

**A TOWN BOARD MEETING** was held on October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The location was the Town Hall, Indian Lake, Pelon Rd, State of New York, County of Hamilton.

Supervisor Wells brought the meeting to order. All said the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Wells called for the Roll with the following Board Members answering:

<b>Roll Call:</b> Councilman Mahoney	Here
Councilwoman Stanton	Here
Councilman Rathbun	Here
Supervisor Wells	Here

### Minutes

Councilwoman Stanton made a motion to approve the minutes of 9/13/21 as presented. Seconded by, Councilman Rathbun.

<b>Roll Call:</b> Councilman Mahoney	Aye
Councilwoman Stanton	Aye
Councilman Rathbun	Aye
Supervisor Wells	Aye

### Department Head Reports/Additions

Supervisor Wells reported to the Board that they had in their packets the annual reports for the Dog Control Officer and the Town Historian.

Jamie Roblee approached the Board requesting permission to purchase a Side-by-Side Bob Cat machine for the sidewalks. The current machine is unfixable. He stated this would cost approximately \$75,000.00. He reported to the Board that he could rent one for the winter at a cost of \$14,000.00, however, he would prefer purchasing as they use it for other road projects as well. He stated he did not have a quote yet but should be receiving one in the next few days. He stated that he needed to put this on order now so he would be guaranteed delivery in November. Supervisor Wells stated he would like to wait for the actual quote before moving forward. This will be discussed further at the Budget Meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Christine Pouch, E.D.M. and Events Manager, approached the Board wanting to thank Bill Laprairie Building and Grounds Department Head and his crew for all their work getting the new Welcome Center open. Supervisor Wells reiterated thanking the crew and told all that the new banners were coming to put on the coolers. He stated we wanted to keep the coolers but did not want the Welcome Center to look like a grocery store. The banners are pictures of scenery (taken by Councilman Mahoney) and the Town's Logo and Christine stated they have thirteen (13) coming.

### Public Comments and Concerns

Andy Coney, President of the Blue Mt. Lake Association approached the Board stating that the new LED streetlights are all in and completed. He also reported to the Board that the new bathroom lighting is in. Andy also thanked Jamie Roble, Highway Superintendent, on the good job he and his crew did on the Maple Lodge Road.

Darrin Harr, Chamber of Commerce Director, reported to the Board that he was moving into the new Welcome Center. He asked for help on some of the heavier items and told the Board he should be all in by the end of the week. He stated the phones would not be up and until October 21<sup>st</sup>, but he will set it up, so the calls come to his personal phone.

John Hutchins, Chairman of the Zoning Board, approached the Board stating there were some issues with the new Zoning Ordinance that needs to be taken care of. Supervisor Wells stated that the Board was aware of some of the issues, and he has asked anyone who has an issue to write it down so it can be checked into. He stated that the Board would like to handle all the changes at once.

### Appointment Library – Josh Wells

Supervisor Wells recused himself and turned the meeting over to the Deputy Supervisor, Councilwoman Stanton, for this appointment, as Josh is his son. Councilwoman Stanton made a motion to appoint Joshua Wells to the Library Board to finish the term of Ernie Pollman. Seconded by, Councilman Mahoney. (Josh's term will run from 10/12/2021 – 12/31/2023)

<b>Roll Call:</b> Councilman Mahoney	Aye	Councilman Rathbun	Aye
Councilwoman Stanton	Aye	Supervisor Wells	Abstained



**Thank You Letter – Youth Program**

Supervisor Wells reported to the Board that we had received a thank you letter from the Youth Program Director. Attached herein. Supervisor Wells stated that hopefully by next year the program will be back in full force.

**Internet Access Survey – Broadband Survey**

Supervisor Wells told all that the NYSD of Public Service has partnered with ECC Technologies to request consumers help in better understanding their experience with Internet and Broadband services. Supervisor Wells asked the attendees to go online and fill out the survey. Attached herein.

**Resolution # 9 – Adopting Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Supervisor Wells offered Resolution #9 – 2021- Resolution to adopt the Joint Hazard Mitigation Plan. Seconded by, Councilwoman Stanton. Resolution attached herein.

**Roll Call:** Councilman Mahoney Aye  
Councilwoman Stanton Aye  
Councilman Rathbun Aye  
Supervisor Wells Aye

**Resolution #11 – Resolution to remove Unsafe building**

Supervisor Wells offered Resolution # 11 – 2021, a Resolution authorizing the Building Codes Enforcement Officer to begin proceedings to order the removal of an unsafe building at 142 Crow Hill Road. Seconded by, Councilwoman Stanton. Resolution # 11 attached herein.

**Roll Call:** Councilman Mahoney Aye  
Councilwoman Stanton Aye  
Councilman Rathbun Aye  
Supervisor Wells Aye

The Board set the date for the Public Hearing on the Unsafe Building for November 8, 2021.

**Supervisor Comments**

Supervisor Wells reported to all that Rafting Season is closed. He stated that 15,332 patrons went down the river this year. Councilman Mahoney stated it was not as good as it has been, but it was okay. Supervisor Wells stated that the Short-Term Rental Committee is all set, and he would be setting up a zoom meeting soon.

Supervisor Wells told the Board he had put in their packets his schedule for the upcoming County Budget.

Supervisor Wells reported to all he had sent out a letter of support for DEC’s Grant application for the funding for the South Inlet Bridge Replacement Project.

Supervisor Wells told all that the Blue Mt. Lake Water Project is moving forward. He states that he had met with Patrick Mahoney, Department Head of Sewer and Water, Marleen, Department of Health, and Johnathan, Cedar Wood Representative, to discuss the next steps. He told all that he is 98% sure we will be drilling one more well with the recommendation from our Hydrologist. He told all that the State is beginning to pull some Grants, so it is concerning. Bottom line is, we may need to continue to draw out of the Lake which would require us to build a filtration plant which is another process all together.

Supervisor Wells reported to the Board that he had received the annual Benton Field agreement from The Nature Conservancy in the amount of \$1,202.42. Supervisor Wells made a motion to request permission for the Supervisor to sign the Lease Agreement for the Benton Field property in the amount of \$1,202.42 for the year. Seconded by, Councilwoman Stanton. Contract on file in the Town Clerk’s Office.

**Roll Call:** Councilman Mahoney Aye  
Councilwoman Stanton Aye  
Councilman Rathbun Aye  
Supervisor Wells Aye

Monthly report for building maintenance and operations September 2021

September has been one of our busier months, with events starting to open back up again like the Moose fest, the Antique show and the 90 miler we have been busy with set up and tear down, putting up signs, banners, tents, setting up power in the park, garbage cans at the school and putting up traffic safety cones. Everything seemed to go very smooth and Christine did a very good job prepping signs, getting things organized and her set up of the new Welcome Center looks amazing.

With both the new front windows and new door in we were in a hurry to get the building opened up so that everyone can see how the new welcome center was coming. 90% of the inside of the welcome center has been completed, we are waiting on a window to install at the ice cream window and then the inside will be complete except for the heating system which we are waiting for Chazen to approve the material list we sent to them.

The cemeteries have been keeping us busy as well, we have had numerous burials at the Cedar River cemetery and this is taking up a lot of our time, just the meetings and the maintenance keeps one guy busy all week. Half of the burials fall on the weekends so that too is messing with our schedule.

We have tried to keep up with the log boom and pushing the bogs, but our time is just run out for this year. We plan on pulling the pontoon boat out early next week and going through it and winterizing it. We plan on storing the boat in the commons garage and we are searching for a trailer for the boat so we don't have to keep borrowing one from Raquette Lake.

Every Tuesday and Friday we are still going to Blue Mountain doing a dam check, emptying the garbage, restocking and cleaning the Blue Mountain restrooms, we do the same in Indian at the mini park and Byron park.

All Town properties, the transfer site and cemeteries have been mowed this month some hopefully for the last time.

A lot of mechanical work come our way this month with our lawnmowers, we lost the drive motor on the Ferris that took us a week to get parts for and belts on the Husqvarna. Trips were made to Glens Falls to Emerich sales and service three times this month. Two of our four trucks have had complete services this month. We are starting to bring the groomers in to go through the drags on rainy days.

New York fire and signal came did their annual smoke detector and alarm tests, and went through all the fire extinguishers in all the buildings.

Trail work has begun and we plan on being in the woods just about everyday that the weather allows us, we know we have numerous bridges that need repair and with this being such a wet summer there are a lot of trees down from the wind.

Thank you  
Bill LaPrairie  
Department head building maintenance and operations



Mechanics Monthly Report  
Sept 2021 Bill Wells

- ① Replaced wheel seals on 182 tractor
- ② Tighten injector lines on 192 Loader
- ③ Adjusted brakes and greased tractor trailer
- D Trailer dolly solenoid replaced
- 3 Inspected 183 dump
- ④ Put new fittings on 185 dump box pins
- D New headlight on 190 loader
- D Put new turbo tube on 187 grader
- D Put new starter on 190 loader
- ⑤ Rebuild mud flap brackets on 188 truck
- ⑥ Put broom + box blade on 3320 tractor
- ⑦ Put 2 new tires on rims for 183 truck
- ⑧ Put 2 tires on 182 truck
- with dust 190 head emblem



## Town of Indian Lake water and wastewater report for September 2021

Required testing was completed daily at all three plants.

DOH and DEC samples were submitted to the lab.

We spent two days with Morris coolage from New York State Rural Water looking for a leak with no success.

Two more days were spent cleaning up and paving the state road where we dug looking for our leak. The Highway and Parks and Rec. Depts helped with labor and equipment.

Hydrants in Blue Mt. have been painted and serviced.

We cleaned out our valve pits at our water storage tanks in both districts.

The drying bed was shoveled off.

Two water services were installed in Indian Lake.

The East plant was cleaned weekly.

A couple sewer laterals had to be jetted out.

Abanakee Dam was adjusted as needed.

Thank-you



Patrick Mahoney

## Highway Report

October 2021

The highway dept has been busy doing various projects during the last month.

A new 5 ft x 60 ft culvert was installed on Starbuck Rd. It replaced an existing 4 ft x 60 ft culvert. The existing culvert was a little undersized and would not handle the runoff on some of our heavy rain storms.

Maple Lodge road was paved from the intersection of Route 30 through an area that was getting very bad.

We have been working on fixing some dangerous shoulders in that stretch of road to ensure the shoulder does not give out when a heavy truck has to pull off.

We continue to help other towns and Hamilton County with their blacktop jobs. As they helped us with trucking from the Blacktop plants.

As we have been hauling materials to Blue Mountain. We have been hauling some of the winter sand back to Indian Lake. With the Town Garage not being used up there and the truck leaving Indian Lake to do the plowing in Blue Mt. Our truck hauls most of the road sand from Indian Lake. The sand pile is starting to grow grass and trees on the top. So bringing it back and mixing it with our pile will be done rather than having to rescreen it.



blow dirt roads  
in the next week

We have started blowing leaves off our dirt roads in the last week so they don't plug up our ditches in the event of big fall rainstorms.

We will begin hauling and screening our winter sand for Indian Lake probably next week.

We assisted the water dept with a patch on State Route 30 in Blue Mt Lake where they had to dig up the Town water hole.

Jamie Roblee

Highway Dept



October 7, 2021 Town of Indian Lake Board Meeting  
Economic Development, Marketing & Events Report

**Nominees for the Town of Indian Lake Hometown Heroes**

Deadline to submit up to two nominees is October 15.

