

Carbon Reduction Certificate

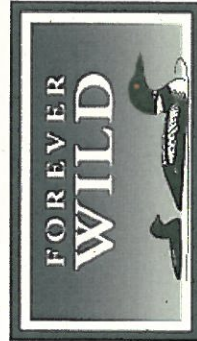
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The ADIRONDACK COUNCIL will, in your name, permanently retire Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) pollution allowances, representing the right to release three tons of carbon dioxide emissions. This will ensure that no power plant will ever release these emissions, helping reduce the amount of climate-altering carbon pollution in our atmosphere and protecting ecologically sensitive places like the Adirondack Park.



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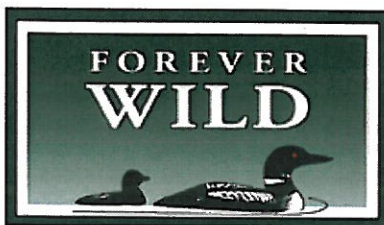
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Let's Retire Carbon...Permanently



For each \$25 gift you make to the Adirondack Council, we will permanently retire three Carbon Dioxide credits that will reduce carbon emissions and mitigate the impacts of climate change in our region. These "allowances" were purchased in compliance with the first Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) auction in September 2008. The Adirondack Council participated in this auction and has established our Certificate Program to permanently retire carbon pollution allowances.

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I would like to retire _____ tons at 3 tons/\$25 each. Total amount \$ _____
(Each certificate issued is for 3 tons or multiples of 3)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please enclose a check for the amount above, made payable to **THE ADIRONDACK COUNCIL**, or complete the following credit card information.

Visa/MC _____ Exp Date _____ 3 digit code _____
(on back of card)

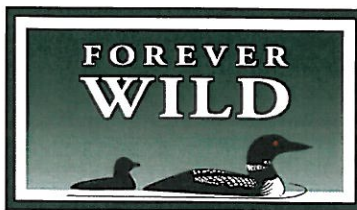
Names for Certificates -- and Addresses if to be shipped to a different address. Use back of form if necessary.

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The mission of the ADIRONDACK COUNCIL is to ensure the ecological integrity and wild character of the ADIRONDACK PARK.

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Carbon Reduction Certificate Program. In compliance with the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), the first carbon dioxide "allowance" auction in the United States was established. All commercial power plants throughout the ten participating Northeastern states must acquire one RGGI (known as "reggie") allowance for each ton of carbon dioxide they release into the atmosphere. The Adirondack Council participated in this auction and has established our Certificate Program to permanently retire carbon pollution allowances in a RGGI account.

Cool Park/Healthy Planet. The impacts of climate change are world wide. For many of us, identifying ways that we can make a meaningful difference can be overwhelming. Individually, each of us can do our part to reduce the emissions we contribute to the problem. As a champion for Adirondack Park conservation, the Adirondack Council is committed to advocating for power plant emissions reductions on a regional level, supporting national legislation that will reduce carbon emissions from a variety of sources, promoting clean energy and energy conservation, and advancing conservation policies that will help mitigate the impacts of climate change on the Adirondacks.

The temperature changes associated with climate change -- a more erratic but generally warmer climate year round in the Adirondack Park -- put at risk ecological processes, natural communities and native terrestrial and aquatic species in the Adirondacks.

Changes are already being noted in the northward movement of migratory bird breeding areas and earlier opening buds of flowering plants; a situation that can disrupt pollination of plants and feeding patterns of birds, insects and other species. Cold water aquatic species are especially at risk. Since many of these species are especially vulnerable during spawning and mating, temperature fluctuations could affect population levels. Species of fish that are ecologically valuable and prized catches among anglers, including brook and lake trout, could drastically decline or be lost altogether if climate change is severe. The sugar maple industry may very well no longer exist in New York within a few decades; agriculture may be disrupted by changing weather patterns; and recreation businesses based on winter snows will be in trouble.

Adirondack Council Climate Actions. Just as our cumulative individual actions make a difference, by focusing on our unique part of the world the Adirondack Council's "*Cool Park/Healthy Planet.*" Program will contribute to world-wide efforts to reduce emissions and mitigate the impacts of climate change in our region. At the Adirondack Park level, we are encouraging innovation and "smart growth" approaches to addressing the future of the region in this rapidly changing world.

Protecting wilderness areas and river corridors, and connecting wild lands across the Park and beyond its boundary will provide habitat for wide-ranging species, provide corridors for climate-change migration, and protect cold water fish species. Smart growth approaches can be used to concentrate housing and utilities infrastructure within local villages and hamlets, provide affordable broad-band access and enable people to live and work in the same place, but compete globally.

For more information, please visit our website: www.AdirondackCouncil.org or call us at 877-873-2240.