



Ensure the Adirondacks forever benefit from your generosity.

When you make an estate gift to the Adirondack Council, your gift becomes part of the *Forever Wild Fund* creating a lasting legacy and voice for Adirondack Park protection.

All estate gifts support the ongoing efforts of the Council to preserve the Adirondack Park for generations to come.

The lands of the state, now owned or hereafter acquired, constituting the Forest Preserve as now fixed by law, shall be forever kept as wild forest lands. They shall not be leased, sold or exchanged, or be taken by any corporation, public or private, nor shall the timber thereon be sold, removed or destroyed.

— The Forever Wild Clause (Article XIV, Section 1 of the New York State Constitution)



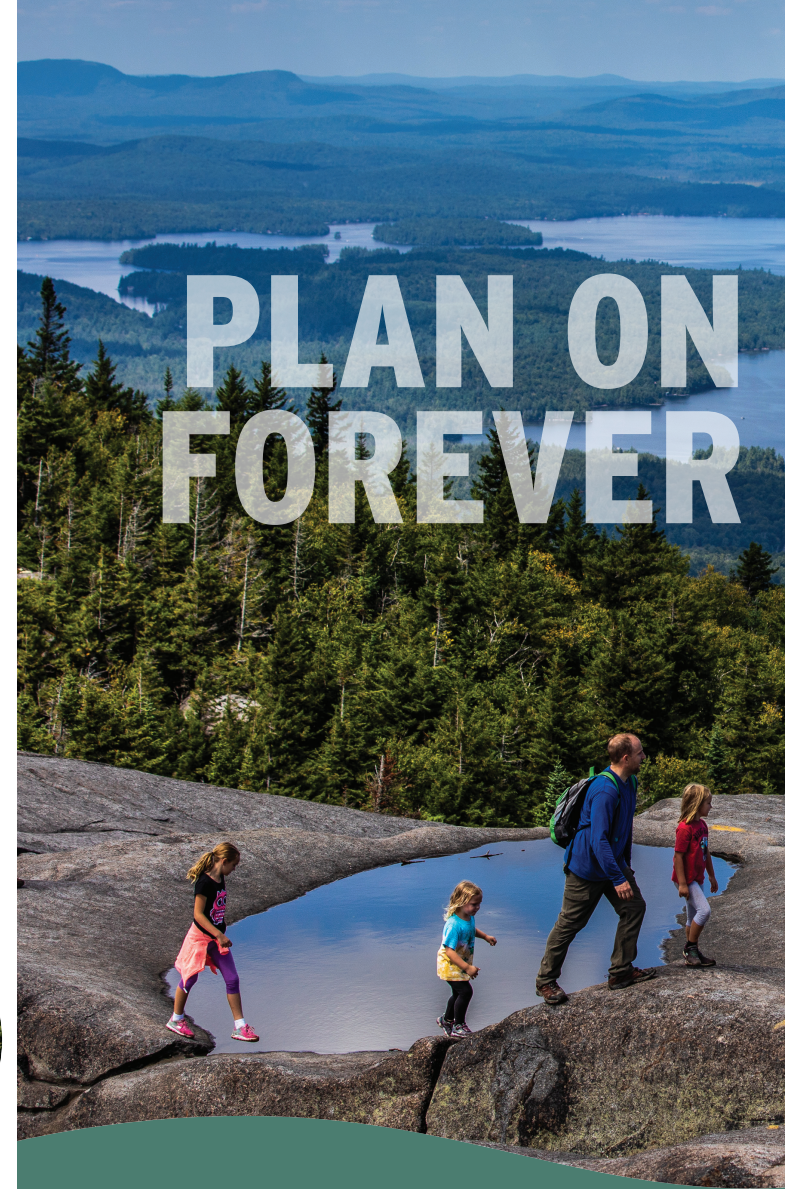
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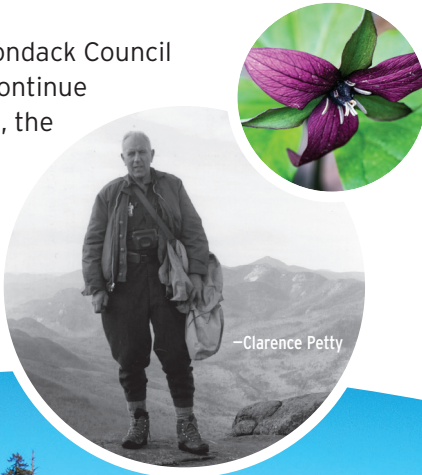


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What does the Adirondack Council do?

