



Adirondack Park Agency

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Terry Martino

FROM: Matthew Kendall

DATE: July 8, 2020

RE: MA2020-01 (North Elba)

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 the Town of North Elba. The request is for approximately 34.5 acres to be reclassified from its current classification, Moderate Intensity Use, to Hamlet. The requested area consisted of two private parcels of land and was not defined by regional boundaries, so three geographic alternatives were considered.

A Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) was filed on April 22, 2020. An online public hearing via WebEx was held on May 15, 2020. Approximately 12 members of the public participated in the hearing and were given the opportunity to make a comment, but no comments were made during the hearing. The public comment period concluded on May 30, 2020 and comments were received from five individuals and organizations. The comments received in favor of the proposed amendment stated that Alternative Area 3 meets the criteria to be reclassified as Hamlet. The common concern among the comments received opposed to the amendment was the location of potential access roads to future development, which is not a consideration for map amendments.

This month's mailing includes a draft of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) and a draft Order and SEQR Findings Statement. The FSEIS includes a recommended preferred alternative, which is reclassifying the 32 acre Alternative Area 3 from Moderate Intensity Use to Hamlet. The FSEIS also contains a summary of the hearing, a copy of all comments received and responses to substantive comments.

Enclosures: FSEIS
Draft Order MA 2020-01
Draft Findings Statement MA 2020-01