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How is this great forested region to address these fundamental challenges? How do we balance protection of a wonderful green infrastructure at the landscape scale while guiding necessary development and building a sustainable economy? The conflicts involved and the range of ecological, social, and political mechanisms at hand are universal, and issues in any area are not that different from those that have been experimented with inside the blue line.

Beyond that, as the authors of the essays in this book make clear time and again, the greatest threats come from outside the Adirondacks: invasive plants and pests, air pollution and acid rain, and above all, rapid climate change. These problems belong to human society at large. Addressing them will require vast societal change in which rural areas obviously play only a part. Urban and suburban places must also take up energy and resource conservation, and the protection of a healthy natural environment with which we actively engage in our own backyards—not just on occasional rejuvenating trips to the wilderness or to our vacation homes, should we be so lucky. In the end, we all live inside the blue line.

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