The mission of the Adirondack Council is to ensure the ecological integrity and wild character of the Adirondack Park for current and future generations. Using science, we **educate** the public and policymakers; **advocate** for regulations, policies, and funding to benefit the Park's environment and communities; **monitor** proposals, legislation, and policies impacting the Park; when necessary take **legal action** to uphold constitutional protections and preserve this unique national treasure.

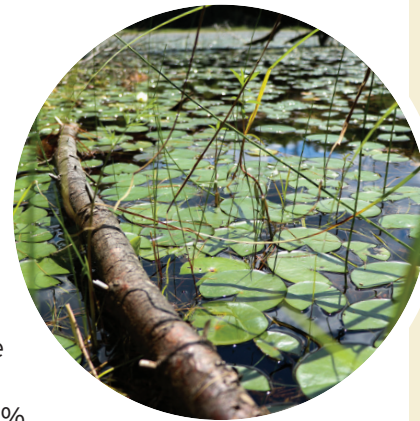
To ensure the Adirondack Council has the means to continue this critical mission, the *Forever Wild Fund* was established to secure the protection of the Adirondacks.



—Clarence Petty

How does the *Forever Wild Fund* operate?

The Forever Wild Fund, a quasi-endowment fund, was established to provide a Board-approved annual income transfer of up to 5% supporting the Council's annual budget to meet current demands, and allowing for flexibility, when necessary, for resources to address constitutional and unforeseen threats.



Naming the Adirondack Council in your Estate Plans

In your Will

Gifts are not subject to federal estate taxes and inheritance taxes in most states. Such gifts, or bequests, can take different forms such as:

- *Specific bequest* (a specific dollar or percentage amount)
- *Residuary bequest* (all or a percentage of assets remaining after all other expenses and specific bequests have been paid)
- *Contingency bequest* (a specific residuary amount or percentage to be paid only if other beneficiaries do not survive you)
- *Remainder bequest* (direct a sum to be placed aside and invested to pay income to a surviving spouse or child for a number of years or lifetime, at which time the principal goes to the Council)

In a Trust

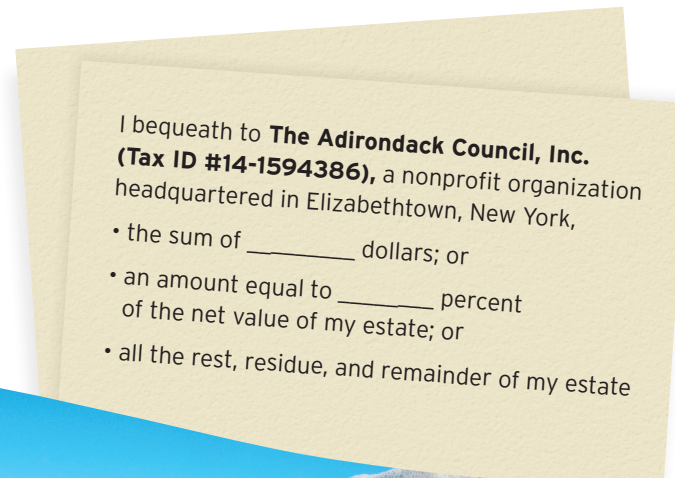
Charitable Lead Trust (direct the Council to receive income from the assets you contribute to a designated trust for a limited period of time) or a Charitable Remainder Trust (you transfer assets to a trust for the Council that then pays you income based on the value of the trust, usually for your lifetime).

Life Insurance Policy

Individual Retirement Account (IRA)

You can designate the Adirondack Council as a beneficiary of any funds remaining in your pension or individual retirement account (IRA). If you are age 72 or older, you can make direct transfers of up to \$100,000 per year to the Adirondack Council without having to count the transfers as income for federal tax purposes.

We recommend consulting with your attorney regarding any gift you choose to make through your estate.



I bequeath to **The Adirondack Council, Inc.** (Tax ID #14-1594386), a nonprofit organization headquartered in Elizabethtown, New York,

- the sum of _____ dollars; or
- an amount equal to _____ percent of the net value of my estate; or
- all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate

"I believe that one of the finest legacies I can leave my children—and their children—is a wild, beautiful and permanently protected Adirondack Park. That's why I have provided for the Adirondack Council in my will."

—Clarence Petty (1905-2009), a conservationist and an avid outdoorsman; best known for his advocacy supporting protection of the Adirondack Park.

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