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(via electronic transmission)

Re: Draft Golden Beach Campground and Day-Use Area UMP

Dear Deputy Director of Planning Megan Phillips and Natural Resource Planner Josh Houghton,

The Adirondack Council thanks the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) for the opportunity to comment on the Golden Beach Draft Unit Management Plan (UMP) during this joint public comment period. The Adirondack Park is unique and irreplaceable, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure its protection and sustainable levels of use for current and future generations.

Unit Management Plans are a unique opportunity to create frameworks for the management of a unit's natural resources based on biological, physical and social characteristics, their carrying capacities, equitable access to resources, as well as imminent threats such as climate change. Climate impacts are inevitable, yet the plan does not consider climate in relation to wetlands impacts, carrying capacity of lakes, or forest management. The Council continues to urge APA and DEC to assess how their actions, as required by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, support or hinder the state's climate goals. In addition, we would like to emphasize the following environmental considerations:

- Corrections and Reclassifications: The draft UMP proposes 5.7 acres of Wild Forest to Intensive Use, 3.8 acres move from Wilderness to Intensive Use and 31.1 acres change from Intensive Use to Wild Forest. The Council supports the shift from Intensive Use to Wild Forest. There are several wetlands in that area that will certainly benefit from the increased protections afforded by the Wild Forest designation. It is apparent there is a buffer built into the re-classification. Please elaborate as to the buffer's width between Intensive Use and Wild Forest.

The mission of the Adirondack Council is to ensure the ecological integrity and wild character of the Adirondack Park for current and future generations.

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The Council would, however, appreciate clarification on the 3.8 acres of the Blue Ridge Wilderness to be reclassified as Intensive Use. It is clear that there is septic infrastructure present, pre-dating the APA. However, there is not a narrative that explains why the acreage for the leach field exists and a break-down of 1) what is currently in use, 2) what will be utilized in the future, and 3) any buffers. Please address this concern.

Past land reclassifications have followed a precedent of achieving a two-to-one or greater ratio of adding more strongly protected lands to the Forest Preserve. The Council continues to advocate that any land reclassifications have a net positive gain for wild spaces. Wilderness is a precious commodity, and the Council appreciates the nearly ten-to-one ratio of lands being proposed as Wild Forest. However, there must be emphasis that Wild Forest is not Wilderness and therefore these ratios must be in gross excess of typical reclassifications.

- Species and Habitat Narrative Missing: Unlike most UMPs, Golden Beach UMP is conspicuously missing a section describing the species and habitats present within the unit. The UMP must integrate this and not simply reference the Sargent Ponds Wild Forest UMP for wildlife or fisheries information, instead performing its own biological and natural resource inventory in order to prioritize protection of natural resources within the unit as DEC is tasked to “conserve, improve and protect New York's natural resources and environment,” not the campgrounds.
- Water Quality: The Council supports the removal of the boat launch and replacement with a hand launch. However, there must still be encouragement to Clean-Drain-Dry small watercrafts before hand launching to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.
- Wetlands: Wetlands play a critical ecological role as well as a climatic one. The UMP should include measures to safeguard the emergent and other wetlands present in and adjacent to the unit, prevent their degradation, and promote their restoration where necessary. The Sargent Ponds Wild Forest boundary should be expanded as much as possible to protect the wetlands present to the north of the active campground area.
- Minimizing Visual Impacts: The Council applauds the UMP’s minimization of the visual impacts of the utility lines.
- Carrying Capacity/Biological Carrying Capacity: Given the information present in the *Biological Carrying Capacity* section, it seems as though the campground is not operating within the physical, biological, and social carrying capacity of the site, as purported. In light of this, occupancy should be rotated throughout popular sites, allowing those sites to remain unoccupied during periods of rain and other increased compaction conditions whenever possible. This should be incorporated, if possible, into the campsite restoration project plan with other measures that mitigate overuse.
- Social Carrying Capacity: The Council would like to note that the inclusion of an annual survey to access campers’ perception of facility deterioration should not be conflated with a carrying capacity or user levels study. The annual survey has important data for maintenance purposes, but it does not scientifically identify the natural resources present and their ability to support “x” number of campers annually. The section should be corrected to be titled “Annual Camper Survey”, appropriate edits made to reference it as such, and the plan should include an intent to collect user levels annually.

Overall, the UMP is unusually light on details for a management plan. The Council urges the DEC to incorporate data beyond the camper survey to justify the management actions as laid out in the draft UMP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jackie Bowen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Jackie Bowen
Director of Conservation

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jess Grant". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized, with the first name being the most legible part.

Jess Grant
Conservation Associat

From: [Jeff Peneston](#)
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Mr. Houghton,

I just came back from a great week spent with my family at Golden Beach Campground. We have been camping there for years. My wife and I have been the directors of a non-profit children's summer camp for almost 40 years and so I understand how important it is to plan for the management of a property like this and how important it is to solicit input from long-time users.

I have reviewed the Draft UMP for the Golden Beach Campground and Day-Use Area and generally support its details, recommendations and action plan. However, I would like to make an additional recommendation. In light of the current and projected challenges with recruiting and retaining staff that employers everywhere are experiencing, you should consider improvements that would support hiring these critical seasonal staff. At Golden Beach last week there was evidence that some of the experienced long-time staff we have interacted with in the past have been replaced with inexperienced staff and this reflects some of the challenges that we have seen in the children's camping industry. I suggest that you include in your plan the provision of more housing for your seasonal staff. My wife and I have seen staff housing to be a critical component of park operations at many National Parks across the country and with the remote nature of Raquette Lake, staff housing would improve your ability to recruit and retain experienced staff. Currently, your plan to convert the old bath houses at Golden Beach into a pavilion makes sense, but a much less expensive option would be to renovate those old buildings into seasonal staff housing.

My family and I look forward to many more weeks camping at Golden Beach and it is exciting to think about the proposed improvements.

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Golden Beach is long overdue for a refurb!

General comment on ALL campgrounds... there is **NO EXCUSE** for storm water to sheet drain from roads into **ANY campsite!**

I camp often, all over the ADKs, and just about anytime there was rain, almost without exception, storm water has flowed and formed streams directly into the campsites, often rippling under tents, and/or pooling in center of sites. On my last trip to Limekiln, road runoff cut a 36" wide x 8" deep channel under my camper. Site across the street (at higher elevation) was not spared; being flooded under 4" to 5" of ponding!

I don't expect much when I pay for a camp site, just a picnic table, fireplace, and, for the site to **NOT** be a storm water detention basin.

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First, let me say that from observations over the last few years, the biggest deficiency is a lack of staff at the facility. This contributes to many of the deficiencies listed in the Draft.

Let me present additional replies below.

2b. Understanding the concept behind the restoration concept, why have some of the sites been closed for multiple years without any work being done to them? Closing additional sites when others are not restored and reopened would seem to be counter productive toward the desired attendance and revenue goals.

>Hazardous tree removal has been sporadic at best, and numerous “widowmakers” remain on a number of sites.

2c. Failure to meet expectations of guests is directly affected by the lack of staff which restricts maintenance and improvement opportunities.

2h. Numerous needs and opportunities exist that should be addressed with regard to ADA requirements.

In regard to Article IV. Proposed Management Actions:

2. Replacing the shower building and Comfort Station #1 with a single building will increase the shower availability while decreasing the already just adequate toilets/urinals to below required levels. Moving the available toilets/urinals to another location creates a situation similar to the undesirable situation listed as current with the shower house.

3. Demolishing 2 useable bathhouses and constructing an unnecessary pavilion would seem to be a waste of funds.

> Day use visitors who desire any type of shelter have historically (in recent years at least) brought their own shelter.

> Placing a pavilion in the current location of the bath houses would create an obstruction to what view of Raquette Lake exists due to the proliferation of trees in front of the proposed location. Improving the visibility would require removal of multiple trees, contrary to presented intent to retain natural surroundings and minimize tree removal. I would also question how much the pavilion would be utilized given that it is significantly removed from the beach area.

