

MEMORANDUM

TO: Barbara Rice, Executive Director

FROM: Mitchell Jones, Environmental Program Specialist 1

DATE: November 14th, 2025

RE: Staff Review of the November 2025 Proposed Final UMP for
Lincoln Pond Public Campground

Staff have completed review of the November 2025 Proposed Final Unit Management Plan for the Lincoln Pond Public Campground (2025 UMP). The 2025 UMP proposes management actions to construct a 6-unit shower building, construct a recycling building, rehabilitate and pave one mile of existing gravel roads and the northern trailered boat launch parking area, construct a new restroom, replace the trailer dumping station, rehabilitate the water and sewage systems, plant trees and shrubs, construct a boat wash station, and restore campsites.

In August 1990, the DEC adopted the Final Generic UMP and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for campgrounds and day-use areas (1990 Generic UMP/EIS) which provides information on the environmental setting, inventory of facilities, organizational structure, issues, constraints, management objectives, and effects for campgrounds and day-use areas in the Adirondack Park. Currently, Lincoln Pond Campground does not have an individual UMP.

Agency staff worked with DEC staff to assure compliance with the APSLMP.

On August 14th, 2025, the Agency Board authorized staff to proceed with a joint public comment period with the Department for the proposed 2025 UMP. The public comment period ran from August 14th, 2025 through September 15th, 2025. The Department received six comment letters and seven survey responses and the Agency received one comment letter during the public comment period.

Lincoln Pond Public Campground is classified as an Intensive Use Area (IUA). IUAs are facilities for intensive forms of outdoor recreation. Two types of IUAs are identified in the APSLMP: day use areas and campgrounds. The APSLMP includes Lincoln Pond Public Campground in its campground inventory (APSLMP at 119).

The APSLMP outlines requirements for construction and development activities in Intensive Use Areas. The proposed management actions conform to these requirements. The proposed projects avoid material alteration of wetlands. Proposed topographic alterations are minimal and little to no vegetative clearing is proposed. Construction activities will take place in already disturbed areas where existing infrastructure will be replaced. This will help ensure the scenic, natural and open space resources of the area are preserved.

The APSLMP offers guidelines and criteria specific to campgrounds. The 2025 UMP is consistent with these guidelines, including the directive that “older, existing campgrounds will be rehabilitated and reconstructed as soon as possible to reflect modern site planning principles that will better blend the facilities with the environment and will comply with the provisions of this master plan” (APSLMP at 43). Pages 24-29 of the 2025 UMP provide a thorough justification for how the proposed management actions comply with the aforementioned APSLMP requirements.

Lincoln Pond Campground contains two trailered boat launch sites within the Intensive Use Area on the 572-acre Lincoln Pond. The APSLMP recognizes that preexisting intensive use trailered boat launches on waterbodies under 1000 acres in size are allowed, but they will be periodically reviewed to determine if their eventual conversion to fishing and waterway access sites is appropriate. The federal Visitor Use Management Framework is being utilized to conduct this review.

For the reasons set forth above, it is the opinion of staff that the proposed final draft of the 2025 UMP amendment for Lincoln Pond Public Campground conforms to the general guidelines and criteria of the APSLMP.