

RESOLUTION 2022-01

ADVANCEMENT OF LGPC SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTION PROGRAM

WHEREAS the Lake George Park Commission is charged with the long-term protection of Lake George and its unparalleled water quality, and

WHEREAS improperly functioning wastewater treatment systems (“septic systems”) can have deleterious impacts upon public health and nearby waterbodies including Lake George, and

WHEREAS the Commission is empowered by Article 43 of the NYS Environmental Conservation Law to develop regulations pertaining to wastewater treatment systems in the Lake George Park, and

WHEREAS in the summer of 2021, the Commission formed an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of representatives from NYS DEC, NYS DOH and local municipalities, as well as engineers and subject matter professionals to research and investigate the need for a proactive inspection program for septic systems within proximity of Lake George, and

WHEREAS this Committee found that a recurrent septic system inspection program would ensure the functionality and viability of these systems surrounding Lake George and its tributaries, similar to programs in many other lakes around New York State, and

WHEREAS the Committee also identified a need for increased design standards for septic systems for properties in the Lake George Park to help protect localized environments and public health.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Commission hereby moves to begin the formal process of regulation development pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the State Administrative Procedure Act, and

Further Resolved that the Commission will continue to work collaboratively with all involved and interested agencies, municipalities and stakeholders throughout this process to ensure public participation and awareness, resulting in the most effective program possible, balancing the needs of environmental protection and costs to the regulated community.

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