



SUPPORT

S. 6191/A. 5390-A (Kaminsky/Fahy)

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to including efforts to combat the biodiversity and climate crises in the state's land acquisition policy

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports S. 6191/A. 5390-A (Kaminsky/Fahy), which would set a goal of conserving 30% of New York's land by 2030, in support of a national goal of conserving 30% of U.S. lands, inland waters, and oceans by 2030.

The world is facing mutually reinforcing climate and biodiversity crises, which are in part driven by the destruction of natural and working lands by commercial and residential development and road and highway infrastructure. Conserving presently undeveloped land would make New York more resilient to climate change, improve food security and sustainability, and expand sustainable access to nature for all New Yorkers.

S. 6191/A. 5390-A would direct the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to develop plans to conserve 30% of New York's land by 2030 with an emphasis on food security and sustainability, protection and restoration of biodiversity, climate resiliency, expanded access to nature for all communities, and economic benefits. The plan would take into account federal actions to conserve 30% of U.S. land and water by 2030. The first draft plan for public comment would be due by February 1, 2022 with the final plan due by February 1, 2023 and every three years thereafter. Conserving 30% of New York's land by 2030 will play an important role in protecting New York from the impacts of climate change and achieving the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of S. 6191/A. 5390-A.

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