

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

January 19, 2023

Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to the public awareness and involvement in the thirty by thirty conservation plan

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 3, 4 and 5 of section 49-0113 of the environ-  
2 mental conservation law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2022  
3 amending the environmental conservation law relating to setting conser-  
4 vation goals for the state and including efforts to combat the biodiver-  
5 sity and climate crises in the state's land acquisition policy, as  
6 proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6191-A and A. 5390-B, are  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 3. Conservation measures shall be undertaken in ways that serve all  
9 communities, including low-income, disadvantaged and vulnerable communi-  
10 ties, including by ensuring meaningful opportunities for public input  
11 and involvement.

12 4. The department [~~and office shall prepare a draft plan and shall~~  
13 ~~propose no later than July first, two thousand twenty-two, a schedule of~~  
14 ~~public hearings thereon.~~

15 ~~5. On or before July first, two thousand twenty-three and every three~~  
16 ~~years thereafter, the department and office shall submit the plan and~~  
17 ~~any recommendations to the governor and legislature]~~ shall post the  
18 draft strategies and methodology developed to meet the goal no later  
19 than July first, two thousand twenty-four and hold at least one public  
20 hearing thereon. The department shall post the final goal strategies and  
21 methodology on its website.

22 5. The department shall maintain and, at least annually, update its  
23 website to provide information with regard to the implementation and  
24 status of the goal.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1     § 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same  
2 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2022 amending the environmental  
3 conservation law relating to setting conservation goals for the state  
4 and including efforts to combat the biodiversity and climate crises in  
5 the state's land acquisition policy, as proposed in legislative bills  
6 numbers S. 6191-A and A. 5390-B, takes effect.