



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Terry Martino
FROM: Jim Connolly
DATE: June 4, 2013
RE: Park Policy Committee Agenda Item

Jim McKenna and Bill Farber will be presenting background information on the Adirondack Partnership's Recreation Work Group. The work group is composed of multiple stakeholders from the tourism industry, business community, local officials, regional economic development organizations, recreational interests, environmental organizations, and State & regional agencies. The work group has been working for approximately a year's time to develop recommendations to initiate and enhance local and regional economic development opportunities related to the recreational potential of public lands and private initiatives within the Adirondack Park. The recommendations will be published and will be part of ongoing work to develop an economic strategy for the Park. As part of its deliberations, the Recreation Work Group developed a successful application to develop a comprehensive web portal for Adirondack Park recreational and tourism events and programs. The web portal project was awarded funding through the North Country Regional Economic Development Council.

The work group also helped to convene meetings of local officials from Minerva, North Hudson, Newcomb, Indian Lake and Long Lake to discuss recreational opportunities and classification recommendations for the former Finch lands recently acquired by the State from the Nature Conservancy.

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