



SUPPORT

A.1874/S.138

Forestry Stewardship

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports A.1874/S.138, which would strengthen an existing forestry stewardship program.

Since their creation over 100 years ago, the Adirondack Park and the Catskills have been a mix of public and private land. Private lands intertwine with forest preserve, resulting in a patchwork of property owners but not necessarily of the forest itself. Wildlife corridors can only exist where forests have been kept intact with the cooperation and support of private landowners.

One way that private landowners are able to maintain the forest on their land, and therefore help support the wildlife and beauty of the Parks, has been a real estate tax credits called “480-A”. The program encourages the long-term management of woodlands to produce forest crops and to create a more stable forest.

A.1874/S.138 would simplify and streamline the process for land owners wishing to participate a forestry stewardship program and increase the number of properties practicing better forestry management. It would also provide relief to local government tax rolls by encouraging a shift away from real property tax reductions to personal and business income tax incentive.

NYLCV therefore supports this legislation and urges its passage.

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