

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

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STATEMENT IN LIEU OF JOB IMPACT
2008 Rulemaking

A formal job impact statement is not submitted for these proposed regulatory amendments to the Adirondack Park Agency's regulations as these amendments are not expected to create any substantial adverse impact on jobs and employment opportunities in the Adirondack Park. These amendments do not make any significant substantive changes to the regulations, and will not impact employment opportunities in the Park, as explained below. The discussion is by subject area addressed, which is a more informative way to present the material.

"Involving wetlands." This proposal re-arranges Agency jurisdiction over subdivisions involving wetlands, and provides direction as to how to design a subdivision so as to become non-jurisdictional. These changes will likely create equal if not more opportunity for non-jurisdictional subdivisions as compared to the existing regulations. No change in employment opportunities is expected.

Expansion of non-conforming shoreline structures. This proposal would bring Agency regulations into conformance with the APA Act, and eliminates the existing anomalies which now exist that allow non-conforming shoreline structures to be significantly expanded within the setback area, while structures in compliance cannot expand at all within the shoreline setback area. The proposed rule will change how non-conforming structures may expand. This may eliminate certain expansions in favor of new construction outside the setback area. No change in employment opportunities is expected.

Land division along roads or right-of-ways owned in fee. The proposal is to remove an existing regulation which deems certain land divisions to not be "subdivisions" for purposes of Agency jurisdiction. Divisions of land along roads or right-of-ways owned in fee would be required to conform to the same jurisdictional rules

applicable to all other land divisions. This may reduce the potential for subdivision which now exists for some parcels. This is not expected to impact the ongoing development in the Park in any significant way, and will, therefore, not impact employment opportunities.

Square feet of floor space and square footage. The proposed regulation provides definitions for these terms. The terms are used in various parts of the Act, and the definitions will ensure consistent application. No change in employment opportunities is expected from these proposed amendments.

"Hunting and fishing cabin." The proposed regulation establishes a clear definition for this land use, consistent with existing practice. The proposal is not expected to change the number of hunting and fishing cabins within the Park and will not have any impact on employment opportunities.