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New York State Parks: Creating a New Era of Stewardship

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- Making the case for state park revitalization and stewardship
- From land conservation to sustainability



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Making People Care About the Plight of Parks





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**Documenting
the problems.**

***“Show Me Your
Uglies!”***





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New Administration Strategy:

\$100 million parks investment to start creating momentum.





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2010 Budget Battle:
Crisis Creates Opportunity



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- 90 state parks and historic sites slated for closure or reduced operations
- Testing the public



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Legislative Reaction:

“Make the Calls Stop!”



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Results:



- Parks remain open
- A new constituency is created
- New 'third rail' is born



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The Alliance for New York State Parks:



An extension of
OSI's commitment
to building and
caring for New
York's State Parks



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OSI/Alliance Capital Project Campaigns

- Hamilton Point Carriage Road Restoration
- Canopus Lake Beach Complex Renovation
- New Letchworth Nature Center
- New Thacher Park Center
- New Minnewaska Visitor Center and Gateway Area



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- Grab success where you can find it.
- Engage the public, warts and all.
- Be opportunistic. There's a time and a place for everything.