

**State Environmental Quality Review
Notice of Completion of Draft
and Notice of SEQR Hearing**

Lead Agency: Lake George Park Commission

Project Number: SCP-1

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This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement has been completed and accepted for the proposed action described below. Comments are requested and will be accepted by the contact person until March 15, 2009. A public hearing on the Draft EIS will be held on February 24, 2009 at 11:00am at the Holiday Inn, Route 9, Lake George, New York.

Name of Action: Adoption of Stream Corridor Protection Regulations for the Lake George Park.

Description of Action:

When enacted, the regulations will fulfill the statutory purposes expressed in 43-0112(5) of the Environmental Conservation Law "The Commission shall, after consultation with the department, the department of health, the Adirondack Park Agency and each municipality located in whole or in part within the Park, further promulgate regulations relative to stream corridor management which shall include standards for the location of roads, stream channelization, the frequency of stream crossings, and timber harvesting and vegetative cutting restrictions within designated stream corridors. The regulations adopted pursuant to this section may be stricter than regulations promulgated by the department."

It is expected that the regulations will establish permit requirements and design standards for projects in designated stream corridors to protect the water quality of streams and Lake George. The regulations are also expected to establish standards for stream crossings and other hydro-modifications to preserve stream ecology and avoid detrimental effects. It is also expected that the regulations will provide administrative mechanisms to identify and reduce impacts from previous development in stream corridors.

Location: The Lake George Park is comprised of Lake George and a surrounding land area approximating the lake's land drainage basin. It includes portions of three counties: Warren, Washington and Essex and twelve municipalities: the Towns of Lake George; Fort Ann; Bolton; Queensbury; Hague; Putnam; Dresden; Ticonderoga; Lake Luzerne; Horicon; Warrensburg; and the Village of Lake George.

Potential Environmental Impacts:

The potential environmental impacts include the introduction of sediments, nutrients and contaminants into tributary streams and ultimately to Lake George, during and following land development activities. The introduction of such materials reduces water quality and can permanently alter the beneficial characteristics of receiving waters.

Development proximate to streams can reduce vegetative cover, introduce uncontrolled storm water, increase water temperatures and diminish the streams capacity to support aquatic species including trout. Improper development practices along streams can reduce the stream's base flow, block fish passage, result in bank erosion and reduce environmental quality.

The Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement can be viewed and downloaded from the Commission's web site www.lgpc.state.ny.us

A copy of the Draft / Final EIS may be obtained from:

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