



**Adirondack
Park Agency**

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**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY
WITH RESPECT TO THE 2022 AMENDMENT TO THE GENERIC UNIT
MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR CAMPGROUNDS AND DAY-USE AREAS
(WATERCRAFT DECONTAMINATION FACILITIES)**

Proposed for Adoption
by the Adirondack Park Agency
June 9, 2022

WHEREAS, Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act (APA Act) directs the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to develop, in consultation with the Adirondack Park Agency (Agency), individual management plans for units of land classified in the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) and requires such management plans to conform to the guidelines and criteria of the APSLMP; and

WHEREAS, in addition to such guidelines and criteria, the APSLMP prescribes the contents of unit management plans and provides that the Agency will determine whether a proposed individual unit management plan (UMP) complies with such guidelines and criteria; and

WHEREAS, in August 1990, DEC adopted the Final Generic UMP and GEIS for campgrounds and day-use areas (1990 Generic UMP/GEIS) 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 both the Adirondack and Catskill Parks; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the DEC amended the 1990 Generic UMP/GEIS to authorize firewood storage buildings in campgrounds and day-use areas; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the DEC amended the 1990 Generic UMP/GEIS to authorize electric vehicle charging stations at campgrounds and day-use areas; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 100 boat launches owned by the State of New York within the Adirondack Park; and

WHEREAS, there are 110 Adirondack waters known to have aquatic invasive species present; and

WHEREAS, research shows that recreational watercraft are the most significant vector for spread of aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS, watercraft decontamination units equipped with high pressure and hot water are an effective management tool to remove aquatic invasive species from recreational watercraft; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, DEC determined that the amendment would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and filed notice thereof in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on February 23, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2022, DEC presented the Draft 2022 Amendment to the Generic Unit Management Plan for Campgrounds And Day-Use Areas - Watercraft Decontamination Facilities (Draft 2022 Amendment) to the Agency and the Agency established a joint public comment period on the Draft 2022 Amendment from March 11, 2022 through April 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Agency received four written comments during its public comment period; and

WHEREAS, DEC has prepared a proposed final amendment to the 1990 Generic UMP, providing for watercraft decontamination facilities at campgrounds and day-use areas, dated June 2022 (Proposed Final 2022 Amendment); and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Final 2022 Amendment proposes to authorize permanent construction of watercraft decontamination facilities at Intensive Use Area facilities that include campgrounds and day-use areas in the Adirondack Park managed by DEC, Division of Operations, which will prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species via recreational boating; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2022 APA staff made a presentation recommending that the Proposed Final 2022 Amendment conforms with the guidelines and criteria of the APSLMP; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has considered the Proposed Final 2022 Amendment; DEC staff's March 10, 2022 presentation; the intra-agency memo dated June 2, 2022; comments received by the public; APA staff's June 9, 2022 presentation; and the deliberations of Agency Board Members and designees at the Agency's June 9, 2022 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Agency finds the Proposed Final Amendment to the Generic Unit Management Plan for Campgrounds and Day-Use Areas (Watercraft

Decontamination Facilities), dated June 2022, conforms with the guidelines and criteria of the APSLMP; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Agency authorizes its Executive Director to advise the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation of the Agency's determination in this matter.

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstentions:

Absent: