

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
 Resolution No. 10-12-38
 December 21, 2010

AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ADIRONDACK PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages, through a partnership with the Adirondack North Country Association, was successful in creating a great deal of meaningful data and information through the Adirondack Park Regional Assessment Project, and

WHEREAS, one of the first planning priorities of this partnership is the development of successful economic strategies for the Adirondack Park, and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Partnership has been created to serve as a forum for local governments, State agencies, nonprofit organizations and other institutions to work in partnership to address complex Adirondack issues in a coordinated manner, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency does hereby authorize its Chief Executive Officer to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (draft form of which is attached).

Move:	Hall			
Second:	LaBaff/Blevins			
VOTE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Blevins	X			
Hall	X			
LaBaff	X			
McMahon				X
Peck	X			
Staples	X			
Weekes	X			

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared this copy of this Resolution with the original record in this office, and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

/s/ *Natalie Sweatland*

Natalie A. Sweatland
 December 21, 2010

Memorandum of Agreement

Establishing the Adirondack Partnership

This agreement, dated _____, 2010 is between local governments within the Adirondack Park, New York State agencies, and other cooperating parties with an interest in benefiting Adirondack Park communities, their economies and the environment,

WHEREAS, maintaining and enhancing the strength of Adirondack communities is essential to the economic well-being and quality of life of residents of the Adirondack Park and the experience of visitors to the Adirondack Park;

WHEREAS, numerous cooperating parties, including the local governments within the Adirondack Park, various New York State agencies, and various not-for-profit organizations share the responsibilities, interests, and benefits of advancing sustainable communities;

WHEREAS, many of the PARTIES to this agreement have participated in a host of regional efforts including Common Ground Alliance Forum, which has established a cooperative basis for identification and advancement of key Adirondack priorities by the diverse stakeholders within the Adirondack Park; and

WHEREAS, the PARTIES hereto are desirous of continuing to work together on a cooperative basis in order to maintain communication among the PARTIES and to establish a forum where local governments, state agencies, and non-profit organizations can coordinate public-private efforts to advance Adirondack priorities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the parties hereto agree to create and participate in the Adirondack Partnership (“the Partnership”);

THAT the Partnership shall be comprised of one designated representative of each signatory party and chaired at its inception (up until the first convening) by a designee to be named by the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages. The

Partnership will subsequently be chaired by a Partnership member selected by vote of the signatory representatives, as described in the Operating Procedures.

THAT each party may, at its pleasure, change its representative to the Partnership from time to time;

THAT the Partnership will:

- a. Develop a long-term implementation plan of priority actions to support and enhance sustainable Adirondack communities;
- b. Advance implementation items from the long-term implementation plan;
- c. Periodically establish, review, and update priority actions for enhancing sustainable communities;
- d. Identify funding priorities for consideration by members when applying for grants and other financial assistance;
- e. Periodically review implementation activities undertaken to support and enhance sustainable communities;
- f. Facilitate coordination of members efforts and sharing of information to advance sustainable Adirondack communities;
- g. Approve an annual work plan and budget for the Partnership;
- h. Convene an annual forum for the purpose of reviewing past accomplishments and discussing actions needed to further support and enhance sustainable communities;
- i. Establish sub-committees, as needed;
- j. Adopt bylaws and procedures for the conduct of its business, as necessary.

THE PARTIES signing this AGREEMENT represent that they have been duly authorized to enter into this AGREEMENT, pursuant to their respective lawful authorities.

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Adirondack Partnership
Proposed Operating Procedures

Background

The Adirondack Partnership was created in 2010 through a Memorandum of Agreement signed by local governments, state agencies, non-profit organizations, and other institutions as authorized by majority vote of Partnership signatories, in the Adirondack Park who share a common goal of enhancing and benefiting communities, their economies, and the environment within the Adirondack Park.

It is anticipated that activities of the Partnership be financed through Environmental Protection Fund, private endowments, and other grants from various funding sources as well as in-kind/volunteer services and materials from the member organizations.

The Partnership will include municipalities (towns, counties, and villages), state agencies, nonprofit organizations, and other institutions as authorized by majority vote of Partnership signatories.

Purpose of the Partnership

The Adirondack Partnership serves as a forum for local governments, state agencies, nonprofit organizations, and other institutions as authorized by majority vote of Partnership signatories, to work in partnership to address complex Adirondack issues in a coordinated manner. The Partnership has no approval or review function for actions proposed or undertaken by the individual members, or other organizations. Beyond serving as a cooperative forum, the function of the Partnership is to agree upon annual and long-term priorities for advancing Adirondack community sustainability, including applications submitted on behalf of the Partnership to implement these priorities.

The charter of the Partnership, as described in the 2010 Memorandum of Agreement, is as follows:

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Membership

The Adirondack Partnership includes the following members, or a designated representative: the Chief Elected Officials of the (list all signatory villages and towns); the Chair of the Boards of Supervisors or County Legislature of (list all signatory counties); (list chief officer of all signatory state agencies, which may include: New York State Secretary of State; Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; Chair of the Adirondack Park Agency; Chair of New York State Empire State Development; and Commissioner of the New York State Department of Transportation); (list designees of all signatory non-profits), and list of designees for any other entities authorized for membership by a majority vote of Partnership signatories.