

# Re: New York City light pollution question

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The lights did not completely go out in the NYC area that is why you did not see a full sky of stars. Air pollution had zero to do with (jeeze what a stupid notion). Almost all of northern NJ had power and the skyglow from those lights were enough harm views all over the five boroughs of NYC, and Westchester.

look at the satellite pics from that night and you will see a huge swatch of lit up land south of NYC. If you looked west or south west the sky was no where near as dark as it should have been but it gradually got darker as you looked east and north. That is why you didn't experience a perfect dark sky in NYC.

Nero wrote:

- > When the lights went out throughout New York City a couple of years
- > ago (and a lot of the northeast for that matter) my sky didn't
- > magically turn chock full of stars like if I were out in the country.
- > Sure I noticed many more stars but not like if I were out in the
- > country, why is this? Does light pollution stay in the air for days :)

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