

RESOLUTION 2024-49

Resolution to Support Lake George Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) Coordinator

- WHEREAS** Hemlock Woolly Adelgid is relatively recent invasive forest insect to the Lake George Park that has the potential to decimate a large percentage of the forest cover in our watershed over the coming decades
- WHEREAS** there is a consortium of organizations and agencies currently working together to advance invasive Hemlock Woolly Adelgid management in the Lake George Park, and
- WHEREAS** the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District (“the District”) has sought a Request for Proposals for a one-year professional part-time coordinator to facilitate local HWA planning, outreach, and grant writing, among other duties, and
- WHEREAS** the District has received a strong proposal for this activity from Tammara Van Ryn, former Director of the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program, and
- WHEREAS** the estimated cost for the part-time HWA coordinator is \$20,000 for year 2025, and
- WHEREAS** the Lake George Park Commission is an important partner and leader in invasive species prevention efforts, and
- WHEREAS** the Lake George Park Commission and the Lake Land Conservancy wish to cost-share in their support of this initiative,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Commission strongly supports the Lake George HWA management initiative, and hereby approves the Executive Director to spend up to \$10,000 in support of the 2025 HWA Coordinator position.

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ABSTENTIONS:

DATE ADOPTED: