



APA 2014 Arbor Day\Earth Day

Tree Planting Ceremony

Herman "Woody" Cole

- Former APA Chairman from 1984-1992, appointed by Governor Mario Cuomo. Previously served as DOS designee from 1976-1978.
- In 1976, he was appointed liaison to the Lake Placid Olympic Organizing Committee and was also the Executive Director of the NYS Sports and Winter Olympics Commission for the 1980 Lake Placid Winter Olympics, serving under then-Secretary of State Mario Cuomo.

- He moved with his family, his wife Rosalea and their four children, from Albany to Lake Placid in 1977 after he was named to the Winter Olympics Commission.
- While with the APA, Mr. Cole was very instrumental in overseeing the establishment of the Agency's former Visitor Interpretive Centers, which opened to the public in May of 1989.
- He took the lead in convincing state government to support the creation and operation of the VICs and devoted countless volunteer hours to ensure the success of the interpretive programs conducted at the VICs.

- His daughter Deborah, a renowned opera singer, said he was a real big butterfly fan and that the Paul Smiths Butterfly House was one of his favorite places to go.
- Mr. Cole recognized early in the formation of the APA that strong vibrant communities were critically important to the success of the Adirondack Park.
- He worked closely with organizations like ANCA to ensure community sustainability was factored into the Agency's decision making.
- Mr. Cole was born in Washington, Penn. on Aug 4, 1931. He grew up in Wheeling West Virginia. He studied at West Liberty State College and the University of Chicago Divinity School.