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Development in the Adirondack Park (DAP) is an advisory publication written by Agency staff to provide guidance and assist project sponsors in designing proposals. The information in DAP is also generally applied by Agency staff after taking into account the specific facts and circumstances of each particular application. The purpose of DAP is to provide guidance while allowing for individual and professional creativity and innovation in project design.

DAP is intended to be an evolving document that is continually updated by Agency staff; however, it has not been revised since 1991. In an effort to reflect current practices and new technology and information, Agency staff have been working on a thorough overhaul.

Section 805 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act lists 37 development considerations that must be considered by the Agency during its review of the impacts of every proposed project. A brief description of several of these development considerations is found in section 574.5 of the Agency's regulations. As part of the updates to DAP, staff have completed a Development Considerations section, which provides additional explanation of each of the 37 considerations.

Staff have also authored three new Construction Guidelines, providing specific information about Lighting, Signs, and Historic Site Considerations. Work is continuing on additional Construction Guidelines, as well as a section on commercial, industrial, residential, recreational, and other project benefits.