**Events - 2021**

**90-Miler.** While this is not an Indian Lake event, we do support the event, now under the guidance of the Northern Forest Canoe Trail (NFCT) organization. We provided porta potties (\$350), tents, and personnel (myself, Ken, Gene, and Reese) to assist with crowd/traffic control and shuttle services. Lessons learned: NCFT needs more volunteers familiar with the event; they did not need all three tents they requested as things were scaled back due to COVID (plus it was too windy to put the tents up); we weren't able to borrow enough cones from NYSDOT to properly block off non-parking areas (we asked for 100 - rec'd 50); and we should have had a shuttle sign on our van and determined a pickup/drop off point. I will be better prepared to support their next year.

**Rustic & Antique Show in Indian and Blue:** Rustic (9/10-9/12) was primarily in Blue Mountain Lake and was successful in terms of attendees. I visited 20+ rustic vendors along the street. The feedback I rec'd was there weren't as many vendors as in prior years on the museum campus, but all the street booth locations were filled. As typical, some rustic vendors stay through Antiques Week. I visited 30+ antique vendors whose main concern was the lack of marketing.

**Great Adirondack Moose Festival Antique & Classic Car Show** on Saturday, September 25 from 10 am to 2 pm - We had 30 vehicles participate and raised over \$500 for the Ambulance Corp.

The **Country Christmas Tour** has been canceled this year. I will be hosting an "abridged" event like the tour to promote our businesses and shopping/dining locally On Friday, November 26 through Sunday, November 27. On Saturday, I will host an open house from 12-4. Planning to have a Gingerbread House Contest allowing homemade creations and voting to take place at the Welcome Center. More details to follow.

The ILVFD Women's Auxiliary will be hosting a *Halloween* party. I offered to assist if needed.

**Events - 2022**

Below is information re: dates and events as reported last Month. I am planning to have a Snocade meeting in November/December to get things lined up for the next big event. A list of tentative dates for 2022 is attached for reference, including Town meetings and closures. If anything needs to be changed/added, please let me know.

**Marketing**

Social Media: I continue to encourage all to follow the Town on social media sites.

<https://www.facebook.com/townofindianlake>

<https://twitter.com/TownofIndianLa1>



<https://www.instagram.com/townofindianlakenew/>

I continue post frequently on Facebook and Twitter when there is relevant and/or newsworthy Town related information to share. I have received many positive comments and thanks for the increased activity and awareness of the Town's happenings through the use of social media.

The Town of Indian Lake E-News has increased from 234 to 254 subscribers and boasts an average open rate of 75% with an additional average of 50 to 100 shares.

#### Indian Lake Logo Items:

New items will be ordered in October, which include polo shirts, long sleeve shirts, and items with the snowmobile sub brand. Once I get a price list, I plan to share with board/staff to determine their interest in placing a special order

#### Welcome Center:

I can't thank Bill's crew enough for the hustling involved with putting final touches on the building so we could have it open to the public during the Moose Fest. My phone is now working. Internet is great and we'll be requesting a second Internet line to be open and free to the public to use.

Now that the sign is up, we are beginning to see people stopping, seeking information, and/or just curious about the building. As they tour the space, I point out the coolers, storage area and freezer are being utilized by our community organizations. Potters Resort has donated many pieces of furniture to help decorate the common space. Next steps are birch tree wallpaper on two focal walls, posters to cover beverage cooler glass door (14 in total) and scheduling a ribbon cutting.

#### **Music in the Park**

The Gregson Brothers Band on Saturday, September 25 from 1 to 5 pm in Town Center Park drew a great crowd the entire time they played. During the band's intermission Gem Radio Theatre presented Wolshager Hexenbrut (The Witches Dance) starring many local performers! Both groups received a huge round of applause.

#### **Webinars/Calls/Zoom /Meetings/Activities**

- 9/21 – Zoom Call with ANCA re: affordable housing needs in the ADKs
- 9/22 – Zoom Call re: revamp of Hamilton County's visitor website [www.adirondackexperience.com](http://www.adirondackexperience.com)
- 9/25 – Moose Fest Car Show 10 am to 2 pm
- 9/28 – Zoom Call re: Government procurement procedures
- 9/28 - Zoom Call with ANCA re: affordable housing needs in the ADKs
- 10/4 – Meeting with new business owner to address marketing strategies to increase their business
- 10/5 – Welcome Committee meeting to discuss revamping Welcome Packet

Respectfully submitted by Christine Pouch  
October 7, 2021

### **2022 Events Calendar (Tentative)**

#### **January**

- 1 New Year's Day
- 3 Town Hall Closed in observance of New Year's Day
- (?) Ice Fishing Tourney
- 10 Town Board Meeting at 7PM
- 17 Town Hall Closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day

#### **February**

- 14 Town Board Meeting at 7 PM
- 19-26 Snocade
- 21 Presidents' Day - Town Hall Closed
- 21-25 ILCSD Winter Break

#### **March**

- 14 Town Board Meeting at 7 PM
- (?) Irish Road Bowling (Snow Warriors (?))

#### **April**

- 11 Town Board Meeting at 7 PM
- 15-22 ILCSD Spring Break
- 17 Easter

#### **May**

- (?) Community Pride Day
- 16 Town Board Meeting at 7 PM
- 27-29 Great Adirondack Yard Sale
- 30 Memorial Day - Town Hall Closed
- NOTE: County Memorial Day Parade: 2022=Long Lake; 2023=Indian Lake)

#### **June**

- 11 Black Fly Challenge - Inlet to Indian (post-race party in Indian Lake)
- 13 Town Board Meeting at 7 PM
- 25 Senior Graduation

#### **July**

- 2 Parade & Fireworks
- 2 ILVFD Chicken BBQ
- 2 Kids Fishing Derby (?)
- (?) 10th Mountain Division Band
- 11 Town Board Meeting at 7 PM
- 23-24 Friends of the Library Book Sale at Byron Park

#### **August**

- 8 Town Board Meeting in Blue Mountain Lake at 7 PM



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**Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report**  
September 2021

(?) Music in Byron Park - Bad Chaperones

**September**

- 3 ILVFD Pig Roast
- 3 Concert: Trish Miller & John Kirk - Quickstep
- 5 Labor Day - Town Hall Closed
- 9 90-Miler in Blue
- 10-11 Rustic Furniture Street Fair in Blue
- 12 Town Board Meeting at 7 PM
- 17-18 Antiques Show in Indian Lake and Blue
- 24-25 Great Adirondack Moose Festival

**October**

- 10 Columbus Day - Town Hall Closed
- 11 Town Board Meeting
- 31 Halloween

**November**

- 8 Election Day - Town Hall Closed
- 14 Town Board Meeting at 7 PM
- 24 Thanksgiving - Town Hall Closed
- 26-27 Country Christmas Tour

**December**

- 12 Town Board Meeting at 7 PM
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Town Hall Closed in Observance of Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
1. Total # of Permits Issued:	21	2
2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1:	<u>\$654,569</u>	<u>\$31,104</u>
3. Number of Permits in #1 which are Hunting Camps:	0	
4. Total dollar amounts of projects in #3:	<u>\$0</u>	
5. Number of single-family permits issued (Camps N/A):	<u>2</u>	
6. Total dollar amount of projects in #5:	<u>\$187,200</u>	
7. Number of Trailers/Double Wide/Modular Homes:	<u>0</u>	
8. Number of Permit renewals:	<u>3</u>	
9. Number of Firework Permits issued:	<u>0</u>	
10. Total dollar amount of permits in #9:	<u>\$0</u>	
11. Fire inspections (Annual) to date	33	

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tyler Monthony





**Town of Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce**  
**Representing Blue Mountain Lake, Indian Lake and Sabael**  
P.O. Box 724 Indian Lake, New York 12842  
Phone and Fax (518) 648-5112 website: indian-lake.com  
Email indianlakechamber@frontiernet.net

Services provided July 1 through September 30, 2021:

**Visitor Information Center:**

Chamber Visitor Center will remain open 7 days a week through Columbus Day, then will be open 5 days a week through the end of 2021.

We answered 245 emails and 449 phone calls from people seeking information and assisted 1465 walk-in visitors. DEC hunting/fishing licenses were sold to 190 people.

**Projects:**

The Chamber is collaborating with Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism (ROOST) and Hamilton County Department of Tourism on their redesign of the Hamilton County Tourism website, found at [www.adirondackexperience.com](http://www.adirondackexperience.com)

We are also collaborating with Town of Indian Lake Economic Development, Marketing and Events Director Christine Pouch on redesigning the Town's Welcome Packet.

**Events:**

With COVID-19 restrictions being lifted, the Chamber hosted most of our summer and early autumn events.

- **Indian Lake Poker Paddle** was held July 31, 2021 with 110 paddlers enjoying a splendid day on Adirondack Lake.
- **Adirondack Mountains Antiques Show** was held September 15-19, 2021. Although the number of vendors Town-wide was down in comparison to other years, many vendors who did participate reported good income from sales.
- **Great Adirondack Moose Festival** was held September 25 & 26, 2021. This set record-high Moose Festival sponsorship, vendor revenue and tee-shirt sales revenue totaling \$8,858. Despite a few events being cancelled at the last minute, this was our most successful Moose Festival in terms of revenue to the Chamber and visitors to Indian Lake.

The Chamber has unable to host our **Annual Golf Tournament and Fundraiser**, since the Cedar River Golf Course remains closed.

**Upcoming:**

The Chamber will host our annual **"Let there Be Lights" Holiday Lighting and Decorating Contest**, with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners from residential, community and non-profit organization categories being announced before Christmas.

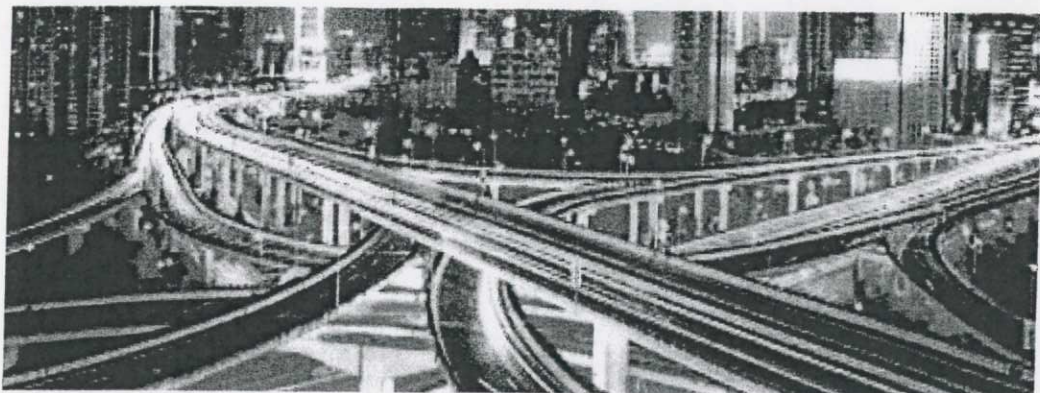
To the Town of Indian Lake,  
Thank you so much for covering the cost  
of the rafting trip for all Indian Lake  
Trailblazers! The kids all had a great  
time, and learned about a fun way to  
live and work here!

It was a great day - thank you for  
making it possible for all! Here is a  
picture from before we loaded onto  
the bus - (minus a few!)

Also, I would like to thank you for  
the use of the Town van throughout  
the summer. Without the van, and  
Pam's help, I would have had to put  
many kids on a waitlist. With your  
help, all were able to go.

I was hoping to get the kids to sign this,  
but covid cut our summer short. BUT,  
we had a great 5 weeks, and I appreciate  
your help! Many thanks, HCCS Trailblazers.  
Evangelina





## INTERNET ACCESS

An informative online survey put together by **New York State Department of Public Service** and **ECC Technologies**. Take the survey to provide your Internet service experience, and help tell us where there is greater need for Internet service within New York State. The DPS wants to hear from you! Follow the link below to find out more.

[www.empirestatebroadband.com](http://www.empirestatebroadband.com)



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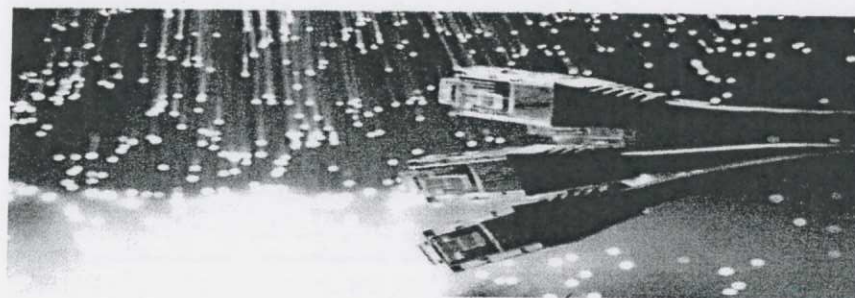


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**RESOLUTION # 9 – October 12, 2021  
Multi – Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

WHEREAS, the Town of Indian Lake, with the assistance from the Hamilton County Emergency Service, has gathered information and prepared the Hamilton County Hazard Mitigation Plan; AND

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; AND

WHEREAS, the Town of Indian Lake is a local unit of Government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; AND

WHEREAS, the Town of Indian Lake has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years; **NOW THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake, that the Town of Indian Lake adopts the Hamilton County Hazard Mitigation Plan and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

State of New York  
County of Hamilton  
Town of Indian Lake

I, **Julie A. Clawson**, Town Clerk of the Town of Indian Lake do hereby certify that **Resolution # 9** in the year **2021**, was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake, Hamilton County, New York State at the Town Board meeting held in Indian Lake on **October 12, 2021**.

**Resolution # 9** will be on file in the Resolution Book as well as the Official Minutes in the Town Clerks office at the Town Hall, located on Pelon Road, Town of Indian Lake, County of Hamilton, and State of New York.

The following Board Members of the Indian Lake Town Board had due notice of the meeting and was present at said meeting: **Supervisor Brian Wells, Councilman Jake Mahoney, Councilwoman Sally Stanton, and Councilman John Rathbun.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Indian Lake on this \_\_\_\_ day of October in the year 2021.

Seal

**Julie A. Clawson - Town Clerk**

**FEMA Review of the  
Hamilton County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

[This is a FEMA Review. State may comment separately.]

This *Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool* documents where the Mitigation Plan met or did not meet federal planning requirements and it offers additional feedback.

- Section 1: The Regulation Checklist provides a summary of FEMA's evaluation of whether the Plan has addressed all requirements. It may also note where modifications are required to comply with federal regulations.
- Section 2: The Plan Assessment identified the plan's strengths and recommends areas for future improvement.
- Section 3: The Multi-Jurisdictional Summary Sheet denotes those jurisdictions that are APA and for those that have required revisions, it notes which elements require revision.

<b>Jurisdiction:</b> Hamilton County, NY and all of its 10 local jurisdictions	<b>Title of Plan:</b> 2021 Hamilton County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan <a href="https://Hamilton.mitigateny.org/">https://Hamilton.mitigateny.org/</a>	<b>Date of Plan:</b> July 2021
<b>Local Point of Contact:</b> G.L. "Don" Purdy	<b>Address:</b> 2558 State Route 8 Lake Pleasant, NY 12108	
<b>Title:</b> Hamilton County Emergency Manager; Hazard Mitigation Representative		
<b>Agency:</b> Hamilton County		
<b>Phone Number:</b> (518) 548-6223	<b>E-Mail:</b> <a href="mailto:emergencymgmt@hamiltoncounty.ny.gov">emergencymgmt@hamiltoncounty.ny.gov</a>	

<b>State Reviewer:</b> Elizabeth O'Reilly Kevin Clapp Gene Rios Corrina Cavallo	<b>Title:</b> Mitigation Planning Manager Mitigation Planning Manager Mitigation Planning Manager Deputy Chief of Mitigation	<b>Date:</b> 7/13/21 7/9/21 7/13/21 8/11/21
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<b>FEMA Reviewer:</b> David J. Hojsak, AICP, PP Paul M. Hoole, MPA	<b>Title:</b> Hazard Mitigation Planner Hazard Mitigation Planner	<b>Date:</b> 9/23/21 9/24/21
<b>Date Received in FEMA Region (Insert #)</b>	8/12/21	
<b>Plan Not Approved</b>		
<b>Plan Approvable Pending Adoption</b>	9/24/21	
<b>Plan Approved</b>		

**Summary**

The plan has been designated Approvable Pending Adoption (APA). Congratulations!

Attachments 1 and 2 describe what must be done by the Town of Indian Lake and the Town of Inlet if either intends to pursue a High Hazard Potential Dam (HHPD) Rehabilitation Grant from FEMA through the NYSDEC Dam Safety Program Office. Meeting the HHPD standards is option regarding mitigation plan approval, but necessary to receive a HHPD grant.



**SECTION 1:  
REGULATION CHECKLIST**

The purpose of the Regulation Checklist is to identify the location of relevant or applicable content in the Plan by Element/sub-element and to determine if each requirement has been 'Met' or 'Not Met.' The 'Required Revisions' summary at the bottom of each Element provides a clear explanation of the revisions that are required for plan approval.

1. REGULATION CHECKLIST		Location in Plan (section and/or page number)	Met	Not Met
<b>ELEMENT A. PLANNING PROCESS</b>				
A1. Does the Plan document the planning process, including how it was prepared and who was involved in the process for each jurisdiction? (Requirement §201.6(c)(1))	For Navigating the Plan: The bold titles in this document reference the left-side navigation panel section. The <u>underlined</u> titles in the bullets reference the subsections. <a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/planning-process">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/planning-process</a> Pre-Planning A. The <u>Planning Teams</u> section provides information on the responsibilities of the participants and includes a link to the agendas of the Core Planning Group and Steering Committees. B. The <u>Planning Milestones</u> section provides an outline of which sections of the plan participants engaged in. The Meetings section provides a reverse chronological schedule of virtual, in person, and phone call meetings with associated milestones by jurisdiction. C. The <u>Mitigation Representatives</u> table provides a list of mitigation contacts by jurisdiction. D. The <u>Jurisdictional Representation</u> section provides the list of participating jurisdictions and discusses the activities and responsibilities of jurisdictional representatives. Engagement E. The <u>Jurisdictional Engagement</u> section provides information about the outreach strategy including presentations, surveys, jurisdictional interview agenda, and strategy development meeting information. F. The <u>Jurisdictional Participants</u> table provides a list of all participants by jurisdiction or agency. Participation by Jurisdiction can be found in <u>this participation table</u> .	X		

A2. Does the Plan document an opportunity for neighboring communities, local and regional agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities, agencies that have the authority to regulate development as well as other interests to be involved in the planning process? (Requirement §201.6(b)(2))	<a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/planning-process">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/planning-process</a> Pre-Planning A. The <u>Outreach Strategy</u> section provides information about how stakeholders were invited to participate in the process. B. The <u>Federal, State, and County Representation</u> section provides information about local, regional, and state agencies including those with the authority to regulate development. C. The <u>Regional Representation</u> includes neighboring communities and other regional stakeholders.	X		
A3. Does the Plan document how the public was involved in the planning process during the drafting stage? (Requirement §201.6(b)(1))	<a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/planning-process">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/planning-process</a> Pre-Planning A. The <u>Outreach Strategy</u> provides information about the outreach plan and includes links to outreach documