

**Thomas L. Cobb Papers
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Biographical Note: Thomas Cobb's earned a Bachelors degree in civil engineering from RPI and a Ph.D. from the School of Environmental and Resource Management, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. He served in the Peace Corps in Honduras and Peru from 1967-1970 working on rural community development and earthquake reconstruction. He was Director of the Ecological Forestry Program for the National Parks and Conservation Association; a lecturer for the Department of Natural Resources at Cornell; Associate Environmental Analyst at the Environmental Management Bureau; Manager of Saratoga Spa State Park, OPRHP; Park and Recreation Specialist on the NYS Commission on the Adirondacks in the 21st Century, Natural Resources Specialist and NYS Trails Coordinator, Planning and Research Bureau, NYS OPRHP, and Manager Minnewaska State Park Preserve. He was Trustee and President of the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks, Founding Director of the New York Parks and Conservation Association, Chairman of the Trail Use Policy Committee of the NYS Erie Canal Recreationway Commission, Secretary of the New York State Trails Council, Chairman of the NYS Forest Preserve Centennial Committee on the "Forever Wild Covenant," Instructor of "The Future of the Adirondack Park at Skidmore College, and Chairman of the Adirondack Research Center and Library at Union College.

Scope and Content Note: The collection contains his many published articles related to environmental management and recreation resources, book reviews, correspondence, course related materials, lecture notes, materials relating to his work on the Commission for the 21st Century, and correspondence. The folders are in the original order and most retain their original titles.

TC= Thomas Cobb

AfPA= Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks

ARC= Adirondack Research Center

NYS=New York State

OPRHP= Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

NERCC= Northeast Regional Recreation Center

Box and Folder List:

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	“Canadian Assembly Heritage for Tomorrow” includes a copy of the book <i>Heritage for Tomorrow</i> printed in 1985 and the essay “Upholding an Ideal/ Preserving a Heritage” by Thomas L. Cobb for a workshop
	2	“NY Chapter of National Parks and Conservation Association” includes information on the New York Parks and Conservation Association Fall Forum for Action, “Priorities for the Future” including recommendations for action from 1985, Proposal to establish a New York State Parks and Conservation Association, meeting minutes and correspondence relating to the organization, by-laws and officers Names found: Paul Bray, TC, Laura Loomis, and Paul C. Pritchard
	3	“ARC/ARL Lecture Series” Program for Union’s Colloquium on Historic Preservation Issues in the Adirondack Park, ARC activities report 1986-1988, ARC activities report 1983-1985, ARC activities report 1981-1982, 1984 Fall Union College Non-Credit Program, 1981 Fall Union College Non-Credit Program (including courses taught by Paul Schaefer), ARC program series lists, and the AfPA annual report for 1983
	4	“The Future of the Adirondack Park, Skidmore Summer 1994” includes course description and schedule for the course Natural Resources 111
	5	“Magazine Articles” includes “Our Link to the Outdoors” by TC, “Franklin B. Hough: A Many-Faceted Genius” by Edith Pilcher, “Deer Management Unit- 53” by TC, “Energy and Recreation: The Challenges Before Us” by TC, “Minnewaska: Volunteers and Volunteerism” by TC, “Our Albany Office Opens” by TC, “New Hope for Wastebeds” by TC, “Woodsmen- Spare That Black Walnut” by Thomas Lannon, “Caramba! A Note on Dorm Autonomy” by TC, “So Long, Smokey” by TC, “Help Restore the American Chestnut,” “Know Your Black Walnuts” by TC, and correspondence Names found: TC, and James E. Hurley
	6	“Book-Film Reviews” includes TC’s reviews of <i>The Adirondack Reader</i> , <i>Adirondack Pilgrimage</i> , <i>Hides</i> , <i>Hemlocks and Adirondack History</i> , <i>The Creation</i> , <i>The Grass Roots Primer</i> , <i>The U.S. Forest Service: A History</i> , <i>People are for the Birds; Adventures with the First Municipal Park Naturalist at Lake Merritt</i> , <i>America’s Oldest Waterfowl Refuge</i> , <i>The Adirondack Park: A Political History</i> , <i>Rubbish to Riches</i> , <i>Humboldt Bay</i> , <i>Energy and Human Needs</i> , <i>Parks, Politics and the People</i> , <i>Biogas in Fiji</i> , <i>The Building of the Earth</i> , <i>Energy Resources and Energy Corporations</i> , <i>The Four Corners: A National Sacrifice Area?</i> , <i>Handbook of Energy Technology and Economics</i> ,

