

SHERMAN CRAIG Chairman **TERRY MARTINO**Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Terry Martino

FROM: Kathleen Regan

DATE: July 7, 2016

RE: MA2016-01 (St. Armand)

The Adirondack Park Agency received an application for an amendment to the Official Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map (the Official Map) from a landowner in the Town of St. Armand. The request is for an approximately 30 acre parcel to be reclassified from Rural Use to Low Intensity Use. Agency staff expanded the area to approximately 80 acres to be consistent with land use area boundary requirements.

The Agency adopted a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) at the May 2016 meeting. A hearing was held at the St. Armand Town Hall on June 16, 2016. Five comments were made at the hearing, including comments made by Town Supervisor Charles Whitson and applicant Henry Savarie. Two written comments and one petition with eleven signatures were received during the public comment period. None of the comments made at the hearing or in writing were in favor of the amendment. The two primary issues mentioned in the comments were the status of the private road that accesses the area and the desire to maintain the rural character of the area.

This month's mailing includes a draft of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) and a draft Order and SEQR Finding Statement. A printed copy of the draft FSEIS is attached to this memo. The FSEIS includes a recommended preferred alternative, which is to deny the request and maintain the current Rural Use classification for the area. The FSEIS also contains a summary of the hearing, a copy of all comments received and responses to comments.