

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS ACT DISINGENUOUSLY

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The environmental movement in this country and the world is relatively new. For years its importance was somewhat indistinct and the changes that brought it into focus came about rather subtly.

They all combined and served to point out the hidden dangers that society was slow to recognize. The most significant factor and the one that clearly proves there is indeed a problem are recent advances in technology.

Science can now very quickly pinpoint and predict hazards and how they can be avoided or treated. Several individuals and groups have sprung up warning the public and governments that they intend to monitor and prevent any further erosion of the environment.

Special attention is being given to those areas that are still considered to be unblemished and must be protected from further transgressions. We here in the Adirondacks, some feel, are blessed that we are eligible and fall into the above category. The proof of the pudding is in the number of "environmental" groups vying for the financial, moral and regulatory support from the public and governmental agencies here in the Adirondacks.

It is well to remember when we talk about the environment that we keep it in proper perspective. Typical of most special interest groups, they are unethical and particularly disingenuous in furthering their political goals. They tend to use legitimate environmental issues to mask and mollify elitist social agendas.

Many members of such groups belong for purely personal, financial or political reasons. They temper much of their scrutiny of questionable environmental activity perpetrated by state and private entities. They are willing to abandon their principles if they feel ultimately these groups or individuals may be helpful in achieving their goals. Their blatant and obvious maneuvers are typical of liberal groups who rely on the blind ideology of their members to excuse and place a blind eye on open, disingenuous behavior and conduct.

They have a favorite ploy they use to assuage their members and public. Numerous awards and accolades are bestowed on groups and individuals with absolutely no authentication of their validity. On the contrary some are those, particularly groups, that do not monitor or effectively supervise environmentally sensitive activities and should be censured for it.

The State of New York is especially guilty in this respect. Their attempts to cover up and gloss over gross transgressions at times borders on open criminal activity. The same is true in the dispensation of permits and enforcement of State rules and regulations. It's the same old story; the rich and powerful protect each other. A true case can be made for the statement: "The state is the biggest criminal in the Adirondacks."

The majority of citizens in this State and residents of the Adirondacks are concerned about the quality of the air, water, vegetation and earth. They will support legitimate rules and regulations designed to protect them. They question and look askance at "Mickey Mouse" regulations that only serve to promote a hidden agenda or create nonessential government agencies. Unfortunately this is the only obvious reason for promulgating many of those foisted on us today.

It has been my and most older Adirondack residents' perception that the goals of the State and so-called environmental groups, are, for the most part, totally disingenuous. The thing many of my contemporaries and I find repugnant about them is the total lack of honesty in representing them. Comply, and a great many more people will support and applaud their efforts.