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**TO:** Kathy Regan

**FROM:** Matthew Kendall

**DATE:** 1/7/2015

**RE:** MA2014-02 (Putnam-Moriah) FSEIS and Staff Recommendation

A landowner, Larry Putnam, has requested an amendment to the Official Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map in the Town of Moriah. The applicant has requested that an approximately 12.5 acre parcel of land be reclassified from its present classification of Resource Management to Moderate Intensity Use. Staff expanded the area to 20 acres to meet scale and boundary criteria.

The Agency accepted a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) at its October meeting. Staff conducted a public hearing on November 12 in the Town of Moriah in which four people attended, including two applicants and Tom Scozzafava, Moriah Town Supervisor, and the comment period ended November 24. Two attendees made comments for the record at the hearing, and one comment was received in writing and one was provided by telephone. Three comments, including those from the Town Supervisor on behalf of the Town Board, were in favor of the amendment. One comment from a landowner within the Proposed Map Amendment Area was not in favor on the amendment due to their desire for the area to remain at its current level of development.

Staff have prepared a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) and Draft Order, which is included in the mailing packet. This FSEIS includes comments that were received and contains a staff recommendation for the Preferred Alternative.

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Staff is recommending the Agency amend the 20 acre area, referred to in the DSEIS and FSEIS as the Proposed Map Amendment Area, from Resource Management to Moderate Intensity Use. Page 23 of the FSEIS describes the Preferred Alternative. The justification for staff's recommendation includes the suitability of natural resources, proximity to existing Hamlet areas and relatively new public drinking water infrastructure.