

Solid and Hazardous Materials 518-402-8651

e-mail: dshm@gw.dec.state.ny.us

website: www.dec.ny.gov/about/638.html

The Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste promotes reduction, reuse and recycling of solid waste; permits solid waste facilities; oversees transportation and management of hazardous and radioactive wastes; and coordinates the proper use of pesticides.

Major benefits to the public:

Protection of public health and the environment and conservation of natural resources.

Water 518-402-8233

e-mail: dowinfo@gw.dec.state.ny.us

website: www.dec.ny.gov/about/661.html

The Division of Water protects and conserves the water resources of New York through a wide range of programs and activities.

Major benefits to the public:

Clean water for recreation, tourism, agriculture, fishing, manufacturing and domestic use.

Control of water pollution and flooding.

Operations 518-402-9055

Recreation 518-457-2500

e-mail: campinfo@gw.dec.state.ny.us

website: www.dec.ny.gov/about/629.html

The Division of Operations designs, builds and operates DEC facilities, including campgrounds.

Major benefits to the public:

Recreation at DEC facilities, campgrounds and hunting and fishing areas.

Extensive hiking, riding and cross-country trails.

Public Affairs and Education 518-402-8049

e-mail: dpaeweb@gw.dec.state.ny.us

website: www.dec.ny.gov/about/609.html

The Division of Public Affairs and Education promotes citizen participation; produces *Conservationist* magazine; provides education opportunities for adults and children at DEC education centers, and for children at DEC summer camps; and creates publications, exhibits and web pages.

Major benefits to the public:

Increased environmental awareness.

Productive partnerships with DEC and interested parties.

Environmental Permits 518-402-9167

e-mail: deprmt@gw.dec.state.ny.us

website: www.dec.ny.gov/about/642.html

The Division of Environmental Permits reviews projects that require DEC permits, conducts environmental assessments under SEQRA and reviews energy projects. Works with business/industry to adopt sustainable practices to reduce waste generation.

Major benefits to the public:

Single point-of-contact for projects. Information on sustainability for business and industry.

Hearings and Mediation Services

518-402-9003

e-mail: hearings@gw.dec.state.ny.us

website: www.dec.ny.gov/about/646.html

The Office of Hearings and Mediation Services holds hearings for issues affecting the environment, decides all FOIL appeals and mediates disputes.

Major benefits to the public:

Opportunity for airing concerns.

Forum for resolving environmental disputes.

Public Protection

Law Enforcement 518-402-8829

website: www.dec.ny.gov/about/621.html

Forest Rangers 518-402-8839

website: www.dec.ny.gov/about/625.html

The Office of Public Protection comprises environmental conservation officers (ECOs) and forest rangers. ECOs enforce laws and investigate violations. Forest rangers protect state lands and the people using these lands through law enforcement, wildfire prevention and suppression, and wildland search and rescue.

Major benefits to the public:

Safer outdoor recreation and commerce.

Stewardship of natural resources.

Office of Legislative Affairs 518-402-2797

website: www.dec.ny.gov/about/652.html

The Office of Legislative Affairs serves as a liaison between elected officials and DEC on matters affecting state and federal environmental policy and legislation.

Major benefits to the public:

Improved communication between elected officials and DEC on issues affecting their constituents.

Policy Office 518-402-9401

The Policy Office provides research, design and implementation of strategic initiatives, and works for consistent and integrated implementation of policies across DEC's various programs.

Major benefits to the public:

Creative and innovative thinking with respect to environmental policy and emerging environmental issues.

TOLL-FREE NUMBERS

Air Quality Hotline 1-800-535-1345

Belleayre Mountain Ski Area 1-800-942-6904

Conservationist Magazine 1-800-678-6399
(subscriptions only)

DEC Campground Reservations 1-800-456-CAMPS
(reservations only)

Hazardous Waste Generators, Small Quantity Generators and Household Hazardous Wastes 1-800-462-6553

Law Enforcement (24 hours) 1-877-457-5680

Office of Environmental Justice 1-866-229-0497

Radon Testing 1-800-458-1158

Regulatory Fee Program 1-800-225-2566
Dispute Forms Only 1-800-544-5252

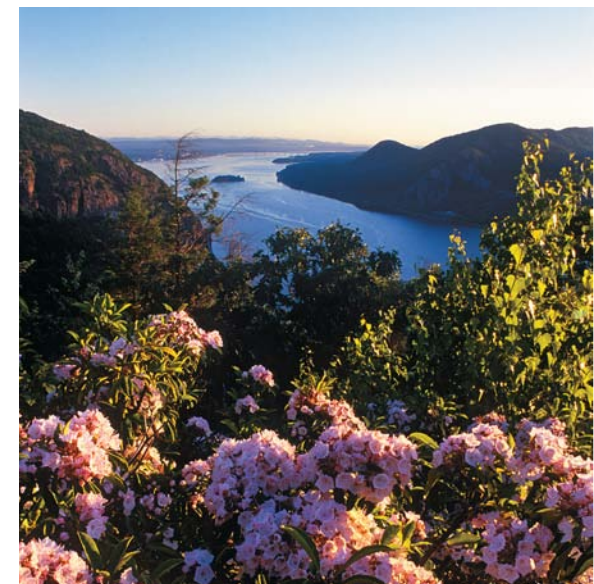
Report Poachers and Polluters 1-800-TIPP DEC

Spills Hotline (24 hours) 1-800-457-7362 or 518-457-7362

Sportsman Education 1-888-486-8332



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resources and environment**

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Management and Budget Services 518-402-9257
(employment)

e-mail: decprsnl@gw.dec.state.ny.us (employment)
e-mail: budget@gw.dec.state.ny.us (other than employment)

website: www.dec.ny.gov/about/jobs.html

The Division of Management and Budget Services is responsible for staffing the department and for procuring and paying for commodities and services.

