Catskill Mountainkeeper turns 10 this year, and as we celebrate this milestone anniversary, I am amazingly proud of our team’s achievements—and incredibly grateful to friends like you who have provided the energy and support that has enabled us to grow into a powerhouse organization, and a force to be reckoned with.

We created Mountainkeeper out of a passionate belief that the Catskills needed a strong and forward-thinking organization to tackle the important job of protecting and promoting this very special part of the world, and building a healthier and more sustainable future for our kids and grandkids.

Thanks in large part to Mountainkeeper’s success in elevating our issues and keeping our region front and center with decision makers, the fights we all care about are now part of the state-wide conversation, and our voices are having an impact here in the Catskills as well as farther afield.

Mountainkeeper’s fingerprints are all over many positive things happening in our region. We played a key role in big defensive victories, like securing New York State’s historic fracking ban and stopping the invasion of the Catskills by multiple Las Vegas-style Casinos, and in advancing positive projects like our path-breaking Solar Outreach Initiative, the construction of the first-ever visitor center for our Catskill Park, and the recent expansion of the state film tax credit to the Catskills and Hudson Valley.

These are just a few of the ways our team is having an impact in our communities, in the Catskill region, at the state level, and beyond, and we are committed to building on our strong first decade of achievement as Mountainkeeper’s team digs into the many challenges ahead.

Mountainkeeper’s friends are a huge inspiration and source of strength, and we are deeply grateful for your generous commitment to our work.

Sincerely,

Ramsay Adams
A NEW VISITOR CENTER FOR THE CATSKILL PARK (2015)
Mountainkeeper helped our beloved Catskill Park get its first-ever visitor center—the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center, named after an important environmental hero. This beautiful facility is raising the profile of the park, and providing visitors with a welcoming space to learn about the region’s abundant natural resources and outdoor recreational opportunities.

POWERING OUR GREEN ENERGY FUTURE (2015)
Mountainkeeper and three on-the-ground partners launched the Solar Outreach Initiative, a major pilot program that is making it easier and more affordable for people in 15 New York Counties to go solar. Built around community “Solarize” campaigns that de-mystify the process of going solar and organize bulk purchasing discounts, the project is expected to save consumers $500,000 in energy costs each year, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by about 496 metric tons annually.

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STAVING OFF AN INVASION OF CASINOS (2013)
Mountainkeeper helped block plans to site multiple Las Vegas-style casinos clustered in the Catskills, and we are now working to make sure that the single new casino permitted here—the Montreign Resort Casino—has a positive impact on the area. We are helping to plan a nature center and trail system at the resort that will teach resort visitors about the ecology of the region, and encourage them to get outdoors and explore.

ESTABLISHING EDIBLE SCHOOL GARDENS (2012)
The Catskill Edible Garden Project is a fun and innovative program that gives kids hands-on experience in growing fresh, healthy food in edible gardens at 8 area schools and 2 community gardens. The program encourages healthier eating habits, exposes kids to possible food-related careers, provides summer internships for college students, and donates hundreds of pounds of produce to food pantries each year.

EAT HEALTHY SULLIVAN COUNTY FARMERS’ MARKETS (2012)
Mountainkeeper’s Eat Healthy Sullivan County Farmers’ Markets in Monticello and Liberty, NY help neighbors in need by enabling people to shop for healthy, farm-fresh foods using vouchers from assistance programs for low-income seniors, women, infants, and children. The program also benefits our region’s farmers by helping them get certified to accept these food benefit coupons.

GROWING ECOTOURISM IN THE CATSKILLS (2012)
Mountainkeeper cofounded the Trailkeeper.org network to grow tourism—the number one economic driver in the Catskills—by shining a light on all the great things to do outdoors here, and providing info about trails, area attractions, and amenities at www.trailkeeper.org.

COMBATTING EXTREME ENERGY (2012)
Mountainkeeper cofounded the Extreme Energy Extraction Collaborative (E3C), a grassroots community-led effort to build cooperation among diverse groups fighting all forms of extreme energy extraction—like coal, gas, oil, tar sands, and uranium—across the country. E3C organizes twice yearly Summits where organizers, activists, and representatives of both frontline and “big green” group build relationships and develop common strategies.

PROTECTING THE DELAWARE RIVER BASIN (2011)
Mountainkeeper played an instrumental role in winning the moratorium on drilling and fracking in the Delaware River Basin, which spans 13,000 square miles across four states and provides drinking water to 15 million watershed residents. This is the only area within Pennsylvania’s Marcellus Shale that is protected from exploitation by the oil and gas industry.

BLOCKING THE NYRI POWER LINE (2009)
Mountainkeeper helped block the proposed New York Regional Interconnect (NYRI) power line, a $2.1 billion 190-mile-long eyesore with 120-foot towers that would have cut a destructive swath across seven upstate counties. After three years of opposition to this project, Mountainkeeper and our colleagues scored a huge victory in 2009, when NYRI withdrew its application to build the project.

www.catskillmountainkeeper.org
MOUNTAINEER’S WEBSITE (WWW.CATSKILLMOUNTAINEER.ORG) OFFERS A WEALTH OF RESOURCES INCLUDING PROGRAM INFO, CAMPAIGN ACTIONS, REPORTS, REGIONAL NEWS, AND AN EVENT CALENDAR.

Mountainkeeper’s active Facebook community is online every day sharing information and inspiration, including campaign updates, breaking news, and photographs of our glorious Catskill mountains, wildlife, lakes, and rivers, along with recreational resources like hiking trails and swimming holes. In 2016 we grew our Facebook base to over 12,760 friends!

Mountainkeeper’s Youtube channel (www.youtube.com/catskillmountainkeeper) showcases our short campaign advocacy videos, which have been viewed tens of thousands of times on social media. The wonderful “Catskill Park” documentary can also be seen at Youtube.

Mountainkeeper has over 11,600 Twitter followers.

Mountainkeeper’s 1,680+ Instagram followers ♥ our beautiful Catskills photos.
Mountainkeeper’s programs are made possible thanks to the generous financial support of our friends and stakeholders, and so we hope you will consider making a tax-deductible gift to help power our team in the coming year.

Our Trustees oversee stewardship of all gifts to Mountainkeeper, and we are proud that 95 cents out of every dollar contributed goes directly to fund the work of our programs to protect our natural heritage and empower communities.

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“Mountainkeeper’s team is devoted, passionate, and truly fearless in taking on the biggest fights no matter the odds. I’m so grateful for their foresight in protecting this amazing part of the country for all who spend time enjoying its splendor and for the future of our friends and families who are the stewards of its grandeur.”

— DEBRA WINGER, actress and activist