

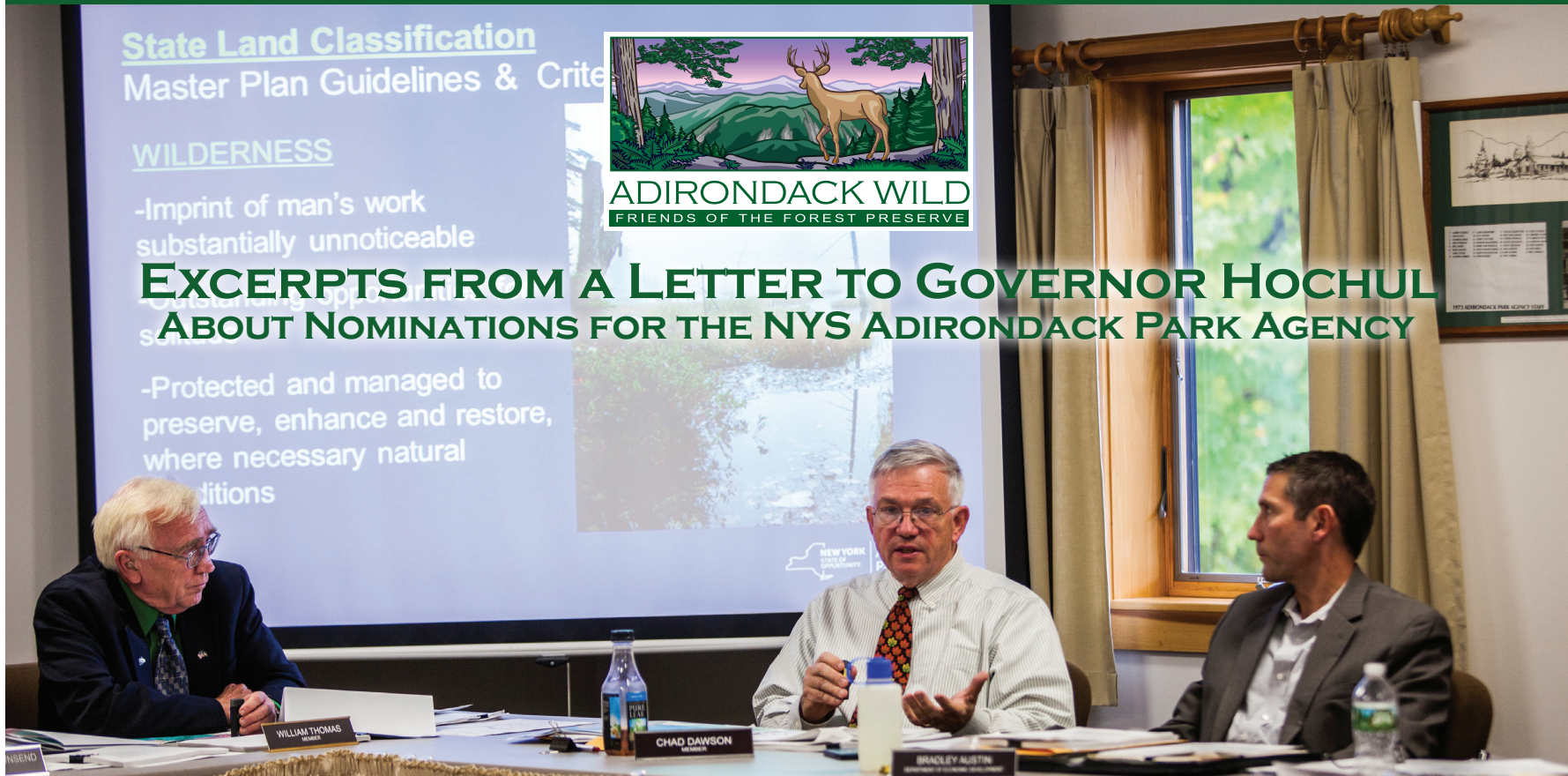
## State Land Classification Master Plan Guidelines & Criteria

### WILDERNESS

- Imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable
- Protected and managed to preserve, enhance and restore, where necessary natural conditions



## EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER TO GOVERNOR HOCHUL ABOUT NOMINATIONS FOR THE NYS ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY



Chad Dawson, center, resigned from the APA after 2020 and four years of service, stating that "I was... often the sole person raising the hard questions, and I really felt like I couldn't be the only one having that conversation. Other people needed to step up. Other people needed to get involved on the board." Photo by Nancie Battaglia

January 9, 2023

Dear Governor Hochul,

In recent years, the APA has drifted from its core mission, which is to ensure that development on private lands is appropriate and ecologically sound and that management by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) of publicly owned Forest Preserve lands complies with the "Forever Wild" clause of the New York State Constitution and the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan...

The terms of two APA Board members expired in 2022. Two more will expire in 2023... The APA Board needs a strong environmental voice. Right now the Board is dominated by local government leaders, business interests, and those with strong ties to the DEC. The APA needs independent, environmental voices to help balance and improve the Board...

The organizations listed stand ready to work with you and the State Senate to fill the APA Board with knowledgeable and independent individuals who are committed to upholding the law and State Constitution and who are passionate about the protection of the Forest Preserve and rural communities of the Adirondack Park.

Sincerely,

Adirondack Council, Adirondack Wild: Friends of the Forest Preserve, Environmental Advocates of New York, Protect the Adirondacks!  
Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter

To read the full letter, visit our website's comment letters.

### WE CAN'T DO THIS WORK WITHOUT YOU!

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