



**Adirondack
Park Agency**

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

BARBARA RICE
Executive Director

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

To: Walter Link



WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to New York State Public Officers Law §74(3)(c), “No officer or employee of a state agency... should disclose confidential information acquired by him or her in the course of his or her official duties nor use such information to further his or her personal interests,” and
2. Any confidential information acquired by an employee of a state agency in the course of his or her official duties is confidential to the state agency and may not be shared or disseminated at any time, including after leaving state employment, without the express consent of the state agency; and
3. The two public comments sent by you and received by the Adirondack Park Agency on July 12, 2022, regarding the APA’s interpretation of the Wild Forest Basic Guideline No. 4 “no material increase” provision of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan include confidential information acquired by you in the course of your official duties during your employment at the Adirondack Park Agency, and
4. In the letter from you addressed to Sarah Reynolds, dated September 21, 2022, and received by the Agency on September 26, 2022, you indicate that you have shared your comment letters with other former Agency staff and Agency commissioners, and
5. The above-listed disclosures of confidential information acquired by you in the course of your official duties during your employment at the Adirondack Park Agency violate the laws prohibiting disclosure of information confidential to the state,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT YOU **CEASE AND DESIST** THE SHARING OR DISSEMINATION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND/OR DOCUMENTS ACQUIRED BY YOU DURING THE COURSE OF YOUR OFFICIAL DUTIES FOR THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY.

Dated: November 10, 2022
Ray Brook, New York

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

/s/Barbara Rice

BY: _____

Barbara Rice
Executive Director