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## State announces new plan to guide natural resources conservation and preservation across New York

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This week, New York State released a final 2016 Open Space Conservation Plan, "which provides a blueprint for how the conservation and protection of open space can accomplish

the state's environmental goals."

Senator O'Mara, Chairman of the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee, said, "It's critical that the state's ongoing initiatives to implement balanced, commonsense and effective strategies to strengthen conservation and outdoor recreation, preserve vital open spaces, and enhance environmental quality and economic growth continue to respond to locally based input and challenges. This Open Space Conservation Plan puts forth important short- and long- term ideas to achieve common goals across the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes, and statewide."

Read the full announcement [HERE](#).