We had discussed putting on bright hunting vests or hats before we started, but only a couple of us bothered with them. Fortunately, there were no more hunters along the trail. We arrived at Clear Pond in a little under an hour. The pond was very pretty with blue sky and fall colors reflecting on the clear water. We then continued on to John Pond which is also quite scenic with a cliffy ridge on the far side. There were several mergansers successfully fishing in front of us. Participants were Melinda Browman, Lynne Christensen, Mary MacDonald, Karen and Richard Wang, Ron Philipp, and Roy Keats, leader.

Owl's Head Firetower Climb Saturday, Oct. 17

A small but determined crew made up of Dustin Wright, Colin Thomas, Sarah Hinman and the one Willard Excelsior Bear set out for Owl's Head Firetower and had one heck of a time! Foliage was just past peak but the weather beautifully sunny and warm and the views were stunning! Willard (despite being a small pup of only 35 pounds) bested his fears and made it well over halfway up the fire tower, a new record!

Vanderwhacker Mountain Climb Saturday, Nov. 7

After a very long stressful week of doing pretty much nothing but watching presidential election news, our Young Member crew took a much needed break from the world and climbed Vanderwhacker Mountain. The trail was fairly wet and slippery after melt from early snows but otherwise new friendships (both human and canine) were made and great views were had. Partici-



*Megan McLaughlin enjoys the great outdoors while D'artagnan stands guard at the Vanderwhacker Summit.
Photo by Dustin Wright*

pants included Dustin Wright, Jeff Newsome, Megan McLaughlin, Rich Rogers, Kelly Hite, Willard Excelsior Bear and Dartagnan.

DEC Forms Partnership To Bolster Invasive Species Effort

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has announced new partnerships with the New York Invasive Species Research Institute (NYISRI) and Cornell University to develop and support projects and research to help limit the spread of invasive species.

Cornell University is the current host for the Invasive Species Research Institute. Nearly 50 scientific investigations about invasive species have been/are being conducted. The announcement sustains the state's ongoing collaboration with NYISRI to coordinate invasive species research and develop efforts to conserve hemlock resources in the face of multiple threats, particularly the hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA), an invasive insect.

Supported by the State's Environmental Protection Fund with \$3.5 million, the NYISRI five-year term agreement includes \$2.5 million for invasive species projects; the agreement with Cornell University includes a two-year term with \$1 million to support the New York Hemlock Initiative.

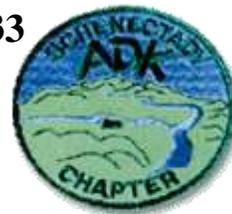
The five-year project will support focused work on identifying invasive species, education, outreach, and targeted control efforts. NYISRI performs many critical and innovative tasks in the field of invasive species research, including biological control of water chestnut (*Trapa natans*), swallow-wort (*Cynanchum* spp.), and Japanese knotweed (*Reynoutria* spp.).

New York is home to vast stands of eastern hemlock trees. These trees are threatened by the introduction of the invasive insect HWA and other environmental stressors. HWA is now a serious threat to the survival of hemlock in eastern forests. Cornell's New York Hemlock Initiative provides a critical service by developing methods to conserve hemlock, including the growth and release of several biological control agents.

The Hemlock Initiative includes collaboration with professional land managers, state and federal agencies, government officials, and concerned citizens to understand the issues and strategies for minimizing the impact of forest insect pests and non-native invasive insects, such as HWA.

--Courtesy Of Department of Environmental Conservation

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CHAPTER BOARD MEETINGS: Are held regularly on the 4th Tuesday of the month. No meetings are held in July or August. Any concerns members have may be expressed to any board member listed on the inside front cover, or attend the meetings which are open to the membership. Call a board member for date, time & directions.

CHAPTER DISCLAIMER: People who attend outings reminded that such activities entail a certain degree of danger; and persons participating do so at their own risk. This disclaimer is for both whitewater and regular outings of the chapter.

SCHENECTADY CHAPTER PATCH: This lovely patch (shown at right) can be purchased by mailing a check (payable to Schenectady Chapter ADK) to Mary MacDonald, 27 Woodside Drive, Clifton Park NY 12065. The cost is \$3 per patch, which includes the mailing cost.

TRIP LEADERS: If you do not want your trip listed in the local newspapers, call Publicity Chair Mary Zawacki at 914-373-8733 or publicity@adk-schenectady.org. This newsletter goes out over the internet.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL: The chapter has hi-tech snowshoes and one pair of universal fit crampons available to rent at \$5/trip. Call Stan Stoklosa at 383-3066 to arrange for pick-up.

WEBSITE: <http://www.adk-schenectady.org> — All of the latest information will be posted on the Web, i.e. any changes or corrections. Please review our website and related Internet resources Acceptable Use Policy.

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Adirondack Mountain Club 814 Goggins Road, Lake George, NY 12845 or drop it off at Adirondack Loj or Headquarters.

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- Family \$60
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- Senior Family (65+) \$50
- Student (full time 18+) \$40
- School _____ \$25

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