		<p><i>Windsong, Our National Parks: America's Spectacular Wilderness Heritage, Another Africa: Wildlife and People in Conflict, Nature First: Keeping our Wild Places and Wild Creatures Wild, Backtracking: the Ways of a Naturalist, Can I Drink the Water, The Water Planet: A Celebration of the Wonder of Water, Energy Demands, Toxic Waste, Waste and Global Pollution, Recycling, Steering a New Course: Transportation, Energy, and the Environment, Drinking Water: Quality on Tap, The Building of the Earth, Theodore Roosevelt: Conservation President, A Comprehensive Introduction to Park Management, Command of the Waters: Iron Triangles, Federal Water Development, and Indian Water, Large Dams: False Promises, State of the World 1997: A Worldwatch Institute Report on Progress Toward a Sustainable Society, Principles of Conservation Biology, Protecting the Commons: A Framework for Resource Management in the Americas, Landscape Ecology and Resource Management, America's National Refuges: A Complete Guide, State of the World 2004, The Worldwatch Institute, State of the World 2004 and Assembly Rules and Restoration Ecology: Bridging the Gap Between Theory and Practice, and correspondence</i></p> <p>Names found: TC, Carmen P. Elliot, and Paul Jamieson</p>
7		<p>"Letters Citations" includes correspondence regarding Couch-sa-chra-ga Association, VITA, Saratoga's Urban Cultural Park Commission, an appearance on Live Line, recommendations, a copy of the magazine article "Deer Management Unit 53," and books and articles provided by and to Cobb</p> <p>Names found: Roger Almeida, Karl Beard, Frances Beinecke, Robert O. Binnewies, Malcolm A. Borg, Robert B. Buerger, Tonio Burgos, Samuel S. Butcher, Victor H. Cahalane, Charles H. Callison, TC, Bernard Z. Conn, Ted Corbett, Edward C. Crafts, Mario M. Cuomo, Dr. Rupert Cutler, Joan Davidson, George Davis, William P. Dunham, Carmen P. Elliot, Judith Enck, Mary A. Fisk, Robert F. Flacke, Tom Fletcher, William Hennessy, Nancy Heskett, Martin W. Holdgate, Paul Jamieson, M. Kiaran Johnson, John W. Kelley, George R. Lamb, Orin Lehman, Laura Loomis, Ann E. Luby, Paul Malo, Brij Mathur, Bruce MacMillan, David F. Michelman, David L. Miller, Charles C. Morrison, Matthew J. Murphy, Nancy Norman, John B. Oakes, Richard Pardo, Karen K. Pass, Paul Pritchard, Robert R. Quinn, Gary Randorf, Laurance Rockefeller, Arthur Savage, Paul Schaefer, Vincent Schaefer, J.R. Siphron, Anthony Wayne Smith, Adam Stern, Gilbert F. Stucker, Jim Thorsell, Harold Vroman, Tom Whyatt, and Charles H. Yapple, Ph.D.</p>
8		<p>"Letters Citations" includes the Distinguished Leadership Award from the SCA, 1996, 2000, 2001, 2003 and 2005 merit awards from the office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, nomination for</p>

