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Chairman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Terry Martino, APA

FROM: Kathy Regan, APA

DATE: March 1, 2018

RE: Management Guidance: Siting, Construction and Maintenance of Singletrack Bicycle Trails on Forest Preserve Lands in the Adirondack Park

For Agency Board consideration pursuant to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (Master Plan), please find attached a revised, draft guidance document entitled “Management Guidance: Siting, Construction and Maintenance of Singletrack Bicycle Trails on Forest Preserve Lands in the Adirondack Park.”

In August 2017, Department and Agency staff presented the Agency Board with an initial draft of this proposed guidance document and requested authorization to make it available for public comment until September 29, 2017. During the public comment period, staff received thirty-one comments on the draft guidance which are provided on the CD included in the mailing and are summarized and responded to in an attached joint memorandum from Department and Agency staff.

Changes made to the document in response to public comment and/or based on further staff review include: (1) greater detail in the trail alignment section; (2) a new section describing best practices for bridge design on bike trails; (3) an overview of soil characteristics and their relationship with trail design; (4) guidance regarding directional bike trails; (5) tips for using professional trail design consultants; and (6) Guidelines for the Administrative Use of Motor Vehicles to Build and Maintain Bicycle Trails.

With these changes, staff recommend Agency Board adoption of the attached, draft resolution determining that the proposed guidance document is consistent with the Master Plan and directing the Agency Chairman to advise the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation of the Agency Board’s determination.

Attachments