



**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY
COMMENDS THE TOWN OF INLET FOR ITS ENACTMENT OF
LEGISLATION TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY THROUGH THE
MANDATORY INSPECTION OF ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT
SYSTEMS**

October 9, 2014

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park region has abundant water resources including numerous lakes, ponds, rivers and streams that provide substantial ecologic and economic value as well as diverse recreational opportunities for the citizens of the State and other visitors; and

WHEREAS, communities within the Park rely on abundant, clean water for their economic and social welfare. These regions capitalize on the profusion of nationally known water bodies that attract numerous visitors and provide a high quality of life for their citizens, and the economic backbone of Park communities; and

WHEREAS, specifically, the Fulton Chain of Lakes is a popular regional asset and the Town of Inlet borders five of the lakes comprising the Fulton Chain including State and privately owned land; and

WHEREAS, other regions of the Park contain a similar mixture of lakes, rivers and other waterbodies bordered by State and private lands found nowhere else in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park Agency recognizes that an on-site wastewater treatment system will function satisfactorily if it is properly located, designed, constructed and maintained; and

WHEREAS, the development and implementation of ordinances requiring the inspection of onsite wastewater treatment systems at the time of transfer of real property for consideration will support the quality of the waters of the Adirondack Park; and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park Agency has taken proactive positions on water resource issues of concern to the Park and

State since its earliest days, beginning with the issues associated with acid rain.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Adirondack Park Agency commends the Town of Inlet for the adoption of its local law requiring the inspection of onsite wastewater treatment systems upon transfer of a parcel for consideration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Agency Chairmanwoman is authorized and encouraged to communicate the Agency Board's support for action taken by the Town of Inlet and help promote its initiative with other Adirondack local governments at such events as "Local Government Day" and with other groups of State and local representatives to address these issues of great concern for the Adirondack Park's communities and residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Adirondack Park Agency encourages local governments in the Adirondack Park to consider the approach taken by the Town of Inlet to adopt similar local laws or ordinances to require inspection of onsite wastewater treatment systems upon transfer of real property; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Adirondack Park Agency encourages state, regional and local governments to consider other measures and to explore all options for administrative action to protect the priceless waters of the Adirondack Park.

Resolution adopted on this date, October 9, 2014

Ayes: R. Booth, S. Craig, K. Feldman, A. Lussi,
W. Thomas, L. Ulrich, D. Wilt, B. Austin (DED),
R. Stegemann (DEC), L. Mahoney (DOS)

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absences: None