



## Adirondack Park Agency

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### **MEMORANDUM**

To: Terry Martino

From: Kathy Regan

Date: May 4, 2016

Re: Proposed changes to the UMP review process

In December 2015 staff attended a three-day meeting for “LEANing” UMPs. During this process four strategies, each with multiple steps, were identified for streamlining the UMP process. Although the majority of actionable items are associated with the Department, the Agency has been very involved.

One work group has developed timeframes for the UMP review process. A recommendation has been made that the Department and Agency go to their public comment periods simultaneously, with the release of the Public Draft. This action could shed two months from this multi-year process.

The Department’s public comment period would still be for management recommendations and the Agency’s for APSLMP conformance. In reality, the Department and the Agency get both types of comments and being able to share them at the same time would be advantageous.

One concern of a simultaneous public comment period is that the Proposed Final UMP could be altered significantly from the Public Draft UMP based on comments received and the public would not have an opportunity to comment on the newly incorporated changes. Should this happen, either the Agency or the Department would be able to request a second public comment period.

If the Agency Board accepts this staff recommendation, a memorandum will need to be written stating that this change of procedure, outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Adirondack Park Agency and the Department of Environmental Conservation Concerning the Implementation of the State Land Master Plan for the Adirondack Park (MOU), will be the new procedure. The LEAN UMP process is likely to result in additional updates needing to be incorporated into the MOU. These updates will be made upon completion of the LEAN UMP process.