



DRAFT RESOLUTION

OF THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE ADIRONDACK PARK STATE LAND MASTER PLAN

September 12, 2024

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 her 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 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 classification of recent acquisitions and the alteration of introductory guidelines, guidelines for management and use, area descriptions, definitions of existing classifications, and facility definitions.

WHEREAS, the APSLMP provides criteria for classifying state lands within the Adirondack Park according to their characteristics and capacity to withstand use; and

WHEREAS, the Department has acquired approximately 585 acres of land in the Town of Jay in Essex County; and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Agency and the Department Concerning Implementation of the State Land Master Plan for the Adirondack Park, (MOU) provides 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 which constitute a periodic review of the entire plan; and

WHEREAS, Agency staff presented a summary of the proposed amendments package to the Agency Board at its September 12, 2024 meeting and defined the action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, Agency staff determined the action to be a Type I action under APA Rules and Regulations (9 NYCRR 586.5(a)(6)(iv));

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Agency staff are authorized to initiate a coordinated review pursuant to the SEQRA (6 NYCRR Part 617), Agency regulations (9 NYCRR Part 586), and the FPEIS, and to inform potential involved agencies to the action and seek lead agency status with respect to the proposed amendments package; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Agency staff are authorized to conduct at least two public hearings and hold a sixty-day public comment period on the proposed amendments package; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Agency staff will summarize written and verbal comments and present these and a proposed final amendments package to the Board at a future meeting.

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstentions:

Absent: