



Proposal #3 Talking Points and Information...

- The back of this year's ballot will have three very separate and distinct questions for voters on it. While there is a lot of "buzz" about Proposal 1, voters still haven't heard much about Proposal 3, something very important to our Adirondack and Catskill forests and communities.
- The language of Proposal 3 is a little complicated, so let's talk about what it does and why it's needed in simple terms.
 - o New York's Adirondack and Catskill State Parks are two of the largest natural areas in the United States. Together nearly 3 million acres of protected forest preserve under New York's constitution. However, both parks also include many small towns and villages.
 - o Because of how the forest protection clause in the state constitution is written, there are times when these small towns and villages can't make infrastructure or road safety improvements without passing a statewide ballot measure to do so.
 - o Proposal 3 would make it easier and less bureaucratic for these towns and villages to make needed health and safety improvements, such as fixing road hazards, improving wells for drinking water, and creating bike paths.
 - o Only small projects where there is no alternative to using state land would be eligible. The total amount of land set aside for this purpose will be limited to no more than 250 acres.
 - o Each project would be subject to environmental oversight by the state, and Proposal 3 would not require any new taxes or fees.
- Why do we need Proposal 3? Why should people VOTE YES ON PROPOSAL 3 THIS NOVEMBER?
 - o Nothing is more important than safe, clean water to drink. Passing Proposal 3 will help Adirondack and Catskill communities make crucial upgrades to water and sewer lines so that rivers, lakes, streams and their drinking water is safe and clean.
 - o Outdoor recreation is a critical part of the Adirondacks and Catskills way of life. Proposal 3 ensures that public lands and recreational access in these areas will remain a treasured resource for all New Yorkers to enjoy.
 - o Severe storms like Hurricane Irene have done considerable damage to rural infrastructure like roads, and sewer and water lines. Proposal 3 would make it easier for communities in the Adirondacks and Catskills to quickly respond and rebuild after natural disasters.
 - o Use real life examples if asked.
- Proposal 3 is supported broadly, including by environmental organizations that work in the Adirondacks and Catskills, and those working across our state. There is no opposition to Proposal 3.
- We hope voters will remember to flip their ballot over, and VOTE YES ON PROPOSAL 3 ON ELECTION DAY!
- To learn more, people can visit www.voteyesfortheadirondacks.com