



## ***Conservation Alliance of New York***

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**Press Release:                    *Conservation Alliance of New York Announces  
GOV & NY DEC Elect to Maintain Reynolds Game Farm***

*A victory for the sportsman community that the Conservation Alliance of New York is proud to have participating in bringing about!*

**The Conservation Alliance of New York (CANY) and New York Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. (NYSRPA)** filed for injunction against disposal of pheasants and closure of the Reynolds Game Farm on January 15, 2009, in Albany. The procedures adapted by the administration • would have disposed of assets and products of the Fish and Game department while failing to remunerate the Conservation Fund, • would have broken restrictions on capital grants issued from Federal Aid to Wildlife moneys [Pittman-Robertson Act (P-R)] and the obligation of the state to inform the Conservation Fund Advisory Board (CFAB) of issues affecting the Conservation Fund, and • did ignore and avoid normal process of planning and public hearings required of projects involving expenditures of the Conservation Fund as required by P-R and NYS Finance Law and necessary for the members of CFAB to fulfill their responsibilities under NYS law.

The request for an injunction was heard by Judge Devine on January 16, 2009: the judge issued a temporary restraining order. The order was then served on Commissioner Grannis and Governor Patterson.

The defendants of the case have agreed to its merits, and have terminated the plan to close the Reynolds Game Farm. Commissioner Grannis and Governor Paterson contacted the plaintiffs to state that the Governor had made the decision not to close the Reynolds Game Farm. He also asked if the sporting community could work with him to help control the ever increasing deficit of the Conservation Fund, which the CFAB had previously addressed in great detail during over two years of meetings with a working group – the so-called Summit – which has met only once since the confirmation of the commissioner who ordered tighter constraints on CFAB expenditures.

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