

# NEW YORK STATE

# ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY



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Chairwoman Leilani Crafts Ulrich

Annual Report

# 2012

## Message from the Chairwoman



**Chairwoman  
Leilani Crafts Ulrich**



Above: Chairwoman Ulrich welcomes Newcomb Town Supervisor George Canon and Former APA Board Member Peter Paine to the 40th anniversary celebration of the State Land Master Plan.

At Right:

Chairwoman Ulrich (left) along with Senator Little (right) join Keene Valley Fire Department members during a Governor Cuomo event to announce state grant funds to help replace the Keene Fire Department's firehouse which was destroyed by Tropical Storm Irene.

Cover: The 2012 Common Ground Alliance meeting in Long Lake, Hamilton County.

With the conclusion of my first full year as Adirondack Park Agency Chairwoman, I remain amazed by the energy and dedication put forth by staff and Board members on behalf of the Adirondack Park. We entered the year with a full board and later welcomed new designees from Empire State Development and the Department of Environmental Conservation. We are thankful to Governor Cuomo for his decisive action to ensure the Board was fully appointed to address the many complicated issues and projects that came before us.

This is an exciting time for the Adirondacks. Now more than ever, leaders in the Park are crossing lines of division to work together for the common good. Dialogue is leading to progress – historic patterns of often heated interaction have been replaced with a willingness to collaborate to improve the economic outlook for Park communities while staying true to the APA Act.

Local and county governments, environmental groups and state agencies are standing together to fight the destructive power of invasive species. Fisheries experts are working with town boards to advance culvert design and stream crossings in order to withstand the severe weather events which have recently impacted our region. Stakeholders with diverse interests forged alliances in an effort to realize the positive impacts of a regional planning approach for tourism and recreation. Volunteer groups in cooperation with state agencies and local communities are building trail networks. The scenario goals of a usable and sustainable Park are within reach!

The Adirondack Park is benefiting from Governor Cuomo's substantial support. Throughout the year, APA staff assisted the Governor's Regional Economic Development Councils. We joined in the excitement that spread across the region when the North Country Council, a Best Plan Awardee in 2011, repeated as a Top Performer in 2012 and numerous other Adirondack Park projects located in the Mohawk Valley and Capital District Council regions were funded.

We were honored to have Empire State Development President Ken Adams provide the Local Government Day keynote address which highlighted the Governor's message that Adirondack communities are Open for Business! And we remain grateful for the Governor's continued commitment to municipalities hard hit by Tropical Storm Irene. The year concluded with the extraordinary acquisition by the State of 69,000 acres of former Finch lands from The Nature Conservancy. This is the largest single addition to the Adirondack State Forest Preserve in more than a century.

I am truly honored and humbled to serve the Adirondack Park at this moment in time. We live, work and recreate in one of the world's greatest treasures. I eagerly look forward to another productive year. With strong partnerships, we will accomplish great things.



## Message from the Executive Director



**Executive Director  
Terry Martino**



Above: Executive Director Martino along with military veterans Thomas (left) and Valentino (right) display US flag which was flown in the Agency's honor aboard a C-27J Spartan aircraft during a combat mission in Afghanistan.

At Right: From Left - APA Executive Director Terry Martino, Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages President Brian Towers, Essex County Board of Supervisors Chairman Randy Douglas, APA Chairwoman Leilani Ulrich, Empire State Development President Ken Adams and DEC Region 5 Director Robert Stegemann promote that Adirondack Park communities as gateways to the Forest Preserve are Open for Business. Photo taken at the 2012 Local Government Day.

Two major projects bookended a demanding 2012. In January, the Board approved the Adirondack Club and Resort proposal and voted in December to authorize the Essex County Communications project. The Regulatory Program Division helped showcase the extent of Agency expertise in successfully permitting 287 projects. Across all divisions our commitment to diligence, fairness and respect for the laws we administer and the public we serve is our highest priority.

The catastrophic weather event Sandy – a little more than one-year post Irene, emphasized the need to understand climate change. This year we were honored to partner with Dr. Jodi Hilty from the Wildlife Conservation Society, Dr. Schlesinger from the NYS Natural Heritage Program, and Dr. Curt Stager, from Paul Smith's College, to help raise public awareness. The benefits for municipalities from planning and adapting to weather trends were detailed by the Wild Center during their "AdkCap Program" presentation.

In June, the Agency celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. In recognition, the Board convened a panel of distinguished individuals who were involved in the development and implementation of the Master Plan. In addition, the Board passed a resolution stating "the Adirondack Park serves as a conservation model of how people, communities, wilderness and open space coexist for the benefit of Adirondack Park residents, its 103 towns and villages, and all New Yorkers..."

Governor Cuomo's historic announcement of the Finch lands acquisition accentuated the importance of the State Land Master Plan and advanced New York's proud tradition of land preservation. His leadership ensures the preservation of incredible natural resources and opens new world class recreational opportunities. The linkage of these wild lands to Park communities will contribute significantly to the region's economy, its people, businesses and quality of life.

Long serving staff members John Banta and Daniel Spada retired in 2012. Their contributions to the betterment of the Park are significant. Mr. Banta and Mr. Spada will be missed but we greatly appreciate the fact they left the Agency with a strong team. I am pleased that throughout all divisions staff have a tremendous depth in technical, legal, and planning expertise.

In 2012, the Agency successfully managed day-to-day activities while engaging opportunities and opposing threats that will define the communities and wild landscape of the Park's future. As we look to 2013, the 40th Anniversary of the Land Use and Development Plan, we are strengthened in our commitment to build upon the great legacy of public and private land protection that is the foundation of our work.



## About the Adirondack Park

Celebrated during the Adirondack Park Centennial as a “place of people and natural wonder,” the Park has a legacy dating back to 1892 when it was created by the State of New York amid concerns about water and timber resources. The Adirondack Park represents a story of conservation—of how people, communities, wilderness and open space can coexist—for the more than 6 million acres of land that comprise the park.

The heart of the [Adirondack Park](#) is the Forest Preserve which was created by an act of the New York State Legislature in 1885. Through Article 14 of the New York State Constitution, the Forest Preserve lands are constitutionally protected: “The lands now or hereafter constituting them shall be forever kept as wild forest lands. They shall not be sold, nor shall they be leased or taken by any person or corporation public or private.”

The mix of State and private lands is an underlying characteristic of the Adirondack Park. Comprised of 103 towns and villages, the Park includes diverse communities with unique Main Streets, farms, small businesses, working forests, open space, and a range of services and products. The abundance of nature-based tourism and world-class outdoor recreational opportunities, combined with the character and appearance of its public and private lands, make the Park notably different from most other rural areas. The Park offers an unparalleled small town quality and room for businesses within its towns and villages that are gateways to public lands.

The Park represents one-fifth of New York’s land area and has the largest publicly protected area in the contiguous United States—comparable in size to the State of Vermont. The Park is home to 132,000 residents and boasts more than 10,000 lakes, 30,000 miles of rivers and streams, and a wide variety of habitats including wetlands and old-growth forests recognized for their ecological significance. Situated within a day’s drive of nearly 85 million people, the Park is well positioned to offer its unique blend of wilderness solitude, outdoor recreation and community life to the millions of visitors who in increasing numbers see the Park as a unique travel destination. The blend of public and private lands provides the Adirondack Park with a unique diversity found nowhere else.



Above: Backcountry skiers ascend new slide created by Tropical Storm Irene on Saddleback Mountain in the High Peaks Wilderness.

At Right: Parts of the Essex Chain of Lakes which were purchased from The Nature Conservancy in 2012 for inclusion to the Forest Preserve. This property is located in the towns of Minerva and Newcomb, Essex County.

From closest: Fifth Lake, Fourth Lake and Third Lake. Third Lake is one of only 19 lakes larger than 250 acres wholly surrounded by Forest Preserve within the entire six million acre Adirondack Park.

Photo credit The Nature Conservancy/Adirondack Chapter.



# About the Adirondack Park Agency

The [Adirondack Park Agency](#) (APA) was created in 1971 by the New York State Legislature with the mission to protect the public and private resources within the “Blue Line” of the Adirondack Park through the exercise of the powers and duties of the Agency as provided by law. The basic purpose of the [APA Act](#) is “to insure optimum overall conservation, development and use of the unique scenic, aesthetic, wildlife, recreational, open space, historic, ecological and natural resources of the Adirondack Park.”

The Agency works to balance the complementary needs of all the people of the State for the preservation of the Park’s resources and open space character with the needs of the Park’s permanent, seasonal and transient populations for growth and service areas, employment, and a strong diversified economic base. To achieve its mission the Agency administers two regional land use plans: the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) for State lands and the Adirondack Park Private Land Use and Development Plan for private lands. These documents classify State and private lands according to their characteristics and capacity to sustain use.

In the [State Land Master Plan](#), State lands are classified in one of the following categories: Wilderness, Primitive, Canoe, Wild Forest, Intensive Use, Historic and State Administrative. The APSLMP establishes policy for the management of these lands and was developed in cooperation with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) with approval by the Governor. DEC is charged with the care and custody of the Forest Preserve .

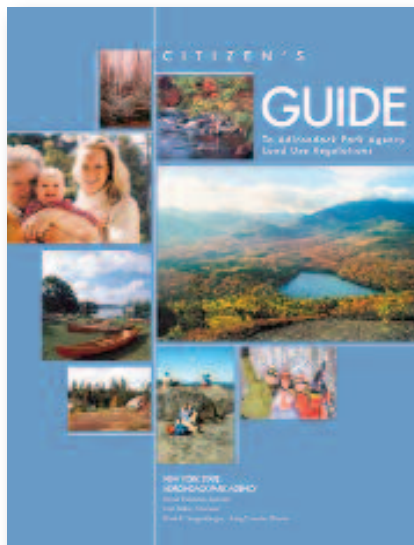
The [Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan](#) (APLUDP) applies to private land use and development in the Park. The plan defines Agency jurisdiction and is designed to conserve the Park’s natural resources and open-space character by directing and clustering development to minimize impact. Through the plan, all private lands are mapped into six land use classifications: Hamlet, Moderate Intensity Use, Low Intensity Use, Rural Use, Resource Management and Industrial Use. The Agency has limited jurisdiction in Hamlet areas, extensive jurisdiction in Resource Management areas, and various degrees of jurisdiction within the other land use classifications.

The Agency also administers two other statutes which define jurisdiction within the Park: the State Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers System Act for private lands and the State Freshwater Wetlands Act for both the Park’s public and private lands. The Agency’s administration of these statutes integrates the State’s goals of preserving river areas and wetlands with the closely related purposes of the APSLMP and Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan.

Agency programs include: Administration, Economic Services, Regulatory Programs, Park Planning, Local Government Services, State Land, Resource Analysis and Scientific Services, and Legal Services. Staff members are multi-disciplined and dedicated to the Agency’s mission— all staff members are park residents living in various towns and villages.



APA Headquarters are located at the NY State Office Complex in the hamlet of Ray Brook between Saranac Lake and Lake Placid



For more information, click on the Citizen’s Guide cover above for a direct link to the Agency website.



At right:  
2012 APA Staff Photo.

# Adirondack Park Agency Board

## BOARD MEMBERS

**Leilani C. Ulrich**, Chairwoman  
In-Park: Herkimer County

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In-Park: Hamilton County

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**Dierdre Scozzafava**, Designee

Please click [HERE](#) for Board  
Member Bios.

The Adirondack Park Agency is a New York State government agency with an eleven-member Board of Commissioners, five of whom must be residents of the Adirondack Park. The Governor appoints eight members, subject to confirmation by the Senate, and three ex-officio members: the Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development, the Secretary of State, and the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation. The Board represents a careful balance of local, regional and statewide interests in the Adirondack Park.

The Adirondack Park Agency Act gives the Agency broad authority over private and public land use policy and regional planning. The Agency conducts its business at regular monthly public meetings. Board members are engaged in the following committees: Regulatory Programs, Legal Affairs, Enforcement, Park Policy and Planning, State Land, Park Ecology, Public Awareness and Communications, Local Government Services, Economic Affairs and Administration. Monthly meetings include review of permit applications, policy determinations, actions on State land issues and presentations by experts on a wide range of topics including economics, ecology and land conservation

In 2012, the Agency Board celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. A distinguished panel discussed the evolution and development of the Master Plan. The community spotlight series featured the Towns of Jay, Ticonderoga and Newcomb. Economic presentations highlighted the diversity of the Park's economy and included discussions on broadband technology, the economic impacts of International Paper Company, the potential for the craft brewing industry to boost economic opportunities and defined key factors required to support healthy rural economies.

The Board approved the complete repeal and replacement of the Town of Day's existing Zoning Law and Subdivision Law and reviewed the variance referral and Agency-approved Local Land Use Program amendment processes. State Land actions included Master Plan compliance determinations for the Hoffman Notch Wilderness Unit Management Plan and the Second Pond Boat Launch Intensive Use Area. The Board also approved an amendment to the Watson's East Triangle Unit Management Plan.

James Herman and David Mason, project leaders for the Mapping the Future of the Adirondack Park Initiative, briefed Board members on strategic visioning outcomes generated from workshops conducted throughout the Park in 2012. Highlights from the Common Ground Alliance annual meeting were discussed.

The effect of climate change was a major theme for the Board in 2012. The Board heard presentations on global conservation efforts, climate change adaptation and planning for storm events. [PLEASE CLICK BOARD HIGHLIGHTS](#)

### 2012 Adirondack Park Agency Board

Seated left to right: Dierdre Scozzafava, Executive Director Terry Martino, Chairwoman Leilani Ulrich, Acting Counsel Sarah Reynolds, William Thomas.

Standing left to right: Cecil Wray, Sherman Craig, Frank Mezzano, Robert Stegemann, Arthur Lussi, Local Government Review Board Executive Director Fred Monroe, William Valentino and Patrick Hooker. (Not in picture - Richard Booth)



# Administration

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Green Thumb Program

The Administrative Services Division is responsible for all fiscal management, contract administration, personnel management, physical plant management and office support. Division staff are involved in the preparation of purchase orders and vouchers, fiscal record keeping, determination of availability of funds for the Agency's division programs, payroll and computerization of fiscal records. Staff are also responsible for media relations, community relations and outreach.

### FISCAL MANAGEMENT

The Administrative Services Division implemented Governor Cuomo's FY 2012-13 budget as enacted. The Agency met all directives issued by the NYS Division of Budget and provided appropriate funding to maintain the Agency headquarters and staffing. In addition, the Agency worked with the newly formed Business Service Center (BSC) to prepare for the January 2013 transition of staffing and services to the BSC. Also, in 2012 the Agency transitioned its fiscal record keeping and transactional business to the Statewide Financial System (SFS).

### INFORMATION SERVICES

Staff assisted the new Information Technology Services Center in implementing Governor Cuomo's directive to reorganize state information technology services to reduce cost through shared services. The Agency is working within the Energy and Environment Cluster to better serve the people of NY when it comes to information services and efficiency. The Agency transferred one staff member to the newly formed Information Technology Services Center.

### PUBLIC AND MEDIA RELATIONS

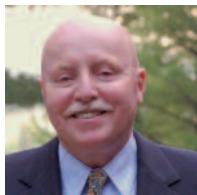
The Agency's Chair, Executive Director and Public Information Officer (PIO) continued to actively engage the media to ensure Agency decisions are accurately portrayed. The PIO responded to 198 media requests and issued 16 press releases. The PIO conducted 21 outreach workshops to international delegations, local officials, college students and the general public.

The PIO served as Hearing Officer for seven variance hearings, assisted with two state land public hearings, and five North Country Regional Economic Development Council public participation meetings. In addition, the PIO assisted the North Country Regional Economic Development Council with the preparation of a public participation plan.

The PIO represented the Agency at all State Agency PIO meetings and the monthly meetings of the Local Government Review Board. The PIO drafted and published the 2011 Annual Report.

### PUBLIC AWARENESS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

2012 marked the commencement of this important public outreach committee. The committee serves to increase public understanding of the role of the APA and to broaden awareness of stakeholder programs and services that are critical for the sustainability of the Adirondack Park.



Left:

**Leilani C. Ulrich**

Chair Administration Committee

Middle:

**William Valentino**

Chair Public Awareness and  
Communications Committee

Right:

**Terry Martino**

Executive Director

Above: At the August Board meeting Deputy Secretary for the Environment Basil Seggos and APA Chairwoman Lani Ulrich presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Common Ground Alliance and the Adirondack Futures Project.

From Left: Basil Seggos, Lani Ulrich, Dave Mason, Richard Booth, Jim Herman, Kate Fish, Terry Martino, Bill Farber and Bill Valentino.

# Regulatory Programs

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Secretary 1

**Stephanie Petith,**

Keyboard Specialist 1

The Regulatory Programs Division implements the statutory and regulatory provisions of the APA Act, the Freshwater Wetlands Act, and Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers System Act. Staff provide pre-application project guidance and assessment, determine application completeness, apply review standards and prepare permit, variance or denial orders.

In 2012, the Regulatory Programs Division received 339 project applications and issued 285 permits. Through the project review process 22 applications were deemed non jurisdictional. In addition, staff processed 207 preapplication requests. The following tables summarize permits issued in 2012:

Project Type	Number Issued
Major	88
Minor	59
Variance	8
State Agency Order	5
Amendment/Renewals	88
General Permits	39
Total	287

Project Activity	Number Issued
Major Subdivision	44
Minor Subdivision	51
Wetlands	27
Major Public Utility	25
Towers over 40 feet	20
Mining	18
Commercial Use	6
Invasive Species	17
Municipal Roads/Bridges	8
Public/Semi Public Use	4
Group Camps	7
Industrial Use	1



Above left: **Frank Mezzano**

Chair Regulatory Programs Committee

Above right: **Richard E. Weber,** Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs

### INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL

In 2012, the Agency issued 17 permits for the control of aquatic and terrestrial invasive species in the Park. Three permits were issued to control Asian Clams in Lake George using benthic barriers or suction dredging. Staff issued 12 permits to control aquatic invasive plants in 7 different lakes. These permits authorized the use of benthic barriers, hand harvesting and/or Grass Carp. In addition, two permits were issued to the NYSDOT to control terrestrial invasive plants. This included the approval of herbicides to combat Phragmites at six sites along the Adirondack Northway. Staff also undertook the review of two pre-applications submitted in 2012 requesting to use the pesticide Renovate to control Milfoil in two lakes.



## ADIRONDACK CLUB AND RESORT

In January, the Park Agency Board voted to approve project 2005-100, the Adirondack Club and Resort. The Board's action was the culmination of a thorough and extensive review process. The Adirondack Club and Resort Project will be located in the Town of Tupper Lake, Franklin County. The project centers around the revitalization of the community's beloved Big Tupper Ski Area. The developers plan to construct 206 single family dwellings, 125 multifamily dwellings and a 60 room inn. Plans also include redevelopment of a marina and the refurbishment of the ski area including a ski lodge, ski lifts and ski trail improvements. At full operation, the Adirondack Club and Resort is projected to employ 236 full-time workers. The regional impact of this employment is predicted to exceed \$7,300,000 in yearly secondary wage impacts. In addition, the re-opening of the ski center is projected to attract 100,000 skier visits a year, resulting in \$22.6 million in tourism revenue.



The Adirondack Club and Resort project site. Located in Tupper Lake, Franklin County.

## ADIRONDACK MEAT COMPANY

In June, The Adirondack Meat Company project was issued a permit. This transformational project will be located in the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County adjacent to the Ticonderoga Business Park in a former agricultural use area. The project addresses a critical need for a meat processing facility and will be the first USDA certified facility to operate inside the Adirondack Park. This new industrial use will accelerate the ongoing growth of the local sustainable farming movement. Adirondack Meat Company will employ twelve full-time workers and two part-time employees. In addition, it is anticipated the project will support twenty-four full-time and six part-time workers in related industries.



Future Site of the Adirondack Meat Packing Company facility. Ticonderoga, Essex County.

## ESSEX COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION NETWORK

In December, the Agency approved the Essex County, New York State Police and New York State Electric and Gas public safety radio system network. This project replaces a 1950's era system and will vastly improve emergency communications. The project involves the installation of telecommunications infrastructure at 14 locations in 12 towns within Essex, Washington and Warren Counties. It includes a microwave loop, paging and land mobile radio (LMR) antennas.



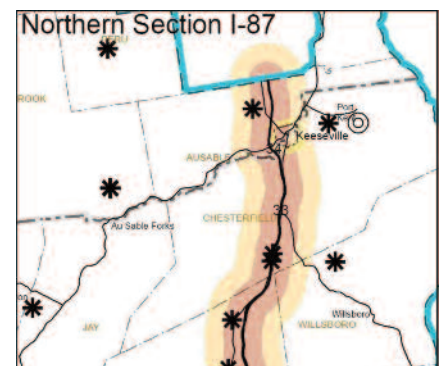
Agency Staff, Board Members and project representatives after Board approval for Essex County Public Safety Communication project.

## CELLULAR PROJECTS

In 2012, the Agency issued 10 permits that resulted in 2 new towers, 5 collocations and 3 replacements. To date the Agency has approved 134 new cellular carrier permits authorizing 141 activities. This includes 45 new free-standing towers (15 as simulated trees), 30 tower and/or antenna replacements, 36 collocations on existing free-standing towers and 30 collocations on other structures.



The above 105 foot tall cell tower is located in the Town of Clifton, St. Lawrence County. The top portion was fabricated as a simulated pine tree to help blend the tower into the landscape. [Click for Towers Policy](#)



[Click for Updated Cell Tower Map](#)

## Economic Services

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Above left: **Arthur Lussi**  
Chair Economic Affairs Committee  
Above right: **Daniel Kelleher**  
Special Assistant for Economic Affairs



Economic Development officials detailed Governor Cuomo's Regional Council efforts at the 2012 Local Government Day. From left: Peter Wohl-Former Capital Region Regional Director of ESD, Kenneth Tompkins-Mohawk Valley Regional Director ESD, Roseanne Murphy, North Country Regional Director ESD, Garry Douglas, Co-Chair of the North Country Economic Development Council and Bill Farber, Chair of the Adirondack Partnership.

At right: Governor Cuomo announces state community development grant funding in the amount of \$640,000 to help rebuild the Keene Fire Department firehouse which was destroyed during Tropical Storm Irene.

The Economic Services Unit provides staff expertise in market and financial feasibility analysis, economic and fiscal impact analysis, and economic development planning to the Agency, State and local economic development organizations, and the region's business community. Staff assists project sponsors and economic developers in evaluating business locations and identifies other sources of help for business development. Staff also assists local governments and not-for-profit groups in identifying and developing strategies for encouraging sustainable economic growth in their communities.

### PROJECT PERMITTING

During project review, Economic Services staff provides expertise in market and financial feasibility analysis as well as economic and fiscal impact analysis pursuant to the Agency's Section 809 mandate to take into account the potential benefits of a proposed project. Staff advised the Agency on the economic impacts of a variety of projects ranging from the Adirondack Club and Resort in Tupper Lake to the Adirondack Meat Company's proposed processing facility in Ticonderoga. Staff also provided technical expertise related to the Agency's project review process to a diversity of large-scale and entrepreneurial ventures during the pre-application process.

### COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Staff provided support to community economic development initiatives by attending over 51 public outreach and community development meetings in 2012. Initiatives in which staff provided expertise included the Adirondack Partnership's Adirondack Recreation Plan, the Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance Steering Committee, the Common Ground Alliance, and the Park-wide expansion of broadband infrastructure.

Staff is also developing an inventory of economic information in order to provide a database for use by local and regional economic developers as well as local businesses. This database has already allowed a company to examine the market potential for expansion, a real estate company to offer stronger support for appraisals, a community to identify potential grocers for their town, and a processing facility to successfully apply for state and federal financing assistance.

### REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT

In 2011, Governor Cuomo created 10 Regional Councils to develop long-term strategic plans for economic growth for their regions. In 2012, the Regional Councils were tasked with refining these plans and implementing them. Economic Services Unit staff assisted in the process as a member of State Agency Resource Teams for the Capital Region, Mohawk Valley, and North Country Regional Councils. In the North Country, staff is serving as an Agency lead on a variety of strategy implementation initiatives ranging from tourism development to broadband infrastructure. In the Mohawk Valley and Capital Region, staff is working to facilitate jurisdictional "priority projects" through permitting completion.

Staff is also supporting the Governor's Paths Through History and Cleaner Greener Communities initiatives by providing community development expertise.



# Park Policy and Planning

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Secretary 1



Above left: **Richard S. Booth**  
Chair Park Policy and Planning  
Committee - thru 10/12

Above right: **Sherman Craig**  
Chair Park Policy and Planning  
Committee - From 11/12



**James Connolly**  
Deputy Director,  
Planning

The Agency's Planning Division is responsible for local government services, Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map updates and map amendments, State lands coordination, Park policy, Geographic Information System (GIS), cartographic services and web site management.

## MAP AMENDMENTS

Planning staff assisted the Town Board of Crown Point on their proposed Hamlet expansion plan. Staff collaborated with the Town to identify land use reclassifications to help meet community needs. Staff worked closely with the Town of Essex on local planning and zoning revisions. The Town plans to request map amendments to align the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map with local zoning maps.

The Agency reviewed a reclassification proposal for shoreline property on Lake Clear, in the Town of Harrietstown. The Agency determined that the existing classification was appropriate for the protection of the sensitive resources. The Agency approved a technical map amendment in the Town of Waverly which corrected an error on the official map. [See Map Amendment](#) process website page.

## ADIRONDACK PARK RECREATIONAL PLAN WORK GROUP

Agency Planning and Economic Development staff are assisting the Adirondack Partnership with the development of a parkwide recreational plan. The plan will address Adirondack Park branding, integration of public and private recreational opportunities, dispersal of recreational activities and events throughout the Park, and creating community connector links to promote recreational uses between hamlet areas. Recommendations under consideration include: a parkwide brand strategy, establishing a comprehensive tourism website and increasing regional trail linkages. The North Country Regional Economic Development Council received funding to support this effort and create the consolidated web portal for Adirondack Park tourism information.

## HAMLETS 3: SMART HAMLET EXPANSION

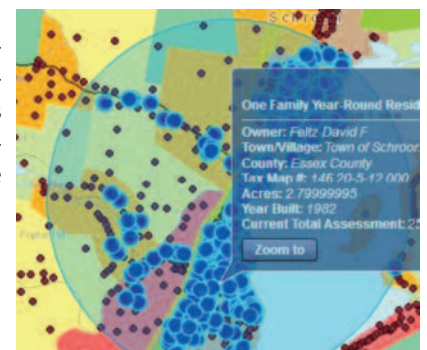
Agency staff are supporting phase two of the Hamlets 3 project which focuses on planning for Smart Growth and Expansion of Hamlets in the Adirondack Park. Consultants on the project, land use planners Roger Trancik and Bill Johnston, are working with Park communities to develop strategies for sustainable Hamlet revitalization. Phase one studied three Hamlet clusters' economic and physical growth opportunities and through this work developed a guidebook and toolkit. These tools will help communities implement smart growth strategies. The project team is working with three new Hamlet clusters on implementation strategies for hamlet growth and expansion.

## CARTOGRAPHY AND INFORMATION ANALYSIS

In 2012, Planning staff migrated the Agency's Look Up System to a browser-based application which more efficiently uses GIS licenses and delivers spatial data layers at greater speed to the end user. Staff oversaw the reprogramming of the Agency Master Action Database system, converted all GIS data layers to a relational database management format, and continued updating the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan and State Land Map.

Staff obtained the most current orthoimagery, aerial imagery and Real Property parcels for all 12 counties. This data is used extensively by Agency staff to research property ownership and determine Agency jurisdiction.

At Right: APA Lookup System.  
Click to link to APA GIS Page.



# Local Government Services

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Above: The 15th annual Adirondack Park Local Government Day Conference was held on March 20 and 21 in Lake Placid, NY. Local and State representatives focused on economic development strategies that would best benefit small rural economies and the role for local governments and State agencies for the future of the Park.

From Left: AATV President Brian Towers, DOS First Deputy Daniel Shapiro, DEC Executive Deputy Commissioner Marc Gerstman, LGRB Executive Director Fred Monroe, APA Chairwoman Leilani Ulrich, Adirondack Partnership Chairman Bill Farber, ESD Regional Director Roseanne Murphy, NCPB Bureau Chief Brian Mann.



Above Left: **William H. Thomas**  
Chair Local Government Services Committee

Above Right: **Brian Grisi**  
Local Planning Assistance Specialist

The Local Government Services staff assist individual towns in the Park to develop planning initiatives and land use controls that meet local needs. Staff also administer Agency-approved local land use programs (ALLUPs). During the year, staff attend community meetings, provide advice and guidance on land use issues, prepare and present training workshops and provide plan and code review.

The table below summarizes Local Government Services accomplishments in 2012.

REPORTABLE ITEMS	TOTAL
Town and Village Consultations (Consulted with 41 out of 103 municipalities)	170
Land Use Regulation Consultations	42
ALLUP Amendments Approved	2
ALLUP Variances Reviewed	100
Comprehensive Plans Reviewed	12
Meetings with Town Officials	36
Responses to Land Use Planning Inquiries	368
Planning & Zoning Board Actions Reviewed	234
Training & Workshops Provided	4
Intra-Agency Local Planning Assistance	124
Inter-Agency Coordination	50
Agency Board Presentations	5

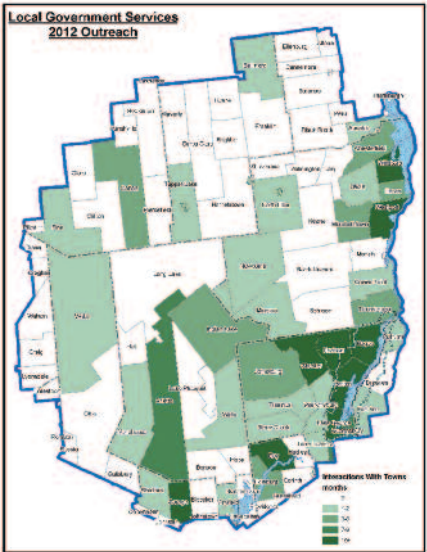
**ANNUAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAY**

The 15th annual Adirondack Park Local Government Day Conference was held on March 20 and 21 in Lake Placid, NY. Over 300 people attended the two-day conference, including representatives from 48 towns and villages as well as 77 other organizations. A full day of training workshops and informational sessions was provided. In addition, regional economic development leaders from the Capital, Mohawk and North Country regions discussed development strategies designed to specifically benefit the Adirondack Park.

Kenneth Adams, President and CEO of Empire State Development Corporation, provided the keynote address.

Randy Douglas, Chairman of Essex County Board of Supervisors, accepted the 2012 conference award. This year's award recognized all Adirondack communities that so generously provided resources to assist neighboring towns in their efforts to overcome the unprecedented flooding and damage caused by Tropical Storm Irene.

Click image at right for full size map of 2012 Outreach



## State Lands

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Above: Members of BarkEater Trails Alliance work in cooperation with APA and DEC to build a mountain bike system in Wilmington, Essex County.

Below: State Land staffer Kevin Prickett verifies field work for UMP planning.



Above left: **Dick Booth**  
Chair State Lands Committee  
Above right: **James Connolly**  
Deputy Director Planning

At Right: Taylor Pond, one of the many spectacular natural resources found in the Taylor Pond Wild Forest Complex.

APA State Land staff work with DEC to prepare and review Unit Management Plans (UMPs) consistent with the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP); provide guidance and interpretation regarding the APSLMP to DEC staff and the Agency's Board; consult with DEC on long-range plans for the future of State lands; review proposed DEC projects on State lands to ensure conformance with the APSLMP; and work with the DEC to develop staff proposals for the classification or reclassification of State lands.

### ADIRONDACK PARK STATE LAND CLASSIFICATIONS

State Land staff, in consultation with DEC, began preliminary work on the development of a draft environmental impact statement in support of classification proposals for newly acquired State lands purchased from The Nature Conservancy (TNC). Staff toured the Essex Chain of Lakes and Indian River parcels and participated in a two-day workshop reviewing the ecological significance of these TNC (Finch) lands. The Agency anticipates holding classification hearings in the early part of 2013.

The Agency approved staff's reclassification proposals for State land parcels in the Second Pond Boat Launch Intensive Use Area and the adjacent High Peaks Wilderness Area. This action reclassified 5.6 acres of existing Wilderness to Intensive Use and 6.8 acres of existing Intensive Use to Wilderness. This action protected valuable wetlands and will significantly improve public access to a very popular recreation resource. [Please click to download the APSLMP](#)

### UNIT MANAGEMENT PLANS

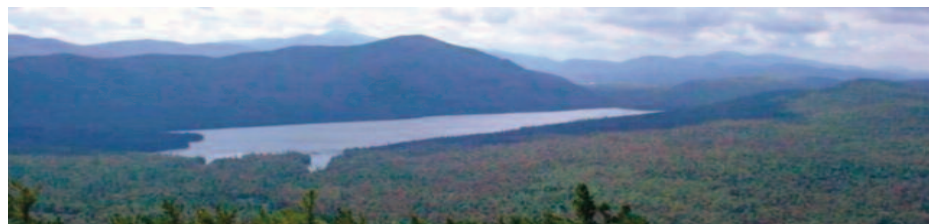
The Agency, as per staff's recommendation, determined the Hoffman Notch Wilderness Area UMP to be compliant with the APSLMP. Staff recommended that the Taylor Pond Complex UMP is also compliant with the APSLMP, and a Board vote was scheduled for January 2013. State Land staff conducted a variety of planning exercises, including field work, GIS analysis, draft reviews, permitting and compliance advice for the following UMPs: Lake Champlain Islands Complex; Cranberry Lake, Ferris Lake, Grasse River, Wilcox Lake and Saranac Lakes Wild Forest Areas; Camp Santanoni, Hurricane Mountain Fire Tower and St. Regis Mountain Fire Tower Historic Areas; and Whiteface Mountain Ski Center Intensive Use Area.

### PARK-WIDE RECREATIONAL PLANNING

In 2012, APA and DEC began a joint planning initiative to coordinate planning efforts for adjacent Wild Forest and Wilderness units in the Park. Staff are developing options to undertake a sub-regional planning approach to broaden "front country" and "back country" recreational opportunities, protect resources, strengthen connections to community centers, balance motorized and non-motorized uses and examine potential impacts of reclassification options. Staff from both agencies will develop recommendations for future review and discussion.

### NORTH COUNTRY NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

APA staff facilitated planning efforts on the Adirondack Park portion of the North Country National Scenic Trail (NCNST). This trail will stretch from North Dakota, where it connects to the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, to Vermont, where it will connect to the Appalachian Trail. DEC and APA staff consulted on NCNST trail section proposals in the Hoffman Notch and West Canada Lake Wilderness Areas, as well as in the Moose River Plains and Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest Areas.



## Legal

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Above Left: **Cecil Wray**  
Chair Legal Affairs Committee  
Chair Enforcement Committee  
Above Right: **Sarah Reynolds**  
Acting Agency Counsel

At Right: Senior Attorney Steve Brewer, Senior Attorney Jennifer McAleese (center) and Keyboard Specialist 1 Mary Palmer review legal records retention procedures.

The Legal Division consists of four major components: the Office of Counsel including the Legal Services Unit, the Jurisdictional Inquiry Unit, and the Enforcement Unit. The Counsel and Associate Counsel advise all Agency divisions and the Agency Board. Legal Services attorneys review significant permitting, planning, enforcement, and other documents, assist the Attorney General with litigation, manage adjudicatory hearings, and provide other legal advice as necessary.

The Jurisdictional Inquiry Unit provides advice to landowners and potential project sponsors regarding Agency jurisdiction, including informal phone advice and written jurisdictional determinations. The Enforcement Unit seeks to resolve violations of the laws the Agency is charged to administer.

#### OFFICE OF COUNSEL AND LEGAL SERVICES

Key Legal Division accomplishments for 2012 included dismissal by stipulation of a federal court challenge from a group of disabled veterans seeking motor vehicle, aircraft and helicopter access to wilderness lakes, and a court-ordered settlement signed by Supreme Court, Franklin County, of an enforcement action involving an unauthorized junkyard in Franklin County.

Another noteworthy decision involved denial of an appeal by the Appellate Division of a lower court's rejection of a challenge to APA and DEC Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan guidance regarding snowmobile trail location and maintenance provisions in Unit Management Plans for Wild Forest units within the Park.

Ongoing litigation includes two challenges related to the Agency's January 2012 approval of the Adirondack Club and Resort development project in Tupper Lake, Franklin County, and a federal challenge, dismissed in part in September 2012, relating to an Agency wetlands enforcement action in Clinton County.

In the Spring, the Legal Division helped with passage through the State Senate of a bill seeking changes to the Adirondack Park Agency Act. The bill proposed to allow for the transfer of development rights within the Park where environmentally appropriate. Legal staff also reviewed more than 50 major permits prior to issuance, provided legal advice on jurisdictional inquiries and helped resolve enforcement matters.

In addition, the Legal Division helped with the development of draft general permits for the management of aquatic invasive species and for certain types of silvicultural practices. Staff updated public information flyers for Agency shoreline restrictions, guest cottage, and gift exemption requirements. Staff also established new procedures designed to streamline internal legal review and guidance for non-legal staff.

Finally, in April, the Legal Division recognized the retirement of John Banta. Mr. Banta had served as Agency Counsel since 2002. Associate Counsel Sarah Reynolds was named Acting Counsel and served in this capacity for the remainder of the year.



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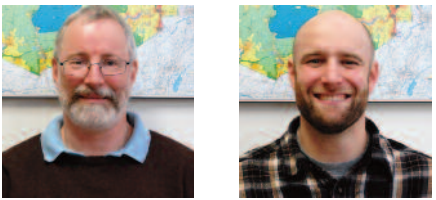
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Above Left: **Douglas Miller**  
EPS 2 Jurisdictional Office

Above Right: **John Burth**  
EPS 2 Enforcement Office

At right: Nancy Heath (left) and  
Douglas Miller discuss a jurisdic-  
tional inquiry. The Agency received  
789 jurisdictional inquiries in 2012.

JURISDICTIONAL INQUIRY UNIT

The public’s first point of contact with the Agency is often a letter or a phone call handled by the Jurisdictional Inquiry Unit. Staff within this Unit provide advice to landowners and others regarding Agency jurisdiction. Staff help citizens determine if an Agency permit or variance is required for proposed land use and development or the subdivision of land within the Park. Determinations often require a full deed history and other legal and factual research. This is the Agency’s initial and most common point of contact with the public; hence, a high priority is placed on prompt responses.

In 2012, the Agency received 789 jurisdictional inquiries resulting in 550 non-jurisdictional determinations and 175 jurisdictional determinations. The average response time was 18 days. Jurisdictional staff answered 3,927 telephone calls and met with 157 walk-in members of the public. Staff also handled 322 referrals from other agencies. In addition, the Agency’s Records Access Officer responded to 178 Freedom of Information requests.

ENFORCEMENT UNIT

In 2012, Enforcement Officers continued to promptly address violations when identified and to actively work with local officials to prevent or quickly discover new violations. These efforts help to achieve amicable resolutions that avoid undue adverse impacts and burdensome financial expenditures.

Staff started 2012 with 225 unresolved cases and opened 258 new cases during the year. Staff successfully closed a total of 334 cases and prepared 103 settlement agreements of which 53 were executed through consent with landowners in 2012. The number of open cases with unsigned settlement agreements decreased 43% from 2011 levels. 67 violations were resolved through voluntary compliance on the part of the landowner as a result of prompt responses to alleged violations and proactive enforcement efforts. This represents a 46% increase over 2011. Staff conducted 249 site visits and determined 132 enforcement cases were not violations. Staff resolved an additional 67 pre-2000 subdivision cases which closes out all open enforcement cases that involved subdivisions that occurred prior to 2000.

The Enforcement Unit continues to see significant compliance for new subdivisions inside the Park. Staff closely monitors new subdivision activity through the use of New York State Office of Real Property’s SalesWeb application. In 2012, only 3 new potential subdivision violations transpired out of 91 subdivisions undertaken within the Park. 59 of the 91 new subdivisions were issued an Agency jurisdictional determination or permit. In addition to utilizing the SalesWeb application to track subdivisions, Enforcement staff rely on air photos, digital photographs of Adirondack lakeshores and prompt responses to alleged violations to efficiently undertake investigations.



# Resource Analysis & Scientific Services

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Secretary 1



Above left: **William Valentino**  
Chair Park Ecology Committee

Above right: **Daniel Spada**  
Supervisor-Natural Resource Analysis

The Resource Analysis and Scientific Services (RASS) Division provides scientific and technical analysis supporting all Agency transactions. The Agency's scientists provide expertise on engineering, soils analysis, forestry, invasive species, wildlife habitat, wetlands and other aquatic systems. Staff perform valuable field services including wetland delineations, mean high water mark determinations, structure height determinations, deep-hole test pit (DHTP) determinations, on-site wastewater treatment (OSWT) system review and stormwater management analysis.

### ENGINEERING

Evaluating existing and proposed development within the Park requires professional engineering services and technical analysis that is based upon sound science and engineering judgment and is consistent with applicable laws, regulations, standards, policies and guidance documents. RASS engineering staff routinely conduct site visits, review professionally prepared plans and provide recommendations and alternative designs where appropriate. Subject areas include, but are not limited to, on-site wastewater treatment, site design and access, stormwater management, erosion and sediment control, dams, bridges, roads, traffic, noise and adequacy of municipal services. The technical analysis provided by RASS engineering staff includes professional opinions that are protective of life, health and the natural resources of the Park.

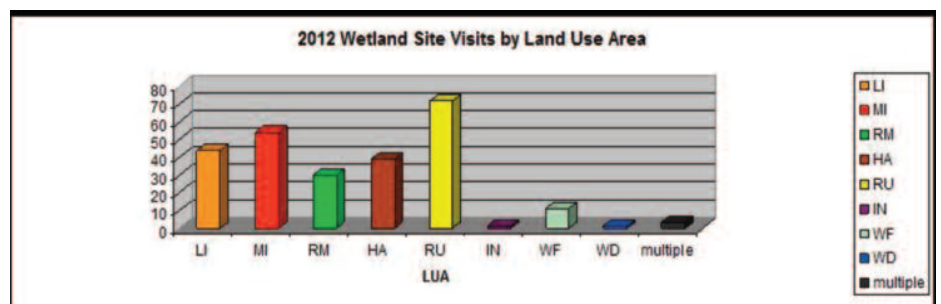
In 2012, engineering staff conducted 143 site visits and provided written technical recommendations in support of the following activities: permit applications (158), pre-applications (15), jurisdictional determinations (43), enforcement (21), local government (2) and State land (3).

### SURFACE WATERS

The condition of surface waters (lakes, ponds, rivers and streams) affect residents of the Park in many ways including quality of recreational activities and human health. Often surface water quality is indicative of other less visible problems within the watershed. Nuisance aquatic plants, invasive species, algal blooms, basin in-filling, and delta growth are all symptoms of larger problems within the watershed. RASS staff use a holistic approach to analyze water quality to determine the causes and effects. Staff also work to educate stakeholders on preventive and restoration measures. Essential components of this holistic approach include: adequate shoreline setbacks, vegetational buffer zones and appropriately designed and installed stormwater management systems.

### WETLANDS

Wetlands play a critical role in both the natural and built environment. Wetlands dissipate the force of floods, filter out impurities and provide valuable habitat for wildlife. In 2012, staff completed 255 wetland delineations and advised on 72 wetland jurisdictional determinations. The average response time for delineations was 9 days, which represents the second fastest processing time since the Agency started tracking this data in 2000. Essex (66) and Warren (33) Counties received the largest number of wetland site visits followed by Franklin (32) and Hamilton (28). Rural Use land use areas received the highest number of wetland site visits with 72, followed by Moderate Intensity (54), Low Intensity (44), Hamlet (39) and Resource Management (30).







## SOILS

Interpretations of DHTPs provide the necessary information to correctly locate OSWT systems. Staff review is an extremely valuable public health service for Adirondack Park landowners. This process is vital to ensure engineering staff can efficiently issue approvals for submitted OSWT system designs.

In 2012, RASS staff reviewed 200 DHTPs to verify adequate soils for OSWT systems, ensure separation compliance and appropriate setback distances. 23% of test pits were approved for conventional standard absorption on-site systems, 38% were approved for conventional shallow absorption systems and 38% did not meet Agency guidelines. Of the approved shallow systems, 92% were due to shallow seasonal high groundwater table and 8% were due to shallow bedrock.

## FORESTS

The privately owned forests of the Adirondacks are perhaps the most visible natural resource. There are factors such as invasive pests and pathogens, climate disruption and acidic deposition that pose the threat of severe impairment. Some of these are global or statewide issues that the Agency does not have direct options to counter. However, the Agency does have the ability to encourage good forest management practices that will result in a resilient, healthy forest more capable of resisting the perturbation factors noted above.

In 2012, RASS staff helped develop a general permit for sustainable forestry practices (silvicultural prescriptions) in an attempt to provide an incentive for landowners to undertake and complete sustainable timber harvesting treatments. This is a major step in advancing the implementation of a sustainable scientifically supported approach for forest management in the Park.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY GRANTS

In 2012, a project coordinator was hired and work commenced on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Wetland Protection Program Development grant entitled, "Detecting Climate Change in Wetlands in the Adirondack Park." The grant total is \$308,816 with a Federal share of \$227,005. This is the 14th EPA wetlands protection program grant awarded to the Agency.

The RASS Division has successfully secured and implemented over \$3 million dollars in federal funding dating back to 1993.



Top: Staff member Mark Rooks (on right) assists a landowner in the identification of wetlands on his property.

Middle: Pitcher plant (*Sarracenia purpurea*)

At Right: RASS staff conduct a wetlands training workshop for APA Board members, staff and general public.



## Agency Staff Transitions



Above: Holly Kneeshaw and John Banta



Above: Jennifer McAleese and Aaron Ziemann



Above: Denise Wagner and Matt McNamara

In 2012, the Agency experienced staff change with the retirement of long serving staff members John Banta, Daniel Spada, Theresa Lebaron, and the departure of Holly Kneeshaw. The Agency was fortunate to hire Jennifer McAleese, Matthew McNamara, Denise Wagner and Aaron Ziemann.

### JOHN BANTA

Mr. Banta served the APA in a long and distinguished career beginning as Deputy Director of Planning in 1979, and as Counsel starting in 2002. Mr. Banta brought the highest intellectual rigor to social, economic, environmental and legal issues. His advice was grounded in the law and within the Agency's mission to protect the Park's public and private lands. During his thirty-three year tenure, Mr. Banta exhibited the highest levels of professionalism. He always demonstrated tremendous appreciation for the Park's resources, people, and communities.

### DANIEL SPADA

Mr. Spada's distinguished career with APA began in 1984 as an Associate Project Analyst for Biological Resources. He was promoted to Supervisor of Natural Resource Analysis in 2005. In his twenty-eight years, Mr. Spada exhibited the highest levels of professionalism in his scientific analysis of Park resources. He secured over 2.6 million dollars in grants from the US Environmental Protection Agency for the research and mapping of wetlands and the protection of water quality. His steadfast support of sound science and engineering principles in the decision making process was invaluable.

### HOLLY KNEESHAW

Holly Kneeshaw served the Agency as the Assistant Director of Regulatory Programs beginning in December 2002. During her nine-year tenure, Ms. Kneeshaw exhibited professionalism in administering day-to-day project review responsibilities and maintaining vigilance over permit time-clocks. She served with distinction as the Acting Deputy Director for Regulatory Programs from October 2009 until August 2010.

### THERESA LEBARON

Theresa LeBaron began her career at APA in 1998. Over the years she served dutifully before retiring from the Enforcement Division as an Environmental Program Specialist 1 on June 21, 2012.

### NEW HIRES

Jennifer McAleese joined the Agency on March 15, 2012 as a Senior Attorney. She was a legal intern for APA in 2007 and again in 2011-12. She received her Juris Doctor from Pace University. Matthew McNamara joined the Agency on August 20, 2012 as an Environmental Program Specialist 1. Previously, he was a Junior Planner at the Essex County Planning Office. Denise Wagner joined the Agency on July 26, 2012 as an Environmental Program Specialist 1. She began her career with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in 1979 and prior to joining APA was an Environmental Analyst 1 at DEC Region 5. Aaron Ziemann was hired as the Associate Adirondack Park Project Analyst for Forestry on July 19, 2012. He previously worked as an independent contractor at APA under a US EPA grant.

At Right: From Left - Daniel Spada is joined by his former mentor Ray Curran and Agency staff at his last APA Board Meeting in December 2012.



# Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board



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Executive Director, APLGRB

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Below: Keene Supervisor Bill Ferebee (right) and Corrie Miller, Executive Director of the Ausable River Association conduct a field trip for Yale University Environmental Science students. Mr. Ferebee and Ms. Miller described the town's efforts to rebuild after Tropical Storm Irene.

Backcover: Adirondack powder skiing.



Section 803-a of the APA Act establishes the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board. As provided by law, the purpose of the Review Board is to advise and assist the Agency in carrying out its mission. The Agency enjoys a strong working relationship with the Review Board through open discussion and dialogue focused on local government perspectives.

Agency members and staff regularly attend the Review Board meetings, which are held monthly throughout the Adirondack Park. At the monthly Adirondack Park Agency meetings, Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board Executive Director Frederick Monroe plays a prominent and active role in all deliberations. The Agency's efforts to achieve balanced decision making are greatly enhanced by this dialogue.

The State of New York provides operating funds for the Local Government Review Board through the Agency's budget.



Above: LGRB Executive Director Fred Monroe (seated) and APA Executive Director Martino (left) applaud as APA Chairwoman Ulrich presents Newcomb Supervisor George Canon with a Certificate of Appreciation for his lifelong contributions to the Adirondack Park.

Below: Review Board Executive Director Fred Monroe (center) welcomes Adirondack Park officials to the 2012 Local Government Day reception. Standing from left: DEC Executive Deputy Commissioner Marc Gerstman, AATV President Brian Towers, APA Executive Director Terry Martino, (Monroe), APA Chairwoman Lani Ulrich and DEC Region 5 Director Bob Stegemann.



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