

Table 3 - The Explosion of Conservation Easements

DEC & NYC Conservation Easements & NYS Agriculture & Markets
Purchase of Development Rights (PDRs)⁽¹⁾
As Reported in NYS Open Space Conservation Plan
Through 2006

Year & Study	DEC Conservation Easements (Acres) ⁽²⁾	NYS AG & Markets PDRs (Acres) ⁽³⁾	NYC Watershed ⁽⁴⁾	Total Cons. Ease's & PDRs (Acres)
1991 Draft Plan	not published	not published	not published	—
1992 Final	"	"	"	—
1994 Draft Plan	not published	not published	not published	—
1995 Final	"	"	"	—
1997 Draft Plan	not published	not published	not published	—
1998 Final	"	"	"	—
2001 Draft Plan	256,000	6,200	—	262,200
2002 Final	290,000	22,000	—	312,000
2005 Draft Plan	690,000	36,000	16,000	742,000
2006 Final	690,000	41,000	26,000	757,000

Notes:

- (1) In addition, beginning in 2001, the draft and final Open Space Conservation Plans report consistently that private non-profit land trusts have 185,000 acres in fee simple and conservation easements.
- (2) DEC conservation easement acreage was first reported in the 2001 draft plan, p. 56.
- (3) NYS Ag & Markets PDR acreage was first reported in the 2001 draft plan.
- (4) NYC Watershed conservation easement acreage was first reported in the 2005 draft plan.