

NEW YORK STATE

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY



“Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the APA Act with such a grand and magnificent addition to the Park, the Essex Chain Lakes classification, truly represents government performing at the highest level to best serve the diverse interests of all New York State citizens.”

Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman

Annual Report 2013

Message from the Chairwoman



**Chairwoman
Leilani Crafts Ulrich**



Above: Jim Ulrich, Chairwoman Leilani Ulrich and Governor Cuomo at the Governor's Adirondack Whitewater Challenge.



Above: Board Member Cecil Wray and Associate Counsel Sarah Reynolds. Mr. Wray retired from the Board in 2013. (1999-2013)

At Right: Agency Board members and former Board members/staff plant a tree in honor of Richard Lawrence - the first Chairman of the Adirondack Park Agency. Cover: The Essex Chain Lakes. Photo credit: The Nature Conservancy/Adirondack Chapter.

[Link to Arboretum Map](#)

This year marked the 40th Anniversary of the Adirondack Park Agency Act. It was an honor to learn firsthand about the early years of the Agency from our distinguished panelists who helped us commemorate this milestone. The implementation of the APA Act was and remains a challenge, but we know the importance of our work and we will remain committed to protecting the natural resources of the Park and promoting community viability and economic opportunity.

Looking back on 2013 we continued to build on an unprecedented level of commitment from all stakeholders for the betterment of the Park. Strong alliances based on mutual respect and understanding for diverse interests resulted in positive outcomes - no bigger example than the Agency's State Land classification action finalized in December for former Finch Pruyn lands in Hamilton and Essex Counties.

And our successes are bolstered by the unrivaled support of Governor Cuomo. All three of the Governor's regional economic development councils which cover the Park were named "top performers" in 2013. For the North Country Council this was the third year in a row designated as a top performer. Tens of millions of dollars are flowing into the Park to support critical economic development projects and infrastructure. The Governor's Adirondack Whitewater Challenge brought national attention and increased state-wide awareness for the Park and its unparalleled tourism opportunities.

In closing, I am so grateful to Governor Cuomo for ensuring the Agency has a full and balanced Board. Our newest members Karen Feldman and Daniel Wilt significantly contributed to our deliberations. Their unique backgrounds will serve the Adirondacks well. And I deeply appreciate the years of selfless public service that Board Members Cecil Wray and Frank Mezzano gave to the Adirondack Park and this Agency. For over a decade these gentlemen always brought their best to the table.



New Board Member Karen Feldman. Out of Park Seat. Columbia County



New Board Member Daniel Wilt. In Park Seat. Hamilton County.



Message from the Executive Director



**Executive Director
Terry Martino**



Above: Executive Director Martino with State Land staff Walt Linck, Board Member William Thomas and Counsel James Townsend at the confluence of the Indian and Hudson Rivers.

Below: Village of Saranac Lake Mayor Clyde Rabideau, Paul Van Cott and Executive Director Martino - Community Spotlight presentation.



Once again I take great pride in expressing my appreciation to the hard working and dedicated staff of the Adirondack Park Agency. It is truly an honor to serve as the Executive Director of such a dedicated group and Board which make this organization so special.

I have come to expect, but do not take for granted, that year after year this agency, one of the smallest in New York State, charged with administering land use plans that comprise a geographic area nearly the size of the State of Vermont, raises the bar to accomplish great things. The workload is constant, complicated and so very critical to the preservation of our natural resources and the sustainability of Park communities and the State of New York.

As the Agency commemorated its 40th year, staff worked to refine regulations to improve operating procedures to best serve the people of this State. In 2013, we amended an existing General Permit to address invasive species threats and incorporate proven treatments to help stop the spread of these destructive organisms. Staff drafted regulations to authorize expedited approval for emergency projects arising from the increasing number of weather related natural disasters occurring inside the Park. We collaborated with the Forest Products industry and Park stakeholders to review our forestry regulations. This effort improved awareness of sustainable forestry practices and resulted in the approval of Lyme Timber's forest treatment project application.

And I sincerely extend gratitude to the staff members who served on the State Land classification team. They conducted themselves throughout this monumental process with the highest integrity. Staff prepared a recommendation that addressed natural resource protection, community connectivity and recreational access. The Agency's proposal ensures the long term protection of these lands and creates economic opportunities for the five towns of Minerva, Newcomb, Indian Lake, Long Lake and North Hudson.

We welcomed back Jim Townsend as Agency Counsel on a snowy day in January. His first-day involved participation in the forestry stakeholder group review of sustainable forestry practices and Agency regulations and permitting. We welcomed Devan Korn to the Agency's staff and provided him with cross-training to support his responsibilities in the Regulatory Programs and Enforcement Divisions.

I also respectfully acknowledge the significant contributions of James Connolly, Deborah Lester and Susan Carey, who all retired this year. Their professionalism will be missed. With these changes we enter the 41st year of the Adirondack Park Agency Act with the depth to achieve our mandated mission and continue to protect the public and private lands of the Park.



Governor Cuomo's Adirondack Whitewater Challenge (from left): DEC Region 5 Director Robert Stegemann, APA Special Assistant for Economic Affairs Daniel Kelleher, Chairwoman Leilani Ulrich, Executive Director Terry Martino and Public Information Officer Keith McKeever.

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: Giant White Pine
Below: PIO McKeever trail riding in the Wilmington Wild Forest.



At Right: Shoreline of Lower Sargent Pond in the Sargent Pond Wild Forest.



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



Above: APA Regulatory Programs staff Virginia Yamrick conducts field work with DOT staff.

At right: Ed Snizek, Supervisor for Resources Analysis and Scientific Services, (seated in canoe), and Leigh Walrath, Fresh Water Resources Project Analyst check water quality on Lower Sargents Pond.

At right 2: Mark Rooks provides wetland delineations for shoreline property owner.



Adirondack Park Agency Board

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BOARD MEMBERS

Leilani C. Ulrich, Chairwoman

In-Park: Herkimer County

Richard S. Booth,

Out-of-Park: Tompkins County

Arthur Lussi,

In-Park: Essex County

Frank L. Mezzano, thru 6/13

In-Park: Hamilton County

Daniel Wilt, from 8/13

In-Park: Hamilton County

William H. Thomas,

In-Park: Warren County

William Valentino,

Out-of-Park: Albany County

Cecil Wray, thru 6/13

Out-of-Park: New York County

Karen Feldman, from 8/13

Out-of-Park: Columbia County

Sherman Craig,

In-Park: St. Lawrence County

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Department of Economic
Development

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Department of Environmental
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Economic Development

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thru 8/13

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from 8/13

Environmental Conservation

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Department of State

Dierdre Scozzafava, Designee

At right: Board members participate in field trip to Essex Chain Lakes in preparation for classification vote.

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.

In 2013, the Agency Board celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Adirondack Park Agency Act. The community spotlight series featured the Towns of Day, Queensbury and the Village of Saranac Lake.

The Board unanimously approved the Essex Chain of Lakes/Indian River/OK Slip Falls State Land Classification action. The Taylor Pond Wild Forest Complex UMP was approved as well an amendment to the Whiteface Mountain Intensive Use Ski Center. The Whiteface approval allowed for the timely replacement of the existing Ski Patrol building with a structure that will now also house critical emergency service communication equipment for Essex County and the New York State Police.

The Board heard informative presentations on sustain yield management and forest certification on forest industry lands in the Adirondack Park, the history and a comparison of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). NYS Forester/DEC Director of Lands and Forests, Rod Davies briefed the Board on the State of the Forest.

Staff briefed the Board on ongoing revisions to the guidance document "Development in the Adirondack" and an emergency regulation designed to expediate APA review to effectively react to natural disasters.

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2013 Adirondack Park Agency Board

Seated left to right: Fred Monroe (LGRB), Dierdre Scozzafava, Daniel Wilt, Richard Booth, Arthur Lussi, William Valentino, Terry Martino, Leilani Ulrich, James Townsend, William Thomas, Bradley Austin, Sherman Craig, Karen Feldman, Robert Stegemann.



Administration

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Cleaner

Rod Williams,

Green Thumb Program

Judy Huffer ,

Green Thumb Program



Left: **Leilani C. Ulrich**

Chair Administration Committee

Right: **William Thomas**

Chair Public Awareness and
Communications Committee

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 2013-14 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 transitioned many of its fiscal operations to the newly formed Business Service Center (BSC).

INFORMATION SERVICES

Staff assisted the new Information Technology Services Center (ITS) in implementing Governor Cuomo's directive to reorganize state information technology services to reduce cost through shared services. The Agency transitioned its in-house information technology specialist to the Information Technology Services Center in November, 2013. The Agency interacts with ITS on a daily basis regarding its information technology needs and resources. With ITS, the Agency has begun the planning process for transition in 2014 to Office 365.

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 354 media inquiries and issued 33 press releases. The PIO conducted 15 outreach events to international delegations, local officials, college students, special interest groups and the general public.

The PIO served as Hearing Officer for one variance hearing and eight state land public hearings. In addition, the PIO managed the webcasting of all Agency Board meetings and administered the Agency's Facebook and Twitter accounts.

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 2013 Annual Report.

PUBLIC AWARENESS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

2013 marked the 40th Anniversary of the Adirondack Park Private Land Use and Development Plan. The Agency commemorated the event with a presentation from distinguished individuals who were involved with the formation of the Adirondack Park Agency and the early years of its implementation. The Panel included (seated from left) Andrew Halloran - first Counsel of the Local Government Review Board, Richard Persico - APA Executive Director (1973-1978), Daniel Smith - Private Attorney and Chair of the Task Force on the Adirondack Park (1984), Richard Hoffman - APA Community Planner/Staff Attorney (1981-1992) and NYS DOS Designee (1998-2008). Standing from left: APA Counsel James Townsend, Executive Director Terry Martino, Chairwoman Lani Ulrich and Committee Chair William Thomas.



Regulatory Programs

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Virginia Yamrick, Environmental Program Specialist 1

Tracy J. Darrah, Environmental Program Specialist 1

Mary L. Reardon, 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 2013, the Regulatory Programs Division received 408 project applications and issued 340 permits. Through the project review process 23 applications were deemed non jurisdictional. In addition, staff processed 202 preapplication requests. The following tables summarize permits issued in 2013 and 2012:

Project Type	2013	2012
Minor	80	59
Major	71	88
Variance	1	8
State Agency Order	11	5
Amendments/Renewals	110/7	88/0
General Permits	60	39
Total	340	287

Project Activity	2013	2012
Minor Subdivision	66	56
Major Subdivision	38	44
Wetland	14	27
Towers over 40 feet	23	25
Mining	15	20
Commercial Use	21	6
Invasive Species	14	17
Municipal Roads/Bridges	14	8
Public/Semi Public Use	6	4
Group Camps	2	7
Industrial Use	3	1
Major Public Utility	7	25



Above left: **Sherman Craig**
Acting Chair Regulatory Programs Committee

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

2013 Subdivision Type	Lots Created RU and RM	Lots Created All other Land Use Areas	Boundary Line Adjustments	Total
Minor	60	34	10	104
Major	49	34	15	98
Total	109	68	25	202
Percentage	54%	33.7%	12.4%	100%

TELECOMMUNICATION PROJECTS

In 2013, the Agency issued 23 telecommunications permits and amendments authorizing 2 new towers, 10 co-locations, 9 replacements and 2 co-location replacements. Eighteen pre-applications were initiated. There continues to be improvements in telecommunication throughout the Park.

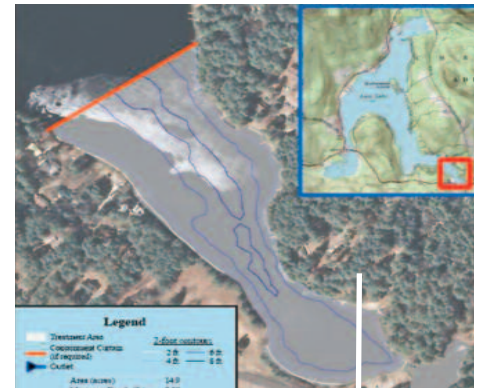
[Click for Updated Cell Tower Map](#)

INVASIVE SPECIES AND NON-NATIVE FISH SPECIES CONTROL

The control of aquatic and terrestrial invasive species is an important concern. The Agency authorized an amendment to General Permit 2008G-1 for the Management of Aquatic Invasive Species Using Benthic Barriers and Hand Harvesting Techniques to include Asian clam control.

In 2013, 18 wetland general permits were issued to control invasive plant species. Most of the work was under the direction of the Adirondack Park Invasive Plan Program (APIPP). A general permit was also issued to APIPP for the early intervention and control of Phragmites in the Essex Chain Lakes tract.

In March, the Agency Board authorized the Town of Chester's permit 2012-219 for the use of the aquatic herbicide Renovate® OTF to control Eurasian watermilfoil in a 15 acre area of Loon Lake. Permit 2013-116 was issued to the Town of Chesterfield to stock sterile triploid grass carp in Augur Lake to control nuisance vegetation such as Eurasian water milfoil. In September, the Board authorized a permit for DEC to use Rotenone to reclaim Lower Sargent Pond, removing non-native fish species and ultimately re-stocking and managing the Pond as a native brook trout fishery.



Management of Eurasian Watermilfoil in Loon Lake Using the Aquatic Herbicide Renovate® OTF

SILVICULTURAL TREATMENTS

Staff spent significant time to improve the review process for sustainable silvicultural treatments. A general permit was proposed and a Silvicultural Practices Review Group comprised of experts was formed to consider strategies to ensure the success of the forestry products industry and promote sustainable forestry practices. As a direct result of this extensive outreach, the Agency approved Lyme Adirondack Timberlands' project for a forty-two acre shelterwood overstory removal. This project was an excellent example of how third party certified forest management plans combined with constructive pre-application meetings can result in the timely approval of forest management projects that will ensure long-term economic and environmental benefits. Work will continue in 2014 on this very important issue.



Silvicultural Practices Review Group meeting.

CAMPGROUNDS

The Agency approved three significant campground projects in 2013. In June, Lydia's Place, Inc. (2012-199), a new 44 site recreational vehicle and tent campground was approved. The project is located in the Town of Hopkinton, St. Lawrence County. The permit addressed the protection of shoreline, wetlands and the control of invasive species. In September, Barber Homestead Park's, LLC (2013-111) request to construct 14 new recreational vehicle sites at their existing campgrounds located in the Town of Westport, Essex County was approved. Agency staff also issued a permit amendment for the Moose Hillick Camping Resort in the Town of Fort Ann, Washington County. The amendment addressed plans proposed by the new owner to improve the camping experience.

REPORT ON EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION

Staff issued an emergency authorization to stabilize a retaining wall supporting NYS Route 73 in the Chapel Pond area. Agency staff were advised of a potential slope failure at the base of the retaining wall by NYS DOT staff and after consultation with all involved agencies, issued the emergency authorization pursuant to §814(4). This case and the experience gained from the recent string of extreme storm events has highlighted the need for a change in Agency procedure to improve responsiveness to legitimate emergency situations.



Emergency Authorization project to stabilize retaining wall in the Town of Keene, Essex County.

Economic Services

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



Above: Special Assistant for Economic Affairs Daniel Kelleher attends the Taste of New York event during Governor Cuomo's Adirondack Challenge event in Indian Lake, Hamilton County.



Above: Chairwoman Ulrich presents Town of Fine Supervisor Mark Hall a certificate of appreciation for the ongoing efforts to remediate the J&L Steel Site in St. Lawrence County.

The Economic Services Unit provides expertise in market and financial feasibility analysis, economic and fiscal impact analysis, and economic development planning to the Agency, local and regional economic developers, and the Park'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

Staff advised the Agency on the economic impacts of a variety of projects ranging from the Adirondack Natural History Museum's Wild Walk project in the Town of Tupper Lake (Franklin County) to the Barber Homestead Park campground project in the Town of Westport (Essex County). Staff also provided technical expertise to a diversity of entrepreneurial ventures during the pre-application process.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Staff attended 60 public outreach and community development meetings in 2013. Staff supported the second phase of the Hamlets 3: Planning for Smart Growth and Expansion of Hamlets in the Adirondack Park project, the Adirondack Partnership's Adirondack Park Recreation Plan, and the Indian Lake Local Development Corporation's main street revitalization project. Staff provided economic information and advice to over fourteen communities in six counties through initiatives such as the 5 Towns Finch Pruyn Economic Revitalization project and the Hamlets 3 project, as well as through individual guidance to communities in Franklin County, Hamilton County, St. Lawrence County and Warren County.

REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT

In 2013, the Regional Economic Development Councils representing the Adirondack Park (Capital Region, Mohawk Valley, and North Country) were recognized as "Top Performers" in the Governor's Statewide economic development competition; this resulted in over \$245 million in grant and loan funding to the three Councils to pursue key economic development projects. Economic Services Unit staff assists in the process as a member of State Agency Resource Teams for each Council. Staff supported the Governor's Path Through History and Cleaner Greener Communities initiatives by providing community development expertise.

FINCH PRUYN LAND CLASSIFICATION

Economic Services Staff supported the State Land Planning team during the classification of the former Finch Pruyn lands in Hamilton and Essex Counties. As a member of the Finch Pruyn classification team, staff developed an economic impact section related to potential classification options, provided the Agency Board with two presentations on economic impacts, answered public comment issues, and assisted with general content development and document editing.

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

In 2013, the Economic Affairs Committee highlighted a diversity of local businesses, including: Sootbusters, LLC from Tupper Lake, NY and Essex Pallet and Pellet of Chesterfield, NY. The committee examined the benefits of wood pellet heating through a presentation from ACT Bioenergy and representatives from Saranac Lake Central Schools. Through the Committee the Board was updated on the ongoing remediation of the Jones and Laughlin Steel site in the Town of Clifton, and was informed of the economic and fiscal benefits related to conservation subdivisions in both the western and eastern United States (presented by the Wildlife Conservation Society). The array of topics highlighted the broad issues and opportunities for sustainable economic development in the Adirondack Park.

Park Policy and Planning

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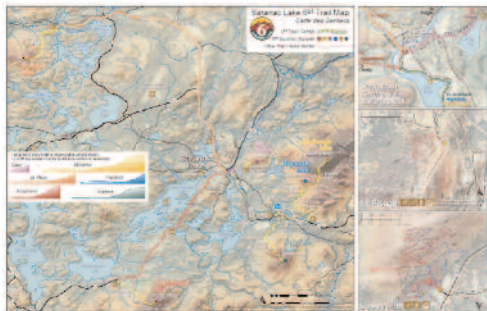
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Above right: **Sherman Craig**
Chair Park Policy and Planning
Committee

James Connolly
Deputy Director, Planning
Retired 9/13



At right: Kevin Prickett (2nd canoe from left) paddles with Governor Cuomo on Boreas Ponds.

At left: Map prepared by John Barge in support of Village of Saranac Lake's "6ers" program.



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 planning, Park policy, Geographic Information System (GIS), cartographic services and web site management.

MAP AMENDMENTS

In 2013, staff worked with the Town of Ticonderoga to identify potential hamlet expansion areas. The areas identified are served by public sewer and include the Ticonderoga Commerce Park. The Town will submit an application in early 2014. [See Map Amendment](#) process website page.

ADIRONDACK PARK RECREATIONAL PLAN WORK GROUP

Staff supported the work group's efforts to identify ways to improve the economy of the Adirondack Park through leveraging the recreation opportunities offered by the Park's abundant natural resources. Staff assisted with the production and distribution of a publication entitled, "ADIRONDACK PARK RECREATION STRATEGY: Capitalizing on the Economic Potential of our Natural Environment." In addition, the Agency's classification of the former Finch Paper lands in the upper Hudson River and Essex Chain Lakes area was consistent with the key opportunities highlighted by the Adirondack Park Recreational Plan Work Group to ensure access to public lands for a full range of recreation activities for people of all ages and abilities.

2014 NEW YORK STATE OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION PLAN

Staff attended DEC's Regions 5 and 6 Open Space Committee meetings and consulted with the Department on updates to the draft Statewide five-year open space plan. The draft plan was completed and was under review at year's end by DEC's central office.

HISTORIC RESOURCE REVIEWS

Staff completed historic resource reviews required as part of the Agency's review of various projects in the Towns of Black Brook, Bolton, Fine, Hopkinton, Jay, Lewis, Minerva, Santa Clara, Stratford, Thurman, Ticonderoga and Westport.

CARTOGRAPHY AND INFORMATION ANALYSIS

Staff continued to administer the GIS mapping "Lookup System" (LUS.) New tools developed in 2013 included a link to county tax offices, daily import of field photos to thematic map layers and GPS file import capabilities. Staff improved the LUS tax parcel and transaction search functionality. New data layers developed included a property use classification layer, a residential parcel year-built layer and updated National Hydrography Data surface water layer.

Staff provided GIS consultation regarding roads, wetlands, aerial imagery, conservation easements, municipal boundaries, and federally designated flood zone data. Additionally, staff assisted RASS staff with the Agency's Stereo Photogrammetric Workstation. Staff responded to GIS requests from NYS DOT, DEC, county governments, academics and not-for-profit organizations. Staff produced two maps for the "Adirondack Park Recreational Plan" publication. Staff produced a map for the Village of Saranac Lake used in their "Saranac Lake 6ers" hiking brochure.

Local Government Services

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Above: Assemblyman Stec and Chairwoman Ulrich at Local Government Day 2013.



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

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

At right:: Agency Board Members, Executive staff and Local Government Services staff present certificate of appreciation to Queensbury Town Supervisor Ron Montesi and town officials.

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 2013.

REPORTABLE ITEMS	TOTAL
Town and Village Consultations (Consulted with 63 out of 103 municipalities)	185
Land Use Regulation Consultations	40
ALLUP Amendments Approved	0
ALLUP Variances Reviewed	96
ALLUP Variances Reversed	3
Comprehensive Plans Reviewed	4
Meetings with Town Officials	47
Responses to Land Use Planning Inquiries	537
Planning & Zoning Board Actions Reviewed	387
Training & Workshops Provided	9
Intra-Agency Local Planning Assistance	192
Inter-Agency Coordination	61
Coordination with other regional organizations	71
Agency Board Presentations	3

ADIRONDACK PARK LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAY

The 16th annual Local Government Day Conference was held on April 24th and 25th, 2013 in Lake Placid, New York. The conference focused on economic development strategies and the promotion of projects that benefit rural economies. Local officials described successful projects that improved infrastructure, entrepreneurial initiatives, municipal energy management and the control of invasive species. Former State Assemblywoman Theresa Sayward was recognized with the annual conference award to thank her for her contributions and for her long-standing service to the communities of the Adirondack Park. Over 325 people from 55 Adirondack Park municipalities attended the event.



State Lands

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Above: State Land Classification team discuss classification alternatives during the September 2013 Board meeting.

From Left: James Connolly, Matthew Kendall, Kathy Regan, Elizabeth Phillips and Walter Linck.



Above: Wild section of the Upper Hudson River.



Above: **Dick Booth**
Chair State Lands Committee

At Right: Planning Director Connolly (at podium) and State Land staff member Kathy Regan (seated in foreground) open the Indian Lake Public Hearing.

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 and reclassification of State lands.

ADIRONDACK PARK STATE LAND CLASSIFICATIONS

In 2013, the Agency completed one of the most significant State land classification actions in the history of the Adirondack Park. Staff prepared classification recommendations for four new State land parcels; the Essex Chain Lakes Tract (18,230 acres), the Indian River Tract (963 acres), the OK Slip Falls Tract (2,789 acres) and the OSC Tract (160 acres). In addition, staff recommended the reclassification of existing State Lands in the adjacent Hudson River Primitive Area, Blue Mountain Wild Forest and Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest. The total acreage involved in this action was approximately 42,400 acres. The preferred alternative included a mixed use of Wilderness, Primitive, Wild Forest and State Administrative land classifications and a multi-use Wild Forest corridor. In December, the Agency Board voted to accept the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and recommended the Preferred Alternative to Governor Cuomo.

This marked an important accomplishment in what is anticipated as a multi-year effort by the State to acquire, from The Nature Conservancy, and classify former Finch Pruyn & Company lands. Based on their unparalleled natural resources and beauty, the lands and waters included in this classification, and those targeted for future acquisition, are considered by many to be "the jewel in the Adirondack crown." [Please Click to download FSEIS.](#)

UNIT MANAGEMENT PLANS

The Agency determined State Land Master Plan compliance of a UMP for the 53,280-acre Taylor Pond Complex and a proposed amendment to the 2004 UMP for the Whiteface Mountain Intensive Use Ski Center. State land staff conducted field visits, reviewed drafts and provided consultation to DEC planners on draft UMPs including the Saranac Lakes Wild Forest Area, Chazy Highland Complex, and Camp Santanoni Historic Area.

REVIEW OF DEC SNOWMOBILE TRAIL PROJECTS

Staff consulted with DEC on the siting, construction and maintenance of various snowmobile trails including trails in the Black River, Independence River, Jessup River, Moose River Plains, Taylor Pond, Vanderwhacker Mountain and Wilmington Wild Forest Areas, as well as one proposed trail segment in the Camp Santanoni Historic Area.

SUMMIT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Staff assisted DEC and the Adirondack Mountain Club with strategic plan updates for the Summit Stewardship Program. Ms. Regan attended the 8th Alpine Gathering in Keene, NH – a conference focused on the response of alpine habitat to climate change and received the Guy Waterman Alpine Stewardship Award for her efforts to protect alpine vegetation.



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Above right: **Arthur Lussi**
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Above Left: **William Valentino**
Chair Enforcement Committee
Above right: **James Townsend**
Agency Counsel

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 2013 included dismissal by stipulation of a federal court challenge relating to an Agency wetlands enforcement action in Clinton County. A state court challenge relating to enforcement of the Agency's shoreline restrictions was also discontinued by stipulation. Another noteworthy decision involved denial by Supreme Court, Franklin County, of a request for discovery related to the Agency's January 2012 approval of the Adirondack Club and Resort development project in Tupper Lake, Franklin County.

In addition, the Legal Division successfully undertook a consensus rule-making to make minor corrections to existing regulations. The consensus rule updated citations, made technical corrections and clarified language in existing rules. Staff updated 13 public information flyers to help familiarize citizens with important jurisdictional criteria and regulatory requirements. Staff continued to revise procedures to streamline internal legal review and guidance provided to non-legal agency staff and the general public.

Staff drafted emergency authorization regulations to provide the Agency with a tool to authorize expedited review for emergency actions. Legal staff assisted with revisions to the Agency's guidance document "Development in the Adirondack Park." Staff advised the Agency Board on future actions required from the Agency as a result of the passage of constitutional amendments Proposition 4 and 5 as well as the pending transfers of Camp Gabriels and Lyon Mountain Correctional Facility. Legal staff also reviewed major permits prior to issuance, provided legal advice on jurisdictional inquiries and helped resolve enforcement matters.

In January, the Agency welcomed back James Townsend to the position of Counsel. Mr. Townsend was an Agency Board member from June of 1999 to May of 2010. During his eleven year tenure he served as Chair of the Legal Affairs, Regulatory Programs and State Land Committees. His tenure as Chair of the State Land Committee resulted in resolution of key State Land Master Plan interpretations which helped jump start the Unit Management Planning process.

Finally, in June, the Agency recognized the retirement of Board Member Cecil Wray. Mr. Wray served on the Board from 1999 to 2013, and was Chair of both the Legal Affairs and Enforcement Committees.

At right: Legal team discuss process to improve response time for emergency projects.
From left: Steve Brewer, James Townsend, Jennifer McAleese and Mary Palmer.

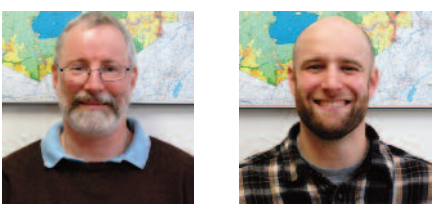


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Above Left: **Douglas Miller**
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 Above Right: **John Burth**
 EPS 2 Enforcement Office

At right: Doug Miller conducts a
 site visit to expedite emergency re-
 view authorization.
 Second right: Trevor Fravor partic-
 ipates in outreach event.

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 2013, the Agency received a total of 837 jurisdictional inquiry forms (JIFs). The following table summarizes Jurisdictional Inquiry determinations and information requests:

Jurisdictional Inquiry Received	837
Jurisdictional Inquiry Responses	833
Non-Jurisdictional Determinations	588
Jurisdictional Determinations	147
Variance Determinations	29
General Information Response	48
Potential Violation Determination	21
Average Response Time (in days)	16
Telephone Consultations	3,716
Walk-In Consultations	187
Site Visits	57
Referrals from other Agencies	267
FOIL Requests Received	187

ENFORCEMENT UNIT

Enforcement Officers continued to promptly address violations when identified and to actively work with local officials to prevent or quickly resolve new violations. Staff started 2013 with 149 unresolved cases and opened 209 new cases. 237 cases were successfully closed. Staff prepared 86 settlement agreements of which 54 were executed through consent with landowners. 71 violations were resolved through voluntary compliance as a result of prompt responses to alleged violations and proactive enforcement efforts. Staff conducted 207 site visits and determined 112 enforcement cases were not violations.

As part of an Agency-wide effort to improve efficiency, Enforcement staff have been cross-trained with the Regulatory Programs division to complete various duties in addition to undertaking enforcement investigations. In 2013, enforcement staff issued 50 jurisdictional determinations, conducted 33 site visits for review of permit applications and permit compliance, prepared 23 permits, and wrote 184 permit compliance letters.



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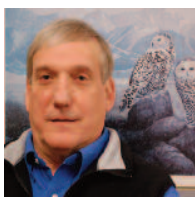
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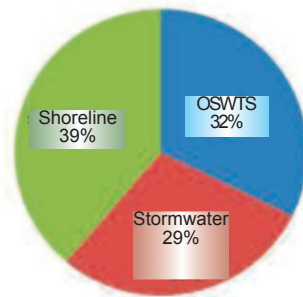
At right: Mark Rooks participates in Loon Lake Associates Boat Wash event to help educate people on the need to clean boats to stop the spread of invasive plants.

At right 2: Greg Bendell and Mary O'Dell inspect a culvert during a storm water management site visit.

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

Engineering Reviews by Category



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. For example, staff review stormwater management to prevent surface and groundwater impacts from stormwater runoff associated with development proposals.

In 2013, engineering staff conducted 126 site visits in support of shoreline projects (39%), stormwater management (29%) and onsite wastewater treatment system reviews (32%).

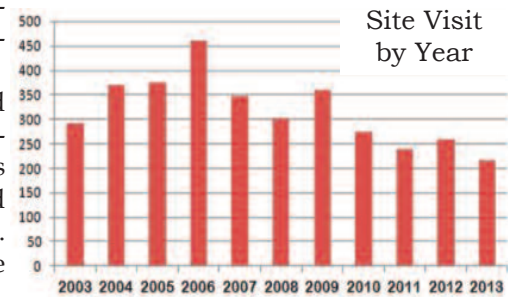
In addition, staff prepared technical recommendations in support of the following activities: permit applications (164), jurisdictional/legal determinations (95), enforcement (37), local government (2) and State land (3).

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WETLANDS

The NYS Freshwater Wetlands Act and the APA Act have stringent requirements for regulated activities involving wetlands. Wetlands staff provide a high level of service to the public that includes delineation, mitigation, and impact analysis.

During 2013 a total of 217 wetland site visits were conducted. The average processing time for sites visits was 11 days. In addition, staff completed 292 wetland air photo interpretations. Air photo interpretations improve staff's wetland determination response time by reducing the need for site visits thus saving hundreds of hours of time and thousands of miles of travel.



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY GRANTS

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Wetland Protection Program Development Phase 1 grant entitled, "Developing a Monitoring Framework for Detecting Wetland Response to Climate Change in the Adirondack Park: Protocol for Development and Implementation" was completed in 2013.





Above: Shaun LaLonde measures distance to mean high water mark to assist project applicant with shoreline project.



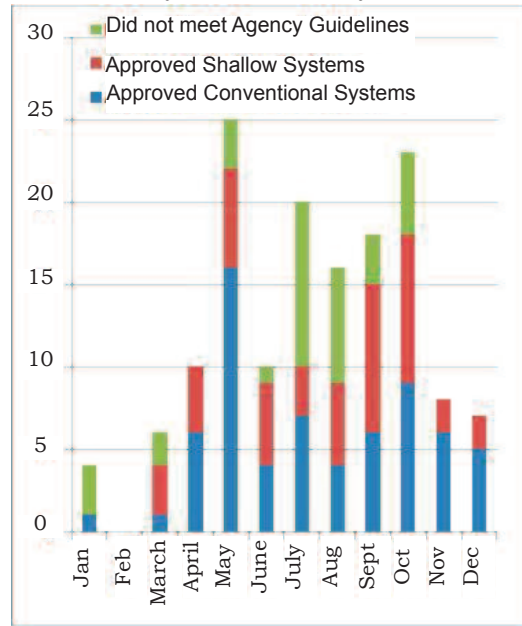
Above: Black capped chickadees were fledged in bird house on APA grounds in Ray Brook this spring.

At right: Agency executive staff, Board members and RASS staff participate in sustainable forestry field visit.

At right 2: Shaun LaLonde provides a shoreline property owner with technical advice regarding streambank stabilization.

SOILS

Interpretations of deep-hole test pits (DHTPs) provide the necessary information to correctly locate OSWT systems.



In 2013 a total of 76 projects involving 147 (DHTPs) were reviewed by Agency staff. Of the 147 DHTPs, 126 were described by Agency staff and 21 were described by outside consultants. All data submitted by consultants is checked by staff to ensure profile accuracy, separation requirements, and appropriate setback distances.

In 2013, 43% of the test pits were approved for conventional on-site wastewater treatment systems (OSWTs), 33% were approved for shallow absorption OSWTs, and 23% did not meet Agency guidelines.

Of the approved shallow systems 83% were due to shallow

seasonal high groundwater and 17% were due to shallow bedrock.

FRESHWATER RESOURCES

The condition of surface waters affect residents of the Park in many ways including quality of recreational activities and human health.

In 2013 two significant projects were approved that addressed water quality. In March, the Town of Chester was issued a permit to treat a 15± acre area of Loon Lake for Eurasian watermilfoil using the aquatic herbicide Renovate®. A vegetative survey conducted in September, 2013, indicated that the May treatment was very successful. That treatment, along with aggressive hand harvesting and benthic barrier installations significantly reduced the Eurasian watermilfoil population throughout the entire lake. The Town and lake association are now in a good position to continue with a cost effective, long-term management plan to manage the milfoil.

In September, the NYS DEC was issued a permit for the reclamation of Lower Sargent Pond, a 136 acre body of water located in the Sargent Pond Wild Forest. Reclamation occurred over two days during October to eliminate previously unauthorized introduction of largemouth bass from the lake. The NYS DEC will re-stock the lake with native brook trout in the Fall of 2014.

FORESTS

In 2013, staff were involved in discussions with timber industry representatives and environmental advocacy groups regarding modern silvicultural practices in the Adirondack Park. The work group focused on the role of forest certification programs in modern forestry and regulatory approaches that encourage sustainable forest management based on the best available science.



Agency Staff Transitions



Above: James Connolly's last APA Board meeting. From left: Chairwoman Ulrich, Executive Director Martino, Deputy Director - Planning James Connolly, State Land Committee Chair Richard Booth.



Above: Agency Counsel James Townsend.

Below: Environmental Program Specialist 1 Trainee Devan Korn welcomed to the Agency by Chairwoman Ulrich and Executive Director Martino.



In 2013, the Agency experienced staff change with the retirement of long serving staff members James Connolly, Deborah Lester, and Sue Carey. The Agency was fortunate to hire James Townsend and Devan Korn

NEW HIRES

James Townsend was appointed Agency Counsel in January, 2013. Mr. Townsend was an Agency Board Member from June of 1999 until May of 2010. During his tenure he chaired the Technical Advisory Committee and through engagement with the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board and various stakeholders successfully completed regulatory reform which improved shoreline and wetland protections as well as clarifying the jurisdictional process. Prior to returning to the Agency, Mr. Townsend was a partner in Remington, Gifford, Williams & Colicchio, LLP, a General practice firm, which concentrates in corporate, business and real estate financing and related planning matters.

Devan F. Korn joined the Agency on September 16, 2013 as an Environmental Program Specialist 1 Trainee. He was previously employed as a Data Collector for the Towns of Potsdam and Fowler in St Lawrence County. Mr. Korn also worked for the State of Connecticut in the Department of Environmental Protection, Land Acquisition and Management Division. Mr. Korn was a trail crew employee for the Acadia National Park and is an active member of Adirondack Growers.

RETIREMENTS

Mr. Connolly served as the APA's Deputy Director, Planning from September 2002 till September 2013. Starting in 1983, he worked at NYSDEC Region 5 as the Chief Public Affairs Officer and later as the Lake Champlain Program Coordinator. Mr. Connolly displayed extensive knowledge of the Adirondack Park, the Adirondack Park Agency Act, and the State Land Master Plan, including a keen understanding of regional planning and State Land policy issues. From May 2008 to August 2009, Mr. Connolly served as the Acting APA Executive Director. For this service, he was recognized by the Agency Board for his extraordinary leadership, creative initiative and steadfast dedication. Throughout his career, he worked tirelessly to ensure natural resource protection, local government viability and economic substantiability.

Ms. Lester served as the Secretary to the Executive Director from January 1984 till November 2013. She was a dedicated public servant and an extraordinary professional. Throughout her career, Ms. Lester's organizational and communication skills were invaluable. She was greatly appreciated for her unique ability to remain composed and thorough in all circumstances. The Agency, especially the executive staff, are indebted to Ms. Lester for her contributions throughout a long and successful career.

Mrs. Susan Carey started her career at the Agency in 1990 as a Keyboard Specialist in the Legal Division. She effectively performed all required support staff functions and was promoted to the position of Principal Clerk 1 in the Administrative Division. Mrs. Carey quietly performed her duties and was well respected by her colleagues. She retired from State service in November, 2013.

At right from Left: Terry Martino, Ross Whaley, Deborah Lester, Richard Lefebvre, Dan Spada and John Banta



Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board

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Above: Polaris Bridge over Hudson River.

Below: Solar panel installation at Town of Chester Town Hall.



At right: Town of Chester and Loon Lake Association mobile boat wash station. The town and lake association partnered to slow the spread of aquatic invasives.

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: State and local elected officials along with State Agency officials honor retired Assemblywoman Theresa Sayward. First Row from left: DOS Designee Dierdre Scozzafava, APA Chairwoman Leilani Ulrich, Senator Little, Assemblywoman Sayward, AATV President Brian Towers, APA Executive Director Terry Martino. Second Row from left: DEC Region 5 Director Robert Stegemann, Assemblyman Butler, Assemblyman Steck, LGRB Executive Director Fred Monroe, Hamilton County Chairman William Farber.



Above: LGRB Executive Director Fred Monroe provides testimony during state land classification public hearing.



Above: North Hudson Supervisor Ron Moore provides insight to Board member Craig during Common Ground Alliance trip.



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