

# Crowd-funding Sought For Wilderness 50th Anniversary Project

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*Upper Hudson River. Photo by Paul Schaefer*

A new campaign on Adirondack Gives, the crowd-funding site for the Adirondacks, hopes to raise funds for a short video to celebrate this year's **50th Anniversary of The National Wilderness Preservation Act of 1964**.

The Act's chief author, Howard Zahniser, took his inspiration from New York's "Forever Wild" constitutional protection of the New York State Forest Preserve. That constitutional protection has its 120th anniversary this year (1894-2014). Zahniser often wrote that New York State set the example for the national Wilderness movement, and is "where wilderness preservation began."

This video is expected to celebrate both of these anniversaries and New York State's wilderness heritage and be presented at a variety of Wilderness 50th activities. The video project, sponsored by Adirondack Wild: Friends of the Forest Preserve, can be found at [www.adirondackgives.org](http://www.adirondackgives.org). The goal to raise \$1,000 has already reached \$350. The campaign will end on May 9, 2014.

Adirondack Wild is working closely with a number of partners to celebrate the Wilderness 50th anniversary in New York State, especially the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

Adirondack Wild: Friends of the Forest Preserve is a not for profit, membership-supported organization which advances New York's "Forever Wild" legacy and Forest Preserve policies in the Adirondack and Catskill Parks, and promotes public and private land stewardship consistent with wild land values through education, advocacy and research. The organization is located on the web at [www.adirondackwild.org](http://www.adirondackwild.org).