

# Cranberry Lake Public Campground

## 2024 Amendment to the 2016 UMP

September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

# Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan Conformance Review

# Guidelines for Management and Use – Basic Guidelines (APSLMP at 41)

Primary management guideline will be to provide:

- public opportunities for recreation
- in a setting and scale in harmony with the relatively wild and undeveloped character of the Adirondack Park

# Guidelines for Management and Use – Basic Guidelines (APSLMP at 41)

All intensive use facilities should be located, designed and managed:

- to blend with the Adirondack environment;
- to have minimum adverse impact on surrounding state and private lands

# Guidelines for Management and Use – Basic Guidelines (APSLMP at 41 & 42)

Construction and development activities will:

- avoid material alteration of wetlands;
- minimize extensive topographic alterations;
- limit vegetative clearing;
- preserve the scenic, natural and open space resources of the intensive use area.

# Guidelines for Management and Use: Campgrounds (APSLMP at 42 & 43)

- Rustic nature
- Natural character
- Natural materials
- Shoreline setbacks



# Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan – Public Comments

# Comment: Playgrounds are not identified as a conforming structure in Intensive Use Areas (IUAs).

- APSLMP does not list conforming structures or improvements for IUAs
- 1990 Unit Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for Campgrounds and Day-Use Areas Volume I (GEIS) does.
- “DEC operated public campgrounds and day-use areas which have been inventoried, in this generic UMP document, demonstrate that classified intensive use areas afford to the public an opportunity for: family group camping; organized swimming; access to waterways for boating and fishing; non-consumptive and consumptive use of wildlife resources; facilitate hiking; selective use of rustic playgrounds, exercise courses, nature trails, sports center areas; and picnicking.”



# Comment: The draft UMPA does not comply with the APSLMP's Guidelines for Management and Use of Intensive Use Areas.

- playground structure consists mainly of natural materials to the greatest extent possible, uses natural colors, and is designed to blend with the relatively wild and undeveloped character of the Adirondack Park
- location consists mainly of an existing paved parking lot
- activities avoid material alteration of wetlands, require no extensive topographic alterations or tree cutting, and will utilize existing developed areas to preserve the scenic, natural and open space resources of the IUA
- set back greater than 150 feet from the mean high-water mark of Cranberry Lake and is reasonably screened from the water body

**Comment: The campground has over 150 sites in violation of the SLMP. The campground must be “rehabilitated and reconstructed” to ensure that it and all of its facilities have the minimum adverse impact possible on surrounding state lands.**

- “The maximum size of *future* campgrounds in the Park will be in the range of 75-150 individual camping sites depending on site constraints, resource considerations and impacts on nearby lands.”
- Cranberry Lake Public Campground opened prior to the adoption of the APSLMP in 1972
- APSLMP does not mandate closure of campsites or a campground as a whole

# Staff Recommendation

The proposed final 2024 Cranberry Lake Public Campground Unit Management Plan Amendment conforms to the general guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.



# Questions?