4. Replacement of the ticket booth is certainly is desirable, but not well invested without an improvement in staffing.

7. The proposed location for the new trailer dump station is a poor choice for a number of reasons. Placing the dump station in one of the busiest sections of the campground cannot help but create traffic problems, elimination of 10 campsites in one of the most popular areas of the campground would seem very counter-productive, placing the dumping location in the “middle” of the campground is certainly not a desirable situation from a camper’s standpoint, and I would seriously question the sanitary implications and health department certification qualification of this location.

10. Unless the lines are buried by boring, burial of the lines will require the removal or destruction of a significant number of trees. In addition, placement of the transformers at ground level in the vicinity of and accessible to children and accessible to vandals is asking for trouble.

12. Utility sinks at the comfort stations will likely not be utilized as intended. Campers will likely not make the trek to the utility sinks to dispose of gray water based on past experience. Unless these sinks are cleaned daily, they will attract wildlife in a similar fashion to that mentioned pertaining to camper disposal on the edge of campsites.

14. As mentioned previously, restoration does not accomplish desired results if more and more sites are closed without reopening previously closed sites. Restoration is a good thing, but without proper staffing much of the effort and expense for this and all other considerations will likely be for naught.

Sincerely,
Brian Moeller

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Five hours of generator time is excessive, and use during dinner time is a nuisance. Generators are mainly for recharging camper batteries, and four hours per day would be more than enough for this. Operation times should be 9 to 11 am, and 3 to 5 pm. An exception could be made during very hot weather, when use could be allowed from 6 to 7 pm for camper air conditioning, say if above 78 degrees at 6 pm. Also, only RV type generators should be allowed with maximum decibel limits. Construction type generators should be prohibited. Thank you for your consideration. Gerard A. Kachmor, DEC Forester, retired, 98 Monkey Run Road, Port Crane, NY 13833. phone: (607) 693-3328 home, (607) 727-8053 cell.

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Re: Golden Beach Unit Management Plan

Dear Mr. Houghton:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft plan. Several friends and I have camped nearly every year at Golden Beach for the past 30 plus years. I have always found the staff to be top notch and very helpful. I have the following concerns about the proposals.

I am disappointed at the proposed removal of the bathhouses near the beach. When they were open years ago, they served as privacy for clothes-changing. After they were locked, I believe due to disrepair, people would hang towels around the covered entryways to change in private, as is the case today. I disagree that the need to change in private has "changed" as stated in the plan. Also, I don't remember a toilet in the bathhouse as is implied in the plan. If possible, please either restore or rebuild the bathhouses.

If a new registration booth is built, please maintain the two-lane entry side. Campers already registered can show their receipt, and proceed through the outside lane while new arrivals block the inside lane to register. Also, it is desirable to have a two-lane width for exiting. The inside lane is for exiting campers while the outside lane has been used as a very short-term pull-off for buying ice or wood.

Finally, there is a hazardous condition at the southwest corner of the parking lot. After rain, slippery black silt collects there, likely from the short-term flooding of the lawn between the lot and the beach. In 2015, a family member suffered a serious brain injury after sliding and falling on this mud. If possible, please mitigate this hazardous situation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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DEAR Sirs:

THANK YOU for SENDING me the MASTER PLAN for Golden Beach.

First of all let me tell you that I STARTED CAMPING AT Golden Beach when I WAS 11 months old and camping WAS FREE AND I will BE 77 yrs young next week.

ALTHOUGH we havNt camped there since 2019, we still rent a local cabin and visit the campers we have met over the years.

I DO AGREE with most of your plans, HOWEVER I HAVE to DISAGREE with plans to REMOVE 10 sites in the center loop for a DUMP STATION.

I know campers that have reserved these sites for years & years & years and look forward to being on those sites

ONE OF THEM will BE 89 NEXT SEASON AND HER CHILDREN & grand children RESERVE sites around the loop to HELP & KEEP AN EYE ON HAR's

NOBODY WANTS to CAMP on the outside of that circle and watch trailers AT A DUMP STATION.

I would think the more likely PLACE would BE ON top near the existing STATION or NEAR sites →

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#2, #4 & #6 on there way out of the Park like most CAMPGROUNDS, YES, more WATER faucets ARE NEEDED, AND SITES NEED TO BE RESTORED AND FIREPLACES NEED TO BE REPLACED WITH SIMILAR CONCRETE FIREPLACES, NOT STEEL RINGS,

THE ORIGINAL STONE FIREPLACES BUILT BY THE C.C.C. IN THE 1930s LASTED MORE THAN 50+ YEARS BECAUSE IT WAS THE RIGHT CONCRETE. THESE SITES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE PRIMITIVE SITES AND CAMPERS AT GOLDEN BEACH ARE USED TO SITTING AROUND A FIREPLACE (NOT A STEEL RING WHICH ARE NOT ONLY AN EYESORE, THEY ARE A TRIPPING HAZZARD AS WELL.

TREE THAT HAVE BEEN CUT DOWN ARE JUST LAYING THERE IN 4 OR 5 FOOT LENGTHS AND STUMPS HAVE BEEN LEFT ON SITES AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN GROUND.

I ALREADY KNOW OF 3 OR 4 SITES THAT HAVE HAD SIGNS ON THEM TO BE REDONE AND HAVNT BEEN USED FOR A LEAST 3 YEARS SO THEY JUST SIT THERE UNUSED!

NO LAWNS HAVE BEEN MOWED, NO WEED-EATING, NO LIFE GUARDS? THE DOCK WASNT EVEN PUT IN THIS YEAR, SO I GUESS THE FIRST THING YOU NEED IS SOMEONE WHO KNOWS HOW TO WORK!

Sincerely,
DAVE WOLCOFF



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Re: Draft Unit Management Plans for Rollins Pond and Golden Beach
Intensive Use Areas

Dear Mr. Houghton:

Protect the Adirondacks has reviewed the draft Unit Management Plan (UMP) prepared by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for the Rollins Pond and Golden Beach Intensive Use Areas noticed in the August 16, 2023 Environmental Notice Bulletin. We welcome the opportunity to review and comment on these draft UMPs during the DEC's review process.

Rollins Pond campground was opened in 1955 and Golden Beach campground was opened in 1931. Thus, both campgrounds were developed and opened prior to adoption of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP). Accordingly, there was no consideration of APSLMP requirements or modern planning principles when these two campgrounds were designed. However, as discussed in detail below, the APSLMP imposes strict standards for the modification or upgrade of existing facilities, and those standards are not reflected in either of the UMPS. Consequently, neither UMP complies with the APSLMP.

Moreover, we believe that DEC must evaluate closure of the Rollins Pond campground so that recreational overuse of Rollins Pond can be addressed and the campground lands reclassified from Intensive Use to Wild Forest.

Neither UMP Complies With the APSLMP

The APSLMP states that the Guidelines for Management and Use of Intensive Use include:

1. Providing opportunities for camping “in a setting and on a scale that are in harmony with the relatively wild and undeveloped character of the Adirondack Park”.
2. “All intensive use facilities should be located, designed and managed so as to blend with the Adirondack environment and to have the minimum adverse impact possible on surrounding state lands and nearby private holdings. They will not be situated where they will aggravate problems on lands already subject to or threatened by overuse”.
3. “Construction and development activities . . . will . . . limit vegetative clearing; and preserve the scenic, natural and open space resources of the intensive use area”.
4. “Any new, reconstructed or relocated buildings or structures located on shorelines of lakes, ponds . . . **will be set back a minimum of 150 feet (campsites shall be 100 feet) from the mean high water mark** and will be located so as to be reasonably screened from the water body to avoid intruding on the natural character of the shoreline and the public enjoyment and use thereof”.
5. “All campgrounds will be of a rustic nature without utility hookups and other elaborate facilities . . . All facilities and appurtenances are to be constructed of natural materials to the fullest extent possible so as to blend with the natural environment”.
6. “The maximum size of future campgrounds in the Park will be in the range of **75 to 150** individual camping sites”.
7. “The **older, existing campgrounds will** be rehabilitated and reconstructed . . . to reflect modern site planning principles that will better blend the facilities with the environment and **comply with the provisions of [the APSLMP]**”.

The draft UMPs for the Rollins Pond and Golden Beach do not comply with these key provisions of the APSLMP. Since the campgrounds were originally created and opened some 92 to 68 years ago, before 1972, they were not planned in accordance with the APSLMP, which was adopted in 1972. Modern planning must be used to ensure that the campgrounds and all of their facilities are “located, designed and managed so as to blend with the Adirondack environment and to have the minimum adverse impact possible on surrounding state lands”.

The proposals within the two draft UMPs include 286 camping sites at Rollins Pond, and 204 camping sites at Golden Beach. These numbers are 90% and 30%, respectively, greater than the maximum number of campsites allowed by the APSLMP. The number of camping sites at the two campgrounds must be reduced to bring them into compliance with the APSLMP. Notably, the draft UMPs state that there are vacancies at the campgrounds. The vacancies indicate that the campgrounds have an excess number of campsites and should be reduced in size and the number of campsites.

In addition, the draft UMPs need to involve more plans and proposals, such as removing campsites that are more distant from the most intense area of the campgrounds, adding more vegetative plantings and the elimination of pavement, to make the “facilities . . . blend with the natural environment”, “to reflect modern site planning principles that will better blend the facilities with the environment”, and that “preserve the scenic, natural and open space resources

of the intensive use area”. For instance, at the Rollins Pond campground, sites 141 through 258 should be removed. Additionally, the campgrounds should not be designed to accommodate 40-foot-long recreational vehicles. Sites that are big enough for vehicles of that size and type do not “blend with the natural environment”, they are “customarily provided by private campgrounds”, and they could compete with private campgrounds with more elaborate facilities, which is discouraged by the APSLMP. APSLMP pp. 41-42.

The UMPs should make proposals (e.g., removing or relocating structures, privies, sewage systems, or campsites, and adding vegetative screening) to ensure that there will be no “new, reconstructed or relocated buildings or structures” located within 150 feet of the shorelines or within 100 feet of wetlands, that there will be no campsites within 100 feet of the shorelines, and that all buildings, structures and campsites are screened from the water to protect “the natural character of the shoreline and the public enjoyment and use thereof”.

Carrying Capacity

A carrying capacity study must be conducted for these two units to ensure that the ability of the lands and waters to withstand various uses, and the public’s experiences, are not overwhelmed or degraded. This is particularly important for these two units given that they have the potential to be “threatened by overuse” due to their use as campgrounds for thousands of campers. APSLMP p. 11. We are pleased to see that some discussion of carrying capacity is included in the draft UMPs, and that problems (“opportunities for solitude may be limited”) and some negative impacts are anticipated to be reduced as a result of management actions proposed in the UMPs. However, the draft UMPs do not actually assess whether the carrying capacity, particularly the biological carrying capacity, of the areas have been or will be exceeded. The draft UMPs need to contain a more in-depth “assessment of the physical, biological and social carrying capacity of the area with particular attention to portions of the area threatened by overuse in light of its resource limitations”. APSLMP p. 11.

In addition, the APSLMP states that boat launching sites in Intensive Use areas will only be provided on lakes where “the physical, biological and social carrying capacity of the lake, or a portion of the lake . . . will not be exceeded”. APSLMP p. 43. We support the proposal in the Golden Beach UMP to replace the boat launch with a hand launch¹, and we suggest that the same be proposed for the Rollins Pond campground boat launch. The draft Rollins Pond UMP does not contain any indication that the resources and ecosystems of the area will not be adversely impacted by the proposal to retain the existing boat launch. In the absence of a carrying capacity study relating to the waters of Rollins Pond, motorized boats should not be permitted at the Rollins Pond boat launch. This management action would help to ensure that invasive species do not enter Rollins Pond or Whey Pond.

¹ We suggest that barriers be added to ensure that motor boats are not launched at the new hand launch site.

Alternatives Must be Analyzed and Described in the UMPs

The two draft UMPs imply (p. iii) that alternatives were considered, but there must be an analysis of alternative management actions set forth in the draft UMP. Given the use of the Rollins Pond campground in conjunction with the nearby Fish Creek campground, the Rollins Pond UMP should evaluate as an alternative the closure of the Rollins Pond campground at a point in the future. The Fish Creek campground is a large campground that already provides public access to the same areas.

The Rollins Pond UMP indicates (pp. 1, 3) that the campground was originally opened with 35 campsites, and then expanded, to “meet the increasing need for campsites at neighboring Fish Creek Pond Campground”. Since camping attendance at this campground is trending down overall (excepting 2021 and 2022, likely due to the pandemic), DEC must at least evaluate a reduction in the number of campsites that would reduce the adverse impacts on the surrounding State lands.

We oppose the proposal to allow “extended camping permits” at the Rollins Pond campground (UMP p. 29). There is no indication of how long the “extended camping permits” would allow people to camp at the campground, and there are no details about how DEC plans to prevent campers from constructing permanent structures on the sites, or how it plans to manage evicting people from the campground if they overstay their extended reservation. Again, since camping occupancy is trending down, and there is an average of 64% occupancy of the campground, DEC should consider reducing the number of campsites by 50% at the Rollins Pond campground.

Reclassification of Lands

Again, the UMP should evaluate the option of closing Rollins Pond campground and reclassifying these lands as Wild Forest. Short of closure, the Rollins Pond UMP should consider closing the northern half of the campground and reclassifying those lands as Wild Forest. In either event, the UMP should clearly state the acreage of land that is proposed to be reclassified to Wild Forest and the acreage of land that is proposed to be reclassified to Intensive Use.

Also, Exhibit 15 shows a portion of land at the far northern end of the campground as proposed for reclassification from Wild Forest to Intensive Use, but that is not explained in the text of the draft UMP at page 27. The reclassification on the map appears to be related to the proposed foot trail to connect to the Adirondack Rail Trail Corridor described on page 28 of the UMP. We oppose any proposal to expand the footprint of the campground to the north, and we oppose the reclassification of that portion of land from Wild Forest to Intensive Use. The Saranac Lakes Wild Forest UMP already proposed a trail in that location and did not propose reclassification of the lands to Intensive Use. There is no justification to do so when the remainder of that area to the north is classified Wild Forest, with the exception of the Remsen Lake Placid Travel Corridor.

With respect to the Golden Beach UMP, we support reclassification of 31.1 acres to Wild Forest. In addition, we suggest that DEC consider reclassifying to Wild Forest all of the lands south of campsites 207 & 208.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Protect the Adirondacks, please accept our gratitude for the opportunity to share our comments on these draft UMPs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claudia K. Braymer".

Deputy Director

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Hello Josh,

Please find attached comments from the New York State Snowmobile Association for the Rollins Pond and Golden Beach Campground and Day Use Area unit management plans.

Thank you

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To: Megan Phillips, Deputy Director

Ms Phillips, the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board seeks to comment on both Rollins Pond and Golden Beach Campsite Unit Management Plans.

Local government is supportive of upgrading these facilities. What was apparent from the presentations, is, these Administrative areas were improperly mapped at the time of the adoption of the Adirondack Park Act. As these campgrounds were in existence prior to the APA Act, Local Government is supportive of changing these boundaries of the Administrative use areas of Rollins Pond and Golden Beach.

What we believe was missing in these presentations was the reasons for removing some of the Administrative use area in these Campgrounds. We believe the public should know why these areas are being removed. It was explained in great detail why these boundary changes should be made to the areas that clearly were not properly mapped 50 years ago. No time was given in the presentations, for why the areas being removed were not appropriate. In the spirit of transparency, the people of the State of New York should hear why these areas no longer belong being classified as Administrative Use.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Gerald Delaney

Executive Director