



**Adirondack
Park Agency**

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

BARBARA RICE
Executive Director

**DRAFT RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY
WITH RESPECT TO THE 2024 UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE GOLDEN
BEACH CAMPGROUND AND DAY USE AREA**

February 8, 2024

WHEREAS, Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act (APA Act) directs the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to develop, in consultation with the Adirondack Park Agency (Agency), individual management plans for units of land classified in the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) and requires such management plans to conform to the guidelines and criteria of the APSLMP; and

WHEREAS, in addition to such guidelines and criteria, the APSLMP prescribes the contents of unit management plans (UMPs) and provides that the Agency will determine whether a proposed individual UMP complies with such guidelines and criteria; and

WHEREAS, in August 1990, the DEC adopted the Final Generic UMP and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for campgrounds and day-use areas (1990 Generic UMP/EIS) which provides information on the environmental setting, inventory of facilities, organizational structure, issues, constraints, management objectives, and effects for campgrounds and day-use areas in both the Adirondack and Catskill Parks; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the DEC amended the 1990 Generic UMP/EIS to authorize firewood storage buildings in campgrounds and day-use areas; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the DEC amended the 1990 Generic UMP/EIS to authorize electric vehicle charging stations at campgrounds and day-use areas; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the DEC amended the 1990 Generic UMP/EIS to authorize watercraft decontamination facilities at campgrounds and day-use areas; and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2023, DEC presented the Draft 2023 Unit Management Plan to the Agency and the Agency authorized a joint public comment period on the Draft 2022 Unit Management Plan from August 18, 2023, through September 18, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the DEC and Agency received ten written comments during its public comment period and received 192 responses to the online feedback survey; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Final 2024 Unit Management Plan proposes to replace existing infrastructure, rehabilitate roads, replace the trailer dumping station, rehabilitate the water and sewage systems, bury overhead electric lines, add utility sinks to all comfort stations, plant trees and shrubs, reclassify lands per APSLMP guidelines, and restore campsites; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Final 2024 Unit Management Plan proposes activities consistent with those contemplated in the amended 1990 Generic UMP/EIS such that no further SEQRA steps are needed; and

WHEREAS, in January 2024, Agency Board Members determined that proposed reclassifications of certain state lands to Intensive Use would classify such lands according to their characteristics and capacity to withstand use based on the criteria set forth in the APSLMP; and

WHEREAS, the Agency Chairperson has recommended to the Governor amendments to the APSLMP that reflect the proposed reclassification of such lands to Intensive Use; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 7 of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), DEC and the Agency have taken climate change, greenhouse gas emissions limits, and the CLCPA into consideration, and find that the proposed UMP is not inconsistent with the attainment of the state's greenhouse gas emissions limits; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2024, the DEC presented the Proposed Final 2024 Unit Management Plan to the Agency and Agency staff made a presentation recommending that the Proposed Final 2024 Unit Management Plan conforms with the guidelines and criteria of the APSLMP; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has considered the Proposed Final 2024 Unit Management Plan, the August 17, 2023, and February 8, 2024, staff presentations, comments received by the public, and the deliberations of Agency Board Members and designees at the Agency's February 8, 2024 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, and contingent upon the Governor's approval of the recommended amendments to the APSLMP to reclassify certain lands as Intensive Use, the Agency finds that the Proposed Final Unit Management Plan for the Golden Beach Campground and Day-Use Area, dated February 2024, conforms with the guidelines and criteria of the APSLMP; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Agency authorizes its Executive Director to advise the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation of the Agency's determination in this matter.

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstentions:

Absent: