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This 2002 Update of the 1992 New York – New Jersey Highlands Regional Study embodies the following goals for the long-term stewardship of the Highlands:

- 1. Manage future growth that is compatible with the region's ecological constraints;**
- 2. Maintain an adequate surface and ground water supply that meets the needs of local and downstream users;**
- 3. Conserve contiguous forests using management practices that are consistent with private property rights and regional resources;**
- 4. Provide appropriate recreational opportunities; and**
- 5. Promote economic prosperity that is compatible with goals 1-4.**

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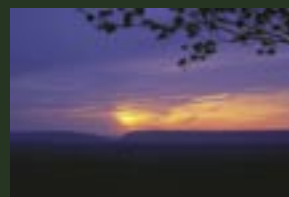
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