



**DRAFT RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE 2024 UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE LAKE GEORGE BEACH AND BATTLEFIELD PARK INTENSIVE USE AREA**

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 September 1981, the DEC adopted the Lake George Beach and Battlefield Park UMP; and

**WHEREAS**, the APSLMP identifies Fort George & Battleground as an illustrative special management area for its historic value; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project conforms to the basic guidelines for Intensive Use Areas and will avoid material alteration of wetlands, minimize extensive topographic alterations, limit vegetative clearing, and preserve the scenic, natural and open space resources of the intensive use area; and

**WHEREAS**, the plan proposes planting of native trees, shrubs, and other vegetation to help the site blend with the relatively wild and undeveloped character of the Adirondack Park; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 7 of New York State's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), the Agency has considered climate change and the state's climate goals and finds that the Proposed Final 2024 Unit Management Plan Amendment is not inconsistent with, and will not interfere with, the attainment of the state's greenhouse gas emissions limits; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, DEC presented the Draft 2024 Unit Management Plan Amendment to the Agency and the Agency authorized a joint public

comment period on the Draft 2024 Unit Management Plan Amendment from January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, through February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the DEC and Agency received forty-one comments during its public comment period with no comments related to APSLMP conformance; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the DEC presented the Proposed Final 2024 Unit Management Plan Amendment to the Agency and Agency staff made a presentation recommending that the Proposed Final 2024 Unit Management Plan Amendment conforms with the guidelines and criteria of the APSLMP; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency has considered the Proposed Final 2024 Unit Management Plan Amendment, the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 staff presentations, comments received by the public, and the deliberations of Agency Board Members and designees at the Agency's April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Agency finds that the Proposed Final Unit Management Plan Amendment for the Lake George Beach and Battlefield Park Intensive Use Area, dated April 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: