



**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY
THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY
WITH RESPECT TO TAYLOR POND MANAGEMENT COMPLEX
UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN**

January 10, 2013

WHEREAS, Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act directs the Department of Environmental Conservation to develop, in consultation with the Adirondack Park Agency, individual management plans for units of land classified in the Master Plan for Management of State Lands and requires such management plans to conform to the general guidelines and criteria of the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, in addition to such guidelines and criteria, the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan prescribes the contents of unit management plans and provides that the Adirondack Park Agency will determine whether a proposed individual unit management plan complies with such general guidelines and criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Conservation has prepared a unit management plan for State Lands in Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties which includes proposed management actions for the Taylor Pond Management Complex dated December, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Department has filed a SEQR Negative Declaration and published a notice in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on January 9, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Conservation is the lead agency, and the Adirondack Park Agency is an involved agency whose staff have been consulted in the preparation of the proposed plan; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is requested to determine whether the final Taylor Pond Management Complex Unit Management Plan, dated December, 2012, is consistent with the standards and guidelines of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park Agency has reviewed the proposed Taylor Pond Management Complex Unit Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Taylor Pond Complex Unit Management Plan recognizes the need to improve public use and enjoyment of the

area, avoid user conflicts and prevent overuse according to the guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan's objectives include providing reasonable public access where appropriate in order to provide visitors with recreational opportunities while minimizing resource impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Plan proposes formal adoption and management by the Department of the Catamount Mountain, Fay Mountain, Burnt Hills State Forest and the Casey Road Portage trails and to reroute trails as necessary to minimize resource impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Plan proposes the establishment of new trailheads and parking areas for Catamount Mountain, Poke-O-Moonshine Ranger Trail, Terry Mountain Mud Pond and Military Pond; and

WHEREAS, the Plan proposes four Group tent sites which will be made available by permit to a group of affiliated individuals and limited to a maximum group size of 12 at designated sites along water bodies; and

WHEREAS, the Plan proposes three additional primitive tent sites along the Northern Forest Canoe Trail, which crosses this unit, to increase recreational opportunities for paddlers and other recreationalists to camp; and

WHEREAS, the Plan proposes that the Department monitor the location and extent of key invasive plant species, train Department staff to identify and document the extent of invasive plants, and work with the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program to effectively manage and eradicate invasive plants; and

WHEREAS, the Plan identifies a management priority of increasing the understanding of the occurrence and distribution of wildlife species and their habitat as well as to monitor and inventory wildlife populations and their habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Plan identifies the Department's intention to manage for wildlife in Ausable Marsh and Wickham Marsh Wildlife Management Areas using forest management and other practices, but also the need to protect sensitive Class I wetlands and the rare species found in these habitats; and

WHEREAS, the Plan identifies the Department's intent to study the suitability of developing a trailered boat launch at Union Falls Pond;

WHEREAS, the Plan identifies the Department's intent to review and develop options for the construction of a Mountain Bike Trail System that would interconnect with other Units;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Adirondack Park Agency finds the Taylor Pond Management Complex Unit Management Plan, dated December, 2012, conforms with the general guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Adirondack Park Agency authorizes its Executive Director to advise the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation of the Agency's determination in this matter.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT: