



**KAREN FELDMAN**  
Acting Chair

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Executive Director

**RESOLUTION  
ADOPTED BY THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY  
WITH RESPECT TO 2018 AMENDMENTS TO THE  
ADIRONDACK PARK STATE LAND MASTER PLAN  
INVOLVING TRAVEL CORRIDORS DEFINITION AND GUIDELINES**

**December 14, 2018**

**WHEREAS**, Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act (Executive Law, Article 27) provides that the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) should be reviewed periodically and may be amended and that any amendments shall be prepared by the Adirondack Park Agency (APA or Agency) in consultation with the Department of Environmental Conservation (Department or DEC) and submitted to the Governor for his approval after public hearings have been held on the amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, the APSLMP provides that amendments shall be effectuated in the same manner as its original adoption and should be subject to public hearings within and without the Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the APSLMP also provides that material changes to the guidelines for each classification constitutes a plan revision; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency adopted a Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (FPEIS) entitled, "Guidelines for Amending the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan," dated February 28, 1979, that sets forth the factors to be considered for the alteration of the guidelines for management and use set forth in each classification; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency and the Department entered into a Memorandum of Understanding Concerning the Implementation of the State Land Master Plan last dated March 2010 (MOU) providing procedures for consultation and consideration of proposed changes to the APSLMP; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency consulted with the Department as required by the MOU and has prepared recommendations for amendments to the APSLMP involving clarification of the travel corridors classification category definition and guidelines for management and use, and amendment of related provisions; and

**WHEREAS**, a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) was accepted by the Agency on March 8, 2018 pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), 6 NYCRR Part 617 and 9 NYCRR Part 586 with respect to the proposed amendments to the APSLMP; and

**WHEREAS**, the DSEIS presented six alternatives:

- take no action (Alternative 1);
- reclassify all or part of the Remsen-Lake Placid Railroad corridor (Alternative 2);
- create a new classification for the Remsen-Lake Placid Railroad Corridor and other rail corridors (Alternative 3);
- allow, but not require, a rail trail on any former railroad corridor or future railroad corridors owned by the state (Alternative 4);
- allow, but not require a rail trail only on the Tupper Lake-Lake Placid portion of the Remsen-Lake Placid Railroad Corridor (Alternative 5); or
- allow, but not require, rail and rail trail use in the Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor and future State-owned railroad corridors with existing rails (Alternative 6); and

**WHEREAS**, Alternative 6 is the Preferred Alternative and would revise the Travel Corridors definition and guidelines for management and use to allow, but not require, rail and rail trail use in the Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor and future State-owned railroad corridors with existing rails; and

**WHEREAS**, the Preferred Alternative would allow, but not require, the rails to be removed from any section of the Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor upon adoption of a unit management plan (UMP) by DEC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency held public hearings in Ray Brook, Old Forge, and Albany between April 11 and April 25, 2018 on the DSEIS and the proposed revisions to the APSLMP, which approximately 109 people attended with 32 speaking; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency accepted public comment on the DSEIS and the proposed amendments from March 8, 2018 through May 7, 2018 and received over 583 public comments by mail, fax and email; and

**WHEREAS**, public comments and responses are incorporated into the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement dated December 2018 (FSEIS); and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency consulted with DEC, the NYS Department of Transportation and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation (OPRHP) on the FSEIS and the proposed amendments to the APSLMP (Appendix A to the FSEIS); and

**WHEREAS**, the Remsen-Lake Placid Railroad Corridor, also known as the New York Central Railroad Adirondack Division Historic District, was designated to the New York State Register of Historic Places on March 11, 1993 and then to the National Register on December 23, 1993; and

**WHEREAS**, section 14.09 of the New York State Historic Preservation Law requires that a state agency give notice to and consult with OPRHP concerning the impact of any project that may or will cause any change, beneficial or adverse, in the quality of any historic, architectural, archeological, or cultural property that is listed on the national register of historic places or listed on the state register; and

**WHEREAS**, the OPRHP, by letter dated May 22, 2018, advised the Agency that "[r]egarding APA's Section 14.09 review for the current undertaking, it is the opinion of this Office that it will have no adverse impact on historic resources;" and

**WHEREAS**, the FSEIS and the proposed amendments to the APSLMP (Appendix A to the FSEIS) were presented to the Agency at its December 13-14, 2018 meeting pursuant to the Adirondack Park Agency Act § 816, the APSLMP, SEQRA, 6 NYCRR Part 617 and 9 NYCRR Part 586; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed action balances the environmental impacts, facts and conclusions discussed in the FSEIS with the related social and economic considerations.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the requirements under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 and 9 NYCRR Part 586, have been met; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the proposed amendments to the APSLMP are consistent with the FSEIS; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the FSEIS dated December 2018 with minor and ministerial corrections approved by the Agency on December 14, 2018 be accepted by the Agency; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Agency authorizes and directs the Executive Director to make non-substantive ministerial corrections to the FSEIS, to publish notice of the acceptance of the FSEIS in the Environmental Notice Bulletin, and to issue a Findings Statement and Decision in conformance with this Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, agencies and the public shall be afforded with an opportunity to consider the FSEIS consistent with the requirements of 6 NYCRR § 617.11(a) and 9 NYCRR § 586.14 and this decision will not be effective until ten calendar days from the date the notice of completion of the FSEIS is published in the Environmental Notice Bulletin (see 6 NYCRR 617.12(c)) and satisfies the applicable filing and distribution requirements in 6 NYCRR 617.12(b); and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Adirondack Park Agency recommends that the APSLMP amendments described in the Appendix A to the FSEIS dated December 2018, be approved by the Governor and the Acting Agency Chairwoman is authorized to forward the recommendations for revisions to the APSLMP to the Governor for his approval.

**Ayes**

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

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