



Adirondack Park Agency

MA No. _____
(to be completed by Agency)

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL ADIRONDACK PARK LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN MAP

Pursuant to Section 805 (2), Adirondack Park Agency Act
Article 27, New York State Executive Law

INTRODUCTION

Private lands within the Adirondack Park are classified into six different land use areas by the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan. These land use areas (Hamlet, Moderate Intensity Use, Low Intensity Use, Rural Use, Resource Management and Industrial Use) are shown on the Official Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map.

Section 805 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act and Part 583 of Agency regulations set forth criteria and procedures for amendment of the Official Map. In general, except for "Technical" amendment, the Agency must find the amendment reflective of the legislative findings and purposes of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, and consistent with the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan, and the statutory character description and statement of purposes, policies and objectives of the land use area to which amendment is sought. The Agency is required to consider the natural resources and open space qualities of the land in question, as well as public, economic and other land use factors and any comprehensive master plan prepared by the town or village as may reflect the relative development amenability of those lands. The Agency must also amend the Map using the same type of "regional scale" boundaries (railroads, streams, Great Lot lines, etc.) used in its original preparation; it cannot amend the Map to make extremely small-scale amendment. A copy of the relevant parts of Section 805 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act is attached.

The Agency also refers to the "land use area determinants" used in making the original map, as presented in Appendix A-8 of the Agency regulations, and any newer data as has become available since the Map was made.

The Agency amendment process is one which encourages public involvement in a number of ways. At the time an application is received, notification is sent to representatives of affected local governments requesting their advice and comments. Public hearings, held prior to the change taking effect, are usually required; when a date is set for a hearing, notification is sent to adjoining and affected landowners, local and regional government officials and any other person who asks to receive notice. In virtually all instances, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement is prepared and circulated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act. Comments or statements, which need to be related to the statutory determinants for map amendment, received from these people and/or the applicant, either prior to or at the public hearing, constitute part of the information the Agency will use to determine whether or not to make the map amendment,

Map amendments may be initiated by a local government, individual landowner or both acting concurrently.

EITHER PART A OR PART B MUST BE FILLED IN; BOTH ARE FILLED IN ONLY IF THE OWNER OF RECORD OF THE LAND INVOLVED AND THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPLY TOGETHER.

PART A (to be filled out only by a landowner requesting a change in the Official Map)

1. OWNER OF RECORD

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Cell Phone _____

2. APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Cell Phone _____

**3. THE LANDOWNER MUST SUBMIT THE INSTRUMENT OF TITLE
(USUALLY A DEED)**

**4. THE APPLICANT MUST PROVIDE THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF BOTH
ADJACENT LANDOWNERS AND THOSE WITHIN THE AREA BEING REQUESTED
FOR RECLASSIFICATION, FROM THE LATEST COMPLETED TAX ASSIGNMENT
ROLL**

PART B (to be filled out only if a local government is applicant or co-applicant)

1. LEGISLATIVE BODY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Supervisor or Mayor _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Cell Phone _____

2. APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Cell Phone _____

3. SECTION 583.1(c) OF THE AGENCY'S RULES AND REGULATIONS REQUIRES THAT THE REQUEST SHALL BE MADE BY RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY AND A CERTIFIED COPY SUBMITTED TO THE AGENCY

4. THE APPLICANT MUST PROVIDE THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF BOTH THE ADJOINING LANDOWNERS AS WELL AS THOSE WITHIN AND NEARBY THE AREA BEING REQUESTED FOR RECLASSIFICATION, FROM THE LATEST COMPLETED TAX ASSIGNMENT ROLL

PART C (to be filled out by all applicants)

1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND

- A. Town _____
County _____
Village _____
- B. What is the size of the parcel to be considered? _____ acres
- C. Current Land Use area classification(s) _____
- D. Requested classification(s) _____

2. ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY HISTORY
(to be filled out by landowner/applicant only)

3. A. Tax Map Description

Map(Section) _____
Block _____
Parcel(s) _____

B. Has this property been a part of any previous agency permit, letter of non-jurisdiction, map amendment or enforcement action?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, number and date of permit _____
Date of non-jurisdictional letter _____
Map Amendment number _____
Enforcement File Number _____

Request for amendments must be accompanied by maps of a sufficient scale to allow the Agency to identify the boundaries of the requested amendment area. Copies of the Tax Map(s) delineating the area will suffice.

4. SPECIFIC INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED IF APPLICABLE

A. Public infrastructure¹

Attached a map showing existing water and/or sewer lines and the boundaries of existing water and/or sewer district(s).

B. Public Service

Attach a map delineating

1. Nearest fire department
2. Nearest public schools
3. Nearest police (local or State)
4. Public road network within two mile radius

C. Existing Development

Attach a copy of the current Tax Map(s) within a one-half mile radius of the parcel(s) being proposed for reclassification. Note on this map(s) the location and type of existing development on each lot.

D. Soils Information

Attach a map delineating the current available U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service soils mapping and accompanying soils unit forms for the area(s) proposed for reclassification. See your county Soil and Water Conservation District Office (SWCD) or Cornell Cooperative Extension Agent for this information.

E. Topography and Water Resources

Attached appropriate United States Geological Survey or New York State Department of Transportation 7.5 Minute Series (1:24,000 scale) Topographic map for the area(s) proposed for reclassification.

F. Flood Hazard

Attach a map delineating the current Federal Emergency Management Agency (F.E.M.A.) identified flood hazard zone for the area(s) proposed for reclassification. This can be obtained from the County SWCD office or the Cornell Cooperative Extension Agent.

G. Agriculture District

Attach a map showing any active or proposed agriculture distinct involving all or portion of the parcel(s) proposed for reclassification. See your Cornell Cooperative Extension Agent office for this information.

H. Wetlands

In counties with Official Freshwater Wetland Maps (Hamilton, Warren, Essex, Clinton, Lewis and Oneida), attach a copy of the Official Freshwater Wetlands Map with the parcel(s) requested for reclassification. This information may be obtained from the County Clerk's office or by contacting the Agency.

¹ USGS or NYS Department of Transportation 7.5' (1:24,000 scale) map will suffice.

PART D JUSTIFICATION

Based upon the specific information in the previous section, state why the lands involved more accurately reflect the character description and the purposes, policies and objectives (as set forth in Section 805 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act attached hereto) of the requested classification. Please use additional sheet(s) if necessary.

Applicant's signature _____

Applicant's Representative signature _____
(if applicable)

Local Municipality _____

Title _____
(if necessary)

Date _____

**PROCEDURES FOR AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ADIRONDACK PARK LAND USE
AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN MAP PURSUANT TO SECTION 805 OF THE
ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY ACT (E.L. 4.07) AND COMPATIBLE USE LIST**

SECTION 805. ADIRONDACK PARK LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

§ 805(2)

- c. The Agency may make the following amendments to the plan map in the following manner:
 - (1) Any amendment to reclassify land from any land use area to any other land use area or areas, if the land involved is less than twenty-five hundred acres, after public hearing thereon and upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds of its members, at the request of any owner of record of the land involved or at the request of the legislative body of a local government.
 - (2) Any amendment to reclassify land from any land use area to any other land use area or areas for which a greater intensity of development is allowed under the overall intensity guidelines if the land involved is less than twenty-five hundred acres, after public hearing thereon and upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds of its members, on its own initiative.
 - (3) Any amendment to reclassify land from any land use area to any other land use area or areas, if the reclassification effects a comprehensive review and evaluation of the plan map, at the request of the legislative body of a local government which has (a) completed and submitted to the agency a current and comprehensive inventory and analysis of the natural resource, open space, public, economic and other land use factors as may reflect the relative development amenability and limitations of the lands within its entire jurisdiction, and (b) formally adapted after public hearing a comprehensive master plan prepared pursuant to section two hundred seventy-two-a of the town law or section 7-722 of the village law, after public hearing thereon and upon an affirmative vote of a majority of its members. If the agency grants the amendment request in part, it shall not enter or file the amendment or amendments for a period of sixty days thereafter, during which time the legislative body of the local government may withdraw its request.
 - (4) Any amendment to clarify the boundaries of the land use areas as shown on the plan map, to correct any errors on the map or effect other technical changes on the map, upon an affirmative vote of a majority of its members and without a public hearing thereon, unless the agency determines that a public hearing is appropriate, on its own motion or at the request of the legislative body of a local government or at the request of any owner of record of the land involved.
 - (5) Before making any plan map amendment, except pursuant to subparagraph four of this paragraph, the agency must find that the reclassification would accurately reflect the legislative findings and purposes of section eight hundred one of this article and would be consistent with the land use and development plan, including the character description and purposes, policies and objectives of the land use area to which reclassification is proposed, taking into account such existing natural resources, open space, public, economic and other land use factors and any comprehensive master plans adopted pursuant to the town or

village law, as may reflect the relative development amenability and limitations of the land in question. The agency's determination shall be consistent with and reflect the regional nature of the land use and development plan and the regional scale and approach used in its preparation.

- d. The agency may, after consultation with the Adirondack park local government review board, recommend to the governor and legislature any other amendments to the plan map after public hearing thereon and upon an affirmative vote of a majority of its members.
- e. Upon receipt of a request to amend the plan map or upon determining to amend the map on its own initiative, the agency shall provide notice of receipt of the request or notice of the determination and a brief description of the amendment requested or contemplated to the Adirondack park local government review board, the chairman of the county planning agency, if any, the chairman of the appropriate regional planning board, and to the chief elected officer, clerk and planning board chairman, if any, of the local government wherein the land is located, and shall invite their comments.
- f. The public hearings required or authorized in this subdivision shall be held by the agency in each local government wherein such land is located after not less than fifteen days notice thereof by publication at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in such local government or local governments, by conspicuous posting of the land involved, and by individual notice served by certified mail upon each owner of such land to the extent discernible from the lasted completed tax assessment roll and by mail upon the Adirondack park local government review board, the persons named in paragraph e of this subdivision, and the clerk of any local government within five hundred feet of the land involved.
- g. The agency shall act upon requests for amendments to the plan map within one hundred twenty days of receipt of a request in such form and manner as it shall prescribe; provided, however, that in the case of requests concerning which it determines to hold a public hearing, it shall, within ninety day of receipt of the request, schedule the hearing and shall act within sixty days of the close of the hearing. In the case of a request received when snow cover or ground conditions prevent such field investigations as is necessary to act with respect to the request, or in the case of a request or series of related requests exceeding five hundred acres, the time periods herein provided shall be extended an additional ninety days or until adequate field inspection is possible, whichever is the lesser period. Any of the time periods specified in this paragraph may be waived or extended for good cause by written request of the applicant and consent of the agency or by written request of the agency and consent by the applicant.

3. Land use areas: character descriptions, and purposes, policies and objectives; overall intensity guidelines; classification of compatible uses lists.

Hamlet areas

- (1) Character description. Hamlet areas, delineated in brown on the plan map, range from large, varied communities that contain a sizeable permanent, seasonal and transient

populations with a great diversity of residential, commercial, tourist and industrial development and a high level of public services and facilities, to smaller, less varied communities with a lesser degree and diversity of development and a generally lower level of public services and facilities.

(2) Purposes, policies and objectives. Hamlet areas will serve as the service and growth centers in the park. They are intended to accommodate a large portion of the necessary and natural expansion of the park's housing, commercial and industrial activities. In these areas, a wide variety of housing, commercial, recreational, social and professional needs of the park's permanent, seasonal and transient populations will be met. The building intensities that may occur in such areas will allow a high and desirable level of public and institutional services to be economically feasible. Because a hamlet is concentrated in character and located in areas where existing development patterns indicate the demand for and viability of service, and growth centers, these areas will discourage the haphazard location and dispersion of intense building development in the park's open space areas. These areas will continue to provide services to park residents and visitors and, in conjunction with other land use areas and activities on both private and public land, will provide a diversity of land uses that will satisfy the needs of a wide variety of people.

The delineation of hamlet areas on the plan map is designed to provide reasonable expansion areas for the existing hamlets, where the surrounding resources permit such expansion. Local government should take the initiative in suggesting appropriate expansions of the presently delineated hamlet boundaries, both prior to and at the time of enactment of local land use programs.

(3) All land uses and development are considered compatible with the character, purposes and objectives of hamlet areas.

(4) No overall intensity guideline is applicable to hamlet areas.

Moderate intensity use areas

(1) Character description. Moderate Intensity Use areas, delineated in red on the plan map, are those areas where the capability of the natural resources and the anticipated need for future development indicate that relatively intense development, primarily residential in character, is possible, desirable and suitable.

These areas are primarily located near or adjacent to hamlets to provide for residential expansion. They are also located along highways or accessible shorelines where existing development has established the character of the area.

Those areas identified as moderate intensity use where relatively intense development does not already exist are generally characterized by deep soils on moderate slopes and are readily accessible to existing hamlets.

(2) Purposes, policies and objectives. Moderate intensity use areas will provide for development opportunities in areas where development will not significantly harm the relatively tolerant physical and biological resources. These areas are designed to provide for residential expansion and growth and to accommodate uses related to residential uses in the vicinity of hamlets where community services can most readily and economically be provided. Such growth and the services related to it will generally be at less intense levels than in hamlet areas.

(3) Guidelines for overall intensity of development. The overall intensity of development for land located in any moderate intensity use area should not exceed approximately five hundred principal buildings per square mile.

Low intensity use areas

(1) Character description. Low intensity use areas, delineated in orange on the plan map, are those readily accessible areas, normally within reasonable proximity to a hamlet, where the physical and biological resources are fairly tolerant and can withstand development at an intensity somewhat lower than found in hamlets and moderate intensity use areas. While these areas often exhibit wide variability in the land's capability to support development, they are generally areas with fairly deep soils, moderate slopes and no large acreages of critical biological importance. Where these areas are adjacent to or near hamlet, clustering homes on the most developable portions of these areas makes possible a relatively high level of residential units and local services.

(2) Purposes, policies and objectives. The purpose of low intensity use areas is to provide for development opportunities at levels that will protect the physical and biological resources, while still providing for orderly growth and development of the park. It is anticipated that these areas will primarily be used to provide housing development opportunities not only for park residents but also for the growing seasonal home market. In addition, services and uses related to residential uses may be located at a lower intensity than in hamlets or moderate intensity use areas.

(3) Guidelines for overall intensity of development. The overall intensity of development for land located in any low intensity use area should not exceed approximately two hundred principal buildings per square mile.

Rural use areas

(1) Character description. Rural use areas, delineated in yellow on the plan map, are those areas where natural resource limitations and public considerations necessitate fairly stringent development constraints. These areas are characterized by substantial acreages of one or more of the following: fairly shallow soils, relatively severe slopes, significant ecotones, critical wildlife habitats, proximity to scenic vistas or key public lands. In addition, these areas are frequently remote from existing hamlet areas or are not readily accessible.

Consequently, these areas are characterized by a low level of development and variety of rural uses that are generally compatible with the protection of the relatively intolerant natural resources and the preservation of open space. These areas and the resource management areas provide the essential open space atmosphere that characterizes the park.

(2) Purposes, policies and objectives. The basic purpose and objective of rural use areas is to provide for and encourage those rural land uses that are consistent and compatible with the relatively low tolerance of the areas' natural resources and the preservation of the open spaces that are essential and basic to the unique character of the park. Another objective of rural use areas is to prevent strip development along major travel corridors in order to enhance the aesthetic and economic benefit derived from a park atmosphere along these corridors.

Residential development and related development and uses should occur on large lots or in relatively small clusters on carefully selected and well designed sites. This will provide for further diversity in residential and related development opportunities in the park.

(3) Guideline for overall intensity of development. The overall intensity of development for land located in any rural use area should not exceed approximately seventy-five principal buildings per square mile.

Resource management areas

(1) Character description. Resource management areas, delineated in green on the plan map, are those lands where the need to protect, manage and enhance forest, agricultural, recreational and open space resources is of paramount importance because of overriding natural resource and public considerations. Open space uses, including forest management, agriculture and recreational activities, are found throughout these areas.

Many resource management areas are characterized by substantial acreages of one or more of the following: shallow soils, severe slopes, elevations of over twenty-five hundred feet, flood plains, proximity to designated or proposed wild or scenic rivers, wetlands, critical wildlife habitats or habitats of rare and endangered plant and animal species.

Other resource management areas include extensive tracts under active forest management that are vital to the wood using industry and necessary to insure its raw material needs.

Important and viable agricultural areas are included in resource management areas, with many farms exhibiting a high level of capital investment for agricultural buildings and equipment. These agricultural areas are of considerable economic importance to segments of the park and provide for a type of open space which is compatible with the park's character.

(2) Purposes, policies and objectives. The basic purposes and objectives of resource management areas are to protect the delicate physical and biological resources, encourage proper and economic management of forest, agricultural and recreational resources and preserve the open spaces that are essential and basic to the unique character of the park. Another objective of these areas is to prevent strip development along major travel corridors in order to enhance the aesthetic and economic benefits derived from a park atmosphere along these corridors.

Finally, resource management areas will allow for residential development on substantial acreages or in small clusters on carefully selected and well designed sites.

(3) Guidelines for overall intensity of development. The overall intensity of development for land located in any resource management area should not exceed approximately fifteen principle buildings per square mile.

Industrial use areas

(1) Character description. Industrial use areas, delineated in purple on the plan map, include those areas that are substantial in size and located outside of hamlet areas and are areas (1) where existing land uses are predominantly of an industrial or mineral extraction nature or (2) identified by local and state officials as having potential for new industrial development.

(2) Purposes, policies and objectives. Industrial use areas will encourage the continued operation or major existing industrial and mineral extraction uses important to the economy of the Adirondack region and will provide suitable locations for new industrial and mineral extraction activities that may contribute to the economic growth of the park without detracting

from its character. Land uses that might conflict with existing or potential industrial or mineral extraction uses are discouraged in industrial use areas.

- (3) No overall intensity guideline is applicable to industrial use areas.

COMPATIBLE USE LIST FROM SECTION 805 OF THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY ACT

HAMLET

All land uses and development are considered compatible with the character, purposes and objectives of hamlet areas.

MODERATE INTENSITY USE

Primary uses in moderate intensity use areas:

1. Single family dwellings
2. Individual mobile homes
3. Open space recreation uses
4. Agricultural uses
5. Agricultural use structures
6. Forestry uses
7. Forestry use structures
8. Hunting and fishing cabins and hunting and fishing and other private club structures
9. Game preserves and private parks
10. Cemeteries
11. Private roads
12. Private sand and gravel extractions
13. Public utility uses
14. Accessory uses and structures to any use classified as a compatible use

Secondary uses in moderate intensity use areas:

1. Multiple family dwellings
2. Mobile home courts
3. Public and semi-public buildings
4. Municipal roads
5. Agricultural service uses
6. Commercial uses
7. Tourist accommodations
8. Tourist attractions
9. Marinas, boat yards and boat launching sites
10. Campgrounds
11. Group camps
12. Golf courses
13. Ski centers
14. Commercial seaplane bases

15. Commercial or private airports
16. Sawmills, chipping mills, pallet mills and similar wood using facilities
17. Commercial sand and gravel extractions
18. Mineral extractions
19. Mineral extraction structures
20. Watershed management and flood control projects
21. Sewage treatment plants
22. Major public utility uses
23. Industrial uses

LOW INTENSITY USE

Primary uses in low intensity use areas:

1. Single family dwellings
2. Individual mobile homes
3. Open space recreation uses
4. Agricultural uses
5. Agricultural use structures
6. Forestry uses
7. Forestry use structures
8. Hunting and fishing cabins and hunting and fishing and other private club structures
9. Game preserves and private parks
10. Private roads
11. Cemeteries
12. Private sand and gravel extractions
13. Public utility uses
14. Accessory uses and structures to any use classified as a compatible use

Secondary uses in low intensity use areas:

1. Multiple family dwellings
2. Mobile home courts
3. Public and semi-public buildings
4. Municipal roads
5. Agricultural service uses
6. Commercial uses
7. Tourist accommodations
8. Tourist attractions
9. Marinas, boat yards and boat launching sites
10. Golf courses
11. Campgrounds
12. Group camps
13. Ski centers
14. Commercial seaplane bases
15. Commercial or private airports

16. Sawmills, chipping mills, pallet mills and similar wood using facilities
17. Commercial sand and gravel extractions
18. Mineral extractions
19. Mineral extraction structures
20. Watershed management and flood control projects
21. Sewage treatment plants
22. Waste disposal areas
23. Junkyards
24. Major public utility uses
25. Industrial uses

RURAL USE

Primary uses in rural use areas:

1. Single family dwellings
2. Individual mobile homes
3. Open space recreation uses
4. Agricultural uses
5. Agricultural use structures
6. Forestry uses
7. Forestry use structures
8. Hunting and fishing cabins and hunting and fishing and other private club structures
9. Game preserves and private parks
10. Cemeteries
11. Private roads
12. Private sand and gravel extractions
13. Public utility uses
14. Accessory uses and structures to any use classified as a compatible use

Secondary uses in rural use areas:

1. Multiple family dwellings
2. Mobile home courts
3. Public and semi-public buildings
4. Municipal roads
5. Agricultural service uses
6. Commercial uses
7. Tourist accommodations
8. Marinas, boat yards and boat launching sites
9. Golf courses
10. Campgrounds
11. Group camps
12. Ski centers
13. Commercial seaplane bases
14. Commercial or private airports

15. Sawmills, chipping mills, pallet mills and similar wood using facilities
16. Commercial sand and gravel extractions
17. Mineral extractions
18. Mineral extraction structures
19. Watershed management and flood control projects
20. Sewage treatment plants
21. Waste disposal areas
22. Junkyards
23. Major public utility uses
24. Industrial Uses

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Primary uses in Resource Management areas:

1. Agricultural uses
2. Agricultural use structures
3. Open space recreation uses
4. Forestry uses
5. Forestry use structures
6. Game preserves and private parks
7. Private roads
8. Private sand and gravel extractions
9. Public utility uses
10. Hunting and fishing cabins and hunting and fishing and other private club structures involving less than five hundred square feet of floor space
11. Accessory uses and structures to any use classified as a compatible use

Secondary uses in resource management areas:

1. Single family dwellings
2. Individual mobile homes
3. Hunting and fishing cabins and hunting and fishing and other private club structures involving five hundred square feet or more of floor space
4. Campgrounds
5. Group camps
6. Ski centers and related tourist accommodations
7. Agricultural service uses
8. Sawmills, chipping mills, pallet mills and similar wood using facilities
9. Commercial sand and gravel extractions
10. Mineral extractions
11. Mineral extraction structures
12. Watershed management and flood control projects
13. Sewage treatment plants
14. Major public utility uses
15. Municipal roads
16. Golf courses

INDUSTRIAL USE

Primary uses in industrial use areas:

1. Industrial uses
2. Mineral extractions
3. Mineral extraction structures
4. Private sand and gravel extractions
5. Commercial sand and gravel extractions
6. Sawmills, chipping mills, pallet mills and similar wood using facilities
7. Forestry uses
8. Forestry use structures
9. Agricultural uses
10. Agricultural use structures
11. Private roads
12. Open space recreation uses
13. Hunting and fishing cabins and hunting and fishing and other private club structures
14. Public utility uses
15. Major public utility uses
16. Accessory uses and structures to any use classified as a compatible use

Secondary uses in industrial use areas:

1. Commercial uses
2. Agricultural service uses
3. Public and semi-public buildings
4. Municipal roads
5. Sewage treatment plants
6. Waste disposal areas
7. Junkyards