

Proposition 5 – Adirondack Land Swap

On Election Day - November 5, voters will be asked to approve Proposition 5, a Constitutional Amendment authorizing a land exchange in the Adirondack Park in the Town of Lewis.

If approved, NYCO Minerals would receive temporary access to 200 acres of little-used state land immediately adjacent to its existing wollastonite mine, the public would gain at least 1,500 acres of new Adirondack recreational lands at no cost to taxpayers, and good, union jobs would be protected.

- NYCO minerals, which employs approximately 100 members of the United Steelworkers, is approaching the end of capacity at its existing mine.
- The amendment allows NYCO minerals to access 200 acres in the Forest Preserve in exchange for 1500 acres of recreational land, actually growing the park.
- In addition, the lot exchanged to NYCO will be reclaimed and replanted at no cost to the taxpayer once mining is completed, and returned to the state.
- The land swap would extend mining operations for another ten years, protecting good, middle class jobs which pay on average 53 percent more than the median salary in Essex County.
- In addition to direct jobs, NYCO spends roughly \$2 million per year with local vendors, and pays roughly \$200,000 in local and school property taxes which support services area residents depend on.

Proposition 5 is supported by a broad and bipartisan group, including:

- New York State AFL-CIO
- United Steelworkers
- Adirondack Council
- The Adirondack Explorer
- Congressman Bill Owens
- Sen. Betty Little
- Assemblymember Dan Stec
- Assemblymember Janet Duprey
- Towns of Willsboro & Lewis
- Town of Long Lake
- Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages
- Essex County Board of Supervisors
- Hamilton County Board of Supervisors
- North Country Regional Economic Development Council
- Denton Publications

