

# LISTEN TO THE SOUND

## Senator Lieberman and Congressman Shays support Listen to the Sound Effort

*Staff Report*

AT THE LISTEN TO the Sound 2000 news conference this winter, United States Senator Joseph Lieberman and Congressman Christopher Shays applauded the Listen to the Sound effort. At Save the Sound headquarters, Senator Lieberman called the *Listen to the Sound 2000 Citizens Agenda* a "mandate for action" and pledged to introduce legislation to create a Long Island Sound Reserve program.

The Long Island Sound Reserve program would be a federal, state and local, public/private partnership to protect the natural and cultural heritage of the Long Island Sound coastline. Federal legislation would help provide authorization for federal funding to protect open space and to increase public access and parks, as well as to aid in the restoration of habitats.

Audubon New York will work with coalition partners and legislators to



(left to right) Thomas R. Baptist, executive director, Audubon Connecticut, David J. Miller, executive director, Audubon New York, United States Senator Joseph I. Lieberman, John Atkin, president, Save the Sound, Mayor Dannel Malloy, City of Stamford, United States Congressman Christopher Shays, H. Claude Shostal, and president, Regional Plan Association assemble for the Listen to the Sound 2000 press conference.

create federal legislation for a Long Island Sound Reserve program by the end of the summer. For further information on the Long Island Sound Reserve proposal or a copy of the *Listen to the Sound 2000; A Citizens Agenda*, contact Audubon New York at (518) 869-9731 or visit our website at <http://ny.audubon.org>.

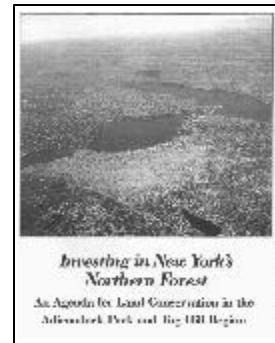
## Northern Forest, New York Caucus booklets now available

A new booklet, "Investing in New York's Northern Forest," prepared by the Adirondack and Tug Hill conservation groups including Audubon New York, is now available to support land advocacy efforts in the North Country.

The 20-page booklet sets out an agenda for land conservation in the Adirondack Park and in the Tug Hill region, a major part of the 26-million acre Northern Forest that covers the far northern parts of New England states as well as New York.

Illustrated by many photographs of critical pieces of the Adirondacks and Tug Hill, the booklet describes the land parcels purchased or major conservation easements acquired for public use or working forest in the last five years. It then describes the new opportunities still before us, and explains how new or expanded sources of state, federal and private funds will be needed to complete these purchases and easements.

For a copy of the booklet and for suggestions as to what you can do to



help secure the funding needed to complete the open space conservation agenda in New York's Northern Forest, write to Audubon New York, 200 Trillium Lane, Albany, NY 12203 or e-mail [gcoc@audubon.org](mailto:gcoc@audubon.org).

A companion booklet covering potential open space conservation projects throughout the Northern Forests of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine is also available from the Audubon New York office or from the Northern Forest Alliance office at 43 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602.



### Listen to the Sound 2000 Now Available!

Get your edition of the Listen to the Sound 2000 report today. The nearly 150 page book provides information regarding restoration of suggested sites surrounding and including Long Island Sound. The attractively designed publication also highlights testimony of witnesses at the ten Listen to the Sound hearings in the year 2000. For your copy please forward \$10 which includes shipping and handling with your name and mailing address to Listen to the Sound 2000, Audubon New York, 200 Trillium Lane, Albany, NY 12203.

## There's Still Time

To Support Audubon New York Birdathons



This year there are nearly a dozen Birdathon's being held to support Audubon New York. Even if you're not sponsoring a Birdathon you can still help by pledging your support. Some of this year's scheduled Birdathons are:

**May 8th** - New York City Birdathon  
Marian Heiskell, Oakes and Louise Ames, Diane Baker, Margot Ernst, Eileen Kelliher & Jay Burger, Sam Pryor, and Gini Stowe.

**May 16th** - Audubon New York Staff Birdathon

**May 18th** - Hudson River Birdathon  
Connie Sidamon-Eristoff and Alex Zagareos

**May 19th** - Beaverkill Birdathon  
John & Patricia Adams, Ned Ames & Jane Sokolow, and John & Mia Wilkinson

**May 19th** - Marathon Birdathon: NYC,  
Hudson River, and Columbia County  
Andy Gershon, and Rick Werwais

Call Shirley Hartman, Director of Development at (518) 869-9731 and make your pledge.