Major benefits to the public:

Permanent and seasonal employment, internships and volunteer opportunities.

Office of Environmental Justice 518-402-8556 or toll free 1-866-229-0497

website: www.dec.ny.gov/about/623.html

The Office of Environmental Justice coordinates efforts to address environmental issues in communities, especially minority and low-income communities, which are historically overburdened by adverse environmental impacts such as high density of contaminated sites, pollution, limited green space, reduced quality of life and related health impacts.

Major benefits to the public:

Advocacy on behalf of overburdened communities and collaborative development of policy, initiatives, and tools that address environmental justice.

Office of General Counsel 518-402-9185

e-mail: ogcrec@gw.dec.state.ny.us

website: www.dec.ny.gov/about/654.html

The Office of General Counsel provides legal advice and guidance to the DEC programs in their daily operations, provides legal support for DEC regulatory initiatives and represents DEC staff in permit and enforcement hearings. While DEC attorneys can provide information about the state's environmental laws and regulations to the general public, they cannot provide specific legal advice to the general public.

Major benefits to the public:

Interpretations of and guidance on environmental laws and regulations.

Enforcement of environmental laws and regulations.

Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources

518-402-8924

e-mail: fwmarine@gw.dec.state.ny.us

e-mail: fwinfo@gw.dec.state.ny.us

website: www.dec.ny.gov/about/634.html

The Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources protects fish, wildlife and habitats; licenses and educates anglers, hunters and trappers; and maintains boat launches and fishing access sites.

Major benefits to the public:

Plentiful fish, shellfish and wildlife.

Diverse and thriving ecosystems and habitats.

Lands and Forests 518-402-9405

e-mail: lflands@gw.dec.state.ny.us

website: www.dec.ny.gov/about/650.html

The Division of Lands and Forests manages more than four million acres of land and conservation easements, including the Adirondack and Catskill forest preserves and state forests. The Division also administers the Saratoga Tree Nursery and programs for forest health, urban and community forestry, forest products utilization, and assistance to private forest landowners.

Major benefits to the public:

Access to outdoor recreation. Forest management for communities, industries and landowners.

Mineral Resources 518-402-8076

e-mail: dmninfo@gw.dec.state.ny.us

website: www.dec.ny.gov/about/636.html

The Division of Mineral Resources regulates and monitors the drilling and mining of oil, natural gas, solution salt and hard minerals.

Major benefits to the public:

Environmentally sound development of nonrenewable energy and mining resources.
Return of mined lands to productive use.

Air Resources 518-402-8452

e-mail: darweb@gw.dec.state.ny.us

website: www.dec.ny.gov/about/644.html

The Division of Air Resources regulates and monitors sources of pollution, forecasts ozone levels and educates the public about reducing air pollution.

Major benefits to the public:

Clean air.

Timely warnings about air quality that may harm health.

Office of Climate Change 518-402-8448

e-mail: climatechange@gw.dec.state.ny.us

website: www.dec.ny.gov/60.html

The Office of Climate Change coordinates the state's efforts to respond to climate change by providing reliable scientific analysis to support climate policy decisions and develops programs to empower agencies, organizations and individuals to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and to adapt to the effects of unavoidable global warming.

Major benefits to the public:

Better understanding of possible responses to climate change.

Greater efficiency in the use of public and private resources to respond to climate change.

Environmental Remediation 518-402-9706

e-mail: derweb@gw.dec.state.ny.us

website: www.dec.ny.gov/about/627.html

The Division of Environmental Remediation identifies and oversees the cleanup of contaminated sites, regulates bulk storage of petroleum and chemicals, and responds to spills. The Division assists public and private parties in cleaning up contaminated "brown-field" properties and conducting area-wide planning for areas containing a concentration of brownfield sites.

Major benefits to the public:

Protection of public health and the environment through prevention and cleanup of leaks, spills and contaminated sites. Return of contaminated sites to productive use.

Regional Offices

Working from regional offices across the state and the Central Office in Albany, about 3,500 DEC staff pursue scientific assessment and vigorous action to protect and enhance New York's environment and natural resources. The offices that serve your county are your first contact for DEC permits, reporting environmental problems, finding ways to enjoy the outdoors, or contacting DEC personnel.

Learn more about DEC's regions at www.dec.ny.gov/about/255.html

Region 1 Suffolk and Nassau 631-444-0200

Region 2 Manhattan, Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn and Staten Island 718-482-4900

Region 3 Sullivan, Ulster, Orange, Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester 845-256-3000

Region 4 Montgomery, Otsego, Delaware, Schoharie, Schenectady, Albany, Greene, Rensselaer and Columbia 518-357-2234

Region 5 Franklin, Clinton, Essex, Hamilton, Warren, Fulton, Saratoga and Washington 518-897-1200

Region 6 Jefferson, St. Lawrence, Lewis, Oneida and Herkimer 315-785-2239

Region 7 Oswego, Cayuga, Onondaga, Madison, Tompkins, Cortland, Chenango, Tioga and Broome 315-426-7400

Region 8 Orleans, Monroe, Wayne, Genesee, Livingston, Ontario, Yates, Seneca, Steuben, Schuyler and Chemung 585-226-2466

Region 9 Niagara, Erie, Wyoming, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Allegany 716-851-7000

