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A NEW LIFE FOR OSI'S ADIRONDAC UPPER WORKS

OSI is making the beauty and wonder of New York's mountain wilderness more available and welcoming, with an overhaul of its Adirondac Upper Works Property in the heart of Adirondack Park. The project — which included the expansion and relocation of the Upper Works Trailhead as well as new interpretive and directional signage — comes as a growing number of people are looking to access trails and spend time outdoors. The property, which OSI protected in 2003, provides easy access to Henderson Lake, a popular kayak and canoe location; contains three scenic hiking trails; and serves as a southern entrance to many popular High Peaks Wilderness Area trails.

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27,000 ACRES FOR GEORGIA

Once the largest unprotected landscape along the Southeastern Atlantic, 27,000 acres of pristine land have been transferred to public ownership, thanks to OSI, the State of Georgia, and numerous partners. The Ceylon and Cabin Bluff properties are the delight of birders and other naturalists, and will prove a climate-critical buffer in the face of rising seas.

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CONSERVATION DIVERSITY PIPELINE

Celebrating the fifth anniversary of its Conservation Diversity Fellowship, OSI has expanded the groundbreaking initiative, which seeks to create opportunities for more diverse representation within the field of conservation. The year-long fellowship offers recent graduates the chance to explore the many facets of conservation as they prepare to launch their environmental careers

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SHAWANGUNK CASINO SITE SAVED

OSI's recent protection of a former resort property along the top of the Shawangunk Ridge was heralded by local communities as a win for people, for wildlife, and the planet. Once targeted for casino resort development, the forested property will now be included in a 50-mile-long recreational and ecological "greenway."

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HOME FOR THE GOPHER TORTOISE

Against a backdrop of surging coastal development, OSI has announced the protection of a critical inholding for South Carolina's Tillman Sand Ridge Heritage Preserve and Wildlife Management Area. The acquisition secures more land for hiking and hunting, while carving out more precious habitat for South Carolina's most endangered reptile, the gopher tortoise.

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LAND AND AMERICAN HISTORY

Over 25 years, OSI has protected nearly 2,500 acres in and around the Saratoga National Historic Park, including the historic 19-acre Saratoga Surrender Site. After partnering with the Friends of Saratoga Battlefield to create the Saratoga Surrender Site Memorial Park, OSI turned management of this property over to the National Park System so that the scenic property will be maintained for public access forever.

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SC OUTDOOR OPPORTUNITIES

Five properties totaling more than 1,800 acres are now officially part of western South Carolina’s Belfast Wildlife Management Area, thanks to OSI. Pristine streams, freshwater wetlands, and eight ponds and lakes dot the landscape, which also offers exciting new recreational hunting opportunities in the South Carolina Piedmont.

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