		<p>the Huttleston Distinguished Service Award, nomination for the 1997 Maple Leaf Award, Employee of the Year 1999 letter, The Access Fund Partnership Award 1996, press release of TC's appointment as park manager of the Minnewaska State Perk Preserve, newspaper clipping announcing TC's appointment to the World Commission on Protected Areas of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, correspondence regarding a retirement party in 2005, letters of appreciation for tours and services at the park, a description of TC's Peace Corp volunteer service, nomination to the air force academy,</p> <p>Names found: Bruce Babbit, Bernadette Castro, TC, Albert Field, John Gant, Dave Gibson, Joel Greenbaum, John H. Grubbs, Philip R. Hanson, Greg Haugland, Kenneth G. Krieser, Charles A. Lewis, Anne O'Dell, Jim Moogan, Thomas A. More, Peg R. Olsen, Harold Ostertag, Gov. George Pataki, Alyson R. Peluso, John Rogers, Anthony Wayne Smith, Peter Stace, Pasquale Strocchia,</p>
	9	<p>"Grann's Bill A.7305 Mar. 26, 1991" includes act relating to establishing the Adirondack Park Service, the community development corporation of the Adirondack Park and the Adirondack Park trust fund, stewardship assessment, imposing an additional tax within the Adirondack Park and making related provisions regarding the preservation and development of the Adirondack Park.</p>
	10	<p>"Minority Report The Commission on the 21st century 4/12/90"</p>
	11	<p>"The Adirondack Park in the 21st Century w/map"</p>
	12	<p>"Hearing Statements, MAB, Energy, Eastern Wilderness" includes Eastern Wilderness Areas Act (December 20,. 1973), "Comments of the National Parks and Conservation Association on the forest and rangeland renewable resources planning act of 1974 submitted on invitation to the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry" by TC, TC's statement before the subcommittee, hearing before the subcommittee on environment, soil, conservation and forestry on S.2296 Nov.20, 1973, "Statement of the NYS Office of Parks and Recreation on 'Proposed Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan' Presented to the Adirondack Park Agency at the Public Hearings Conducted in Lake George, New York on 19 January, 1979," "From Siberia to the Adirondacks: Sharing the Wisdom of Mountain Protected Areas," "Statement of the Adirondack Council Concerning the Proposed Use of the Adirondack Railroad Right of Way, and Including Unit Management Planning Procedures and Mitigation Measures," "Toward More Effective Public Involvement and Organization in Planning" by TC, "Forest and Related Resources Planning act of 1974," "Statement of Thomas L. Cobb, President, Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks, Presented before the Committee on Resources, U.S. House of Representatives, at a Field Hearing on H.R.901, the 'American Land Sovereignty Protection Act.'" May 1997, "Questions on Energy Shortages and the Future Recreation</p>

		Environment of New York State” by TC, “A Case Study on Visitor Management Issues and Recreation Carrying Capacity in the High Peaks Region of New York State’s Adirondack Park, USA” by TC, and correspondence regarding H.R.901 Names found: TC and Roger Soles
	13	“Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium” includes “Proceedings of the 1994 Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium,” “Proceedings of the 1993 Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium,” “Managing Tourism in World Parks and Protected Areas” by TC, “Advancing Environmental Stewardship in New York State Parks and Historic Sites” by TC, “Proceedings of the 1992 Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium,” “Bicycling and Walking: Linking Transportation and Recreation in New York State” by Jeffrey S. Olson, R.A., “Proceedings of the 1997 Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium,” “New York Statewide Trails Plan: Core Issues and Key Recommendations” by TC,
	14	“‘The Land Nobody Knows’ Film Doc.” Includes brochure and newsletter regarding the film and “Forest Summary- Hydro Power- Alpine Areas- Mining Wilderness- Geology Summary”
	15	“The SAF and World Forestry” by TC marked “personal copy”
	16	“The Analytical Study of World Forestry Congress Organizational Problems and the Application of ‘PERT’ to the Planning Process” by TC
	17	“Laurance Rockefeller PIPC-OERHP Adk. National Park Proposal 1962” includes articles, obituaries for Rockefeller, the first chapter of a biography on Rockefeller, book reviews of the biography, and “On Environmental History with a Human Face: Experiences from a New National Park” by Rolf Diamant Names found: David Rockefeller, Laurence Rockefeller, William A. Welch, and Robin W. Winks
	18	“Adirondack National Park 1967 Proposal Paper” includes press releases, “On the Frontiers of Conservation: Proceedings of the Tenth Conference on Research and Resource Management in Parks and on Public Lands” edited by David Harmon, TC’s notes on the proposal, The Forest Preserve magazine from October 2000 with article regarding the proposal, “A Report on a Proposed Adirondack Mountains National Park,” and AJES Spring/Summer 2000 with article “On the 1967 Proposal for an Adirondack Mountains National Park” by TC
	19	“Adirondack National Park 1967 Proposal Paper” includes “Documents and Statements pertaining to a Proposal to establish an Adirondack Mountains National Park,” and The Adirondacks: New York’s Forest Preserve and a Proposed National Park” published by the Conservation Department 1967

	20	“Fostering Environmental Stewardship” printed paperback book published by the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, March 1993
	21	“Environmental Stewardship” includes “Pennsylvania State Parks 2000: Directions for the Next Century,” “Challenge of the ‘90s Our Threatened State Parks” published by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, “Stewardship-1993” published by the State of California Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation, “State Parks 2000” published by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, and “State Parks in a New Era: A Survey of Issues and Innovations” published in June 1986 by The Conservation Foundation
	22	“Environmental Stewardship” includes “Preserve and Protect: Challenges Facing New York’s State Park System” published by The Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government in 1993 and “Palisades Interstate Park Commission Second Century Plan published in March, 1990
	23	“National Parks” includes “National Parks in Crisis: A Summer 1993 Update on Threats Endangering America’s National Parks,” “Ecosystem Management: Additional Actions Needed to Adequately Test a Promising Approach,” “Natural Resource Challenge: The National Park Service’s Action Plan for Preserving Natural Resources,” “Resource stewardship Strategic Plan: Pacific West Region- 1998,” “Parks and Recreation: Limited Progress Made in Documenting and Mitigating Threats to the Parks February 1987,” “National Park Service: Activities Outside Park Borders Have Caused Damage to Resources and Will Likely Cause More” published by the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands Committee on Natural Resources, House of Representatives, January 1994, and “National Park Service: Activities Within Park Borders Have Caused Damage to Resources” report to the Ranking Minority Member, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Lands, House Committee on Resources
2	24	“NPCA ‘Views of the Green’” includes <i>Views of the Green: Presentations from New Directions for the Conservation of Parks An International Working Conference</i> and notes on Germany’s Bavarian Forest National Park and Lunenburger (sp?) Heide Nature Resources (a presentation at the Albany Public Library)
	25	“International Parks” includes “Summary Report to the National Parks and Conservation Association (NPCA) on the 27 th Working Session of the Commission on National Parks and Protected Areas” submitted by TC, notes on “Managing Tourism in Protected Areas, and article “Vermont-Honduras: Partners for Progress” and a letter Names found: TC and James B. Craig

	26	<p>“Adk Park Papers” includes notes on David H. Gibson’s “Catalyst for Preservation” remarks on Crane Mountain Honoring Paul Schaefer 7/27/97, notes from Crane Mountain 7/20/97 “How Do We Remember and Honor Paul Schaefer,” TC resume, booklet “ A 20th Anniversary Celebration Honoring David H. Gibson” from June 2007,” “A Shaper of Environments: Paul Schaefer of Niskayuna” by Linda Champagne, “The Spirit of Wilderness” compiled by Tom Cobb for “The Adirondack- the Land Nobody Knows,” ”On Wilderness Management” by TC, “An Adirondack Perspective on the Early State and National Park Movement” by TC, “The Adirondack Park and World Heritage” by TC, “Nature by numbers pressures trails” by Alan Wechsler, “A Case Study on Visitor Management Issues and Recreation Carrying Capacity in the High Peaks Region of new York State’s Adirondack Park, USA by TC, “Fact Sheet: Executive Summary and Recommendations of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Silvestre Picos Altos Unit Management Plan,” “Land Use and Planning for the Adirondack Park” published by the State of New York Adirondack Park Agency, “An Adirondack Perspective on the State & National Park Movement,” notes on “Preserving the Adirondacks & Saving the South American Rain Forests: What’s Common to These,” notes on “Water Quality in Environmental Analysis the Case of the John Brown Farm Redevelopment Proposal” by TC, and correspondence</p> <p>Names found: TC and Dave Gibson</p>
	27	<p>“AfPA President reports” “On Education & Interpretation,” “On Wilderness Management,” and “On Legacy & Vision” by Tom Cobb, TC resume, President’s Reports presented at the meetings of the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks, and correspondence</p> <p>Names found: TC and Dave Gibson</p>
3	28	<p>“Misc. Reports, NYS Commission on the Adks” includes newsprint report “Adirondack Park Update” from the Commission on the Adirondacks in the Twenty-First Century,” press releases, George Davis’s notes on the Commission Report, and TC’s notes for lectures: “The Adirondack Park: Unifying Force, Economic Asset,” “ Where Things Stand Now,” “Climbing the Trailless Peaks,” “Three Needs for the Adirondack Park in the 21st Century,” “Adirondack Politics and Policy: A Stiff Perspective on the NYS Commission on the Adirondacks in the 21st Century,” “In Our Own Back Yard: The Adirondacks,” “The Adirondack Park in the 21st Century,” “Health, Housing and Education: Weeds in the Adirondack Park,” and articles: “Cuomo’s Adirondack Plan,” “Addressing Adirondack Misconceptions,” “Adirondack Plan,” “Governor’s Commission on the Adirondacks in the 21st Century: Personal Reflections” by Ross S. Whaley, and correspondence</p>

		Names found: TC and Paul Schaefer
	29	“Environmental Education NYS Park System” includes notes for lectures: “Environmental Education in the Parks: An Overview,” “Outdoor Learning: The Role and Potential of the New York State Park and Recreation System,” “The Nature of the NYS Park System,” “Using Parks for Environmental Education,” “Major Challenges for Outdoor Recreation in New York State,” “Parks and Recreation: We’re Bigger Than All Outdoors!” “Environmental Education: The Role and Potential of the New York State Park and Recreation System in the New York City Metropolitan Area,” and “Office of Parks and Recreation’s Environmental Education Program”
	30	“Misc. Talks: Parks, Conservation” includes newsletter articles, notes for lectures: “Cornell Seminar, March 6, 1975,” “Panel on Park and Recreation Resource Management” and notes on lectures attended
	31	“NYS Commission on Adks Issue Paper #51” includes notes for and paper “Toward the Development of a Comprehensive Interpretive System for the Adirondack Park” February 1990 #11 by TC typed and as printed, “Sagamore Institute” by Howard Kirschenbaum, “Updated Course Prospectus— The Future of the Adirondack Park” by TC, “Overview of Federal Role #12” by TC , and notes for “Profile of Outdoor Recreation Opportunity”
	32	“Technical Reports NYS Commission on Adks” includes “Overview of Federal Role #12” by TC , and notes for “Profile of Outdoor Recreation Opportunity”
	33	“NYS Forest Preserve Centennial 04/85” includes “New York State Forest Preserve Centennial Symposium Program with Abstracts” and “An Adirondack Perspective on the Early State and National Park Movement” by TC
	34	“Saratoga State Park” includes notes for lecture given in part by TC “Saratoga Spa State Park Management Analysis Plan” and an outline for panel presentation on National Parks, for Assn. of State Geologists Annual Meeting May 6, 1991
	35	“Minnewaska Shawangunks Greater Catskill Park” includes “The Shawangunk Ridge Biodiversity Partnership” by TC 2003 workshop in South Africa, notes for: “A Profile on Wildland Recreational Use: Minnewaska State Park Preserve,” “Luncheon Address, New Paltz Chamber of Commerce, Minnewaska: Economic Asset or Liability,” “Acadia National Park Planning, Charette, Case Study,” “Orientation to Minnewaska State Parks Preserve,” “Minnewaska and the Shawangunks” “Talking Points on the Shawangunks,” “The Shawangunk Ridge Biodiversity Partnership, Organizational Model,” “Minnewaska State Park Preserve, Education Report September 15, 1997,” “Shawangunk Rider Biodiversity Partnership Slide Presentation,” and correspondence

		Names found: Bernadette Castro, TC, and Pasquale Strocchia
	36	<p>“Greater Catskill Park” includes “The Shawangunk Ridge Biodiversity Partnership” information booklet, map of Sam’s Point Dwarf Pine Ridge Preserve, map of the Minnewaska State Park Preserve, 2000 map of the proposed Shawangunk Ridge Additions, <i>Openspace</i> magazine on the Shawangunks, “Making Protection Work” by David Harmon, Mohonk Preserve newsletter, and correspondence</p> <p>Names found: TC, Ken Krieser, and Federico Niccolini</p>
	37	<p>“Environmental Stewardship NYS Parks” includes “Fostering Environmental Stewardship Summary,” notes for lectures: “Fostering Environmental Stewardship” at NERRC- Saratoga, “Presentation to State Council of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation on the Rockefeller Institute of Government Study of State Parks 1993,” “OPRHP Mission,” “Advancing Environmental Stewardship,” “State of Fostering Environmental Stewardship Report,” and “Environmental Impacts of Recreation Activities: The Case of the Napeague Acquisition” by TC</p>