

The Town of Webb & The Adirondack Park:

*A Local Government
Perspective on
Shared Stewardship &
Community Vitality*



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Town of Webb

- Approximately 482 square miles
- Largest town by area in New York State
- Entirely within the Adirondack Park
- Old Forge, Thendara, Big Moose, Eagle Bay, Stillwater, Beaver River and surrounding communities
- A community whose economy, infrastructure, recreation and identity are directly connected to the Adirondack Park



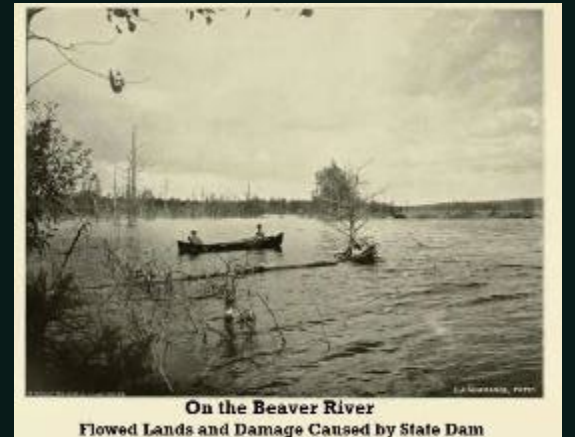
Leadership, Deep Roots & Community Dedication

Tom Greco — Town Supervisor

- Longtime resident & local business owner reinvesting in town infrastructure and vitality
- Parent invested in the long-term future, livability, schools, and affordable housing in Webb
- Former Town Board Member (4 years) turned Town Supervisor

Rusty Thompson — Longtime Beaver River Resident

- Multi-generational perspective representing remote, historic Adirondack hamlets
- Lifelong advocate for community access, safety, and local heritage



State Partners Webb Regularly Encounters

Adirondack Park Agency - Land use, planning, State Land, jurisdiction, wetlands and community development.

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation- Forest Preserve, Unit Management Plans, trails, water, dams, environmental permitting, conservation easements, recreation and emergency access.

NYS Department of Transportation - Route 28, transportation infrastructure, highway safety, the Remsen–Lake Placid Travel Corridor, access and transportation planning.

NYS Department of State - Local planning, waterfront revitalization, Smart Growth and Consolidated Funding Applications.

NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation - Water and wastewater infrastructure, WIIA and financing.

NYS Department of Health - Public water, beaches, public health requirements and municipal facilities.

NYSERDA - Energy efficiency, municipal facilities, planning and Clean Energy Communities programs.

Empire State Development / Regional Economic Development Council - Economic development and CFA opportunities.

NYS Homes and Community Renewal - Housing, community development and potential CDBG resources.

Governor's Office and State Legislative Representatives - Coordination when an issue crosses multiple State agencies or doesn't fit neatly within one agency's jurisdiction.

Our Partners Extend Far Beyond Government

Webb's work increasingly involves organizations such as:



Adirondack Community Foundation

Adirondack Council

Adirondack Railway Preservation Society

Adirondack Architectural Heritage

Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida
Counties

Local fire and EMS organizations

LivingADK

Northern Forest Canoe Trail

Regional agencies

Business organizations

Foundations and philanthropic partners

Engineers, planners and technical professionals

Property owners

Volunteers

Local businesses

Neighboring municipalities

Our residents



THE POWER OF OUR PEOPLE

Our citizens are who
we work for.

COLLABORATION ISN'T ALWAYS COMFORTABLE

Successful collaborations do not always require agreement, but we find they do require:

Communication

Respect

Access to decision-makers

Early involvement

Honest answers

Understanding each other's responsibilities

A willingness to stay at the table





ONE CRISIS, MANY JURISDICTIONS

BEAVER RIVER

Public safety Emergency access Forest preserve Transportation State land planning
Conservation easements Historic access Utilities Emergency services Private property
Environmental protection





WEBB IS WORKING ON OUR FUTURE WHILE MANAGING TODAY



Infrastructure



Housing



Community &
Economic
Development



Hamlet Expansion

THE CAPACITY GAP

A SMALL TOWN CAN HAVE:

- A good idea.
- A willing community.
- A committed Supervisor.
- A supportive Town Board.
- A real need.

AND STILL NOT KNOW:

- Who to call.
- Where to apply.
- Who has done it before.
- Which agency should be involved first.
- How to get from an idea to a viable project.

WHAT WE NEED: RESOURCES FOR SMALL ADIRONDACK COMMUNITIES

HELP TO CONNECT OUR TOWN WITH:

- Communities working on hamlet expansion
- Funding for water and sewer infrastructure
- Housing resources
- Transportation resources
- State and federal partners
- Technical assistance
- The right person when an issue crosses jurisdictions
- Other small towns doing ambitious community development projects



SO I WANT TO ASK YOU:

What does the APA think a town like Webb needs?

How can a municipality find the right State partners?

Where should a small town go when a problem crosses agencies?

How can the APA help connect communities with one another?

What does the Agency wish municipalities understood better?

And what can towns do differently to make collaboration easier?





WHAT WE ALL NEED

Protect the Park.

Keep communities viable.

Listen to the people who live here.

Connect the people doing the work.

Find the path forward.

Thank you

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