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Request for Relevant Research: Connectivity and Conservation in the A2A region

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Algonquin to Adirondacks (A2A) Collaborative is an organization with the goal of conserving and enhancing a biological corridor between the Adirondack Park in New York State and Algonquin Park in Ontario (See Figure 1). This corridor runs through the St. Lawrence Valley of New York, the Thousand Islands sector of the St. Lawrence River and the islands near Cornwall, Ontario, the Frontenac Arch bridging New York with Ontario, and the primarily rural landscape of the Canadian Shield, buffered by the St. Lawrence Lowlands. A2A is one effort to maintain ecological connectivity and a healthy and sustainable landscape in the region, and is related to similar efforts such as the Two Countries / One Forest and the Staying Connected Initiatives in Eastern Canada and the Northeastern US. A2A operates as the facilitator for a network of local partners across the region, providing them with communication support, resources, and an evidence basis to inform their conservation work.

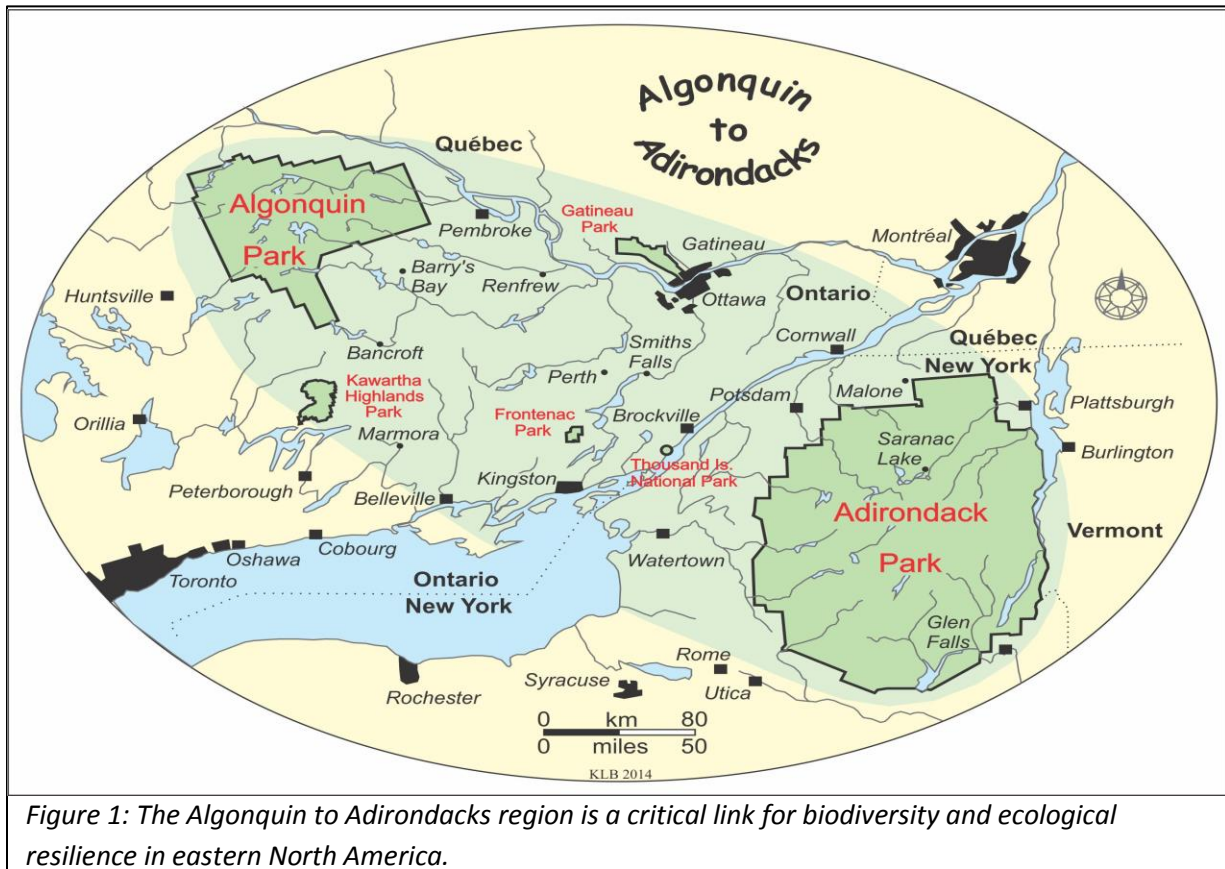


Figure 1: The Algonquin to Adirondacks region is a critical link for biodiversity and ecological resilience in eastern North America.



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As one component of conservation planning and resource capacity building, **A2A is developing a resource database** of research papers, white-papers, management 'grey literature', and other documents relevant to the A2A region. We will create an annotated bibliography, so anyone with an interest or need can use this database to locate relevant information.

Focal Topic Areas include:

- 1) The A2A conservation corridor concept.
- 2) Land use, land cover, and land management in the A2A region.
- 3) Natural history of the A2A region.
- 4) Environmental and cultural history of the A2A region.
- 5) Human communities, cultures, and values in the A2A region.
- 6) Aboriginal traditional knowledge of the A2A region, across all disciplines.
- 7) Habitat fragmentation and infrastructure barriers to connectivity in the A2A region
- 8) Species and communities of conservation concern in the A2A.
- 9) Environmental stressors and environmental change in the A2A region.
- 10) Parks and protected areas of the A2A region.
- 11) Law and policy related to land use and conservation in the A2A region.
- 12) Tourism and recreation in the A2A region.
- 13) Regional conservation corridors (theory, design, implementation, results).
- 14) Transnational transboundary conservation planning and coordination (especially US-Canada).

We are reaching out to you as a key partner working toward conservation and connectivity in the A2A region. Please help us to populate this database by sending your reprints or leads to relevant resources to A2A Coordinator, Lilith Wyatt at coordinator@a2alink.org by **November 28, 2014**. Please distribute this call-for-papers to any organizations you think may also be able to contribute.

We greatly appreciate your contribution to this effort.

Sincerely,

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