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Extra Credit Exercise 20
Open Space Conservation
Due by no later than the time of the final exam.

The purpose of this exercise is to look at actions taken by NYS within your counties to preserve and protect open space under the guidelines of its Open Space Conservation Plan which was first authorized in 1992. This exercise complements Optional Exercise 13 Wildlife Management.

Visit both the current page (2009) of the NYS *Open Space Conservation Plan* and the 2014 *Draft Open Space Conservation Plan*. Search each for information about sites and activities within your three counties. Check the "Priority Conservation Projects" locator map on page 54 of the 2009 report and page 72 of the 2014 draft report for locations within your counties. Read about the projects on the pages that follow each map.

The 2009 report is at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/47990.html> and the 2014 *Draft Open Space Conservation Plan* is at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/98720.html>.

ASSIGNMENT:

A. For each of the Priority Conservation Projects sites listed in both the 2009 and 2014 documents, do the following:

- 1. Make a list of county names and regions.** *Locate each of your 3 counties within the 9 regions designated by the Conservation Plan Committee.*
- 2. Read the regional descriptions then summarize the need to protect and preserve open space within each of your three regions.**
- 3. List the Priority Conservation Projects for each county by report year.** *Include map number by year, name of project and a brief description of the project. If no area has been set aside in either plan, note that on your list.*

B. Using just the 2014 draft document as a guide, describe the essence of the recommendations made by the Regional Advisory Committee for your areas within the parameters of the NYS Open Space Conservation Plan for the next five years.