



Adirondack Park Agency

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Barbara Rice, Executive Director

FROM: Megan Phillips, Deputy Director for Planning

DATE: August 3, 2023

RE: Staff Review of the 2023 Final Unit Management Plan for Broadalbin Boat Launch

State land staff have completed review of the proposed final draft of the 2023 Unit Management Plan (UMP) for Broadalbin Boat Launch. The Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) describes two types of intensive use areas – campgrounds and day use areas. Broadalbin Boat Launch offers day use facilities on the southeastern end of Great Sacandaga Lake, which is approximately 27,000 acres in size. Proposed management actions in the draft UMP include repurposing the existing bathing beach to provide additional hand launch opportunities; construction of an accessible pathway from the parking area to the lake and another pathway between the trailered boat ramp and the car-top launch; redesign of the parking area associated with the car-top boat launch; and shoreline restoration activities to prevent erosion on a lake where water levels fluctuate regularly.

Intensive use areas (IUAs) are described in the SLMP as developed sites that are designed to withstand intensive forms of outdoor recreation by the public. The proposed construction activities within the unit management plan minimize extensive topographic alterations and limit vegetative clearing. They will be carried out in a manner that preserves the scenic, natural and open space resources of the area. There are palustrine wetlands present within the intensive use area. Any proposed activity that may alter or adversely affect these resources will be the subject of consultation with the Agency.

The SLMP also offers guidelines and criteria specific to boat launching sites for trailered vessels. The proposed final UMP is consistent with these guidelines, including the requirements that boat launching sites only be provided on large lakes (>1,000 acres) where: other public and private facilities do not meet a demonstrated public need; the physical, biological, and social constraints of the water body are not exceeded; the site and attendant uses are compatible with the land classification and management guidelines; the site is located in a manner to avoid adverse impact to adjacent state and

private lands; and there are no material adverse impacts to the physical, biological or scenic resources of the water body and surrounding environs. Pages 4-6 of the proposed final UMP provide a thorough justification for how the proposed management actions comply with the aforementioned Master Plan requirements. None of the management actions being proposed will significantly alter the recreational use levels at the site.

It is the opinion of staff that the proposed final draft of the 2023 Unit Management Plan for the Broadalbin Boat Launch conforms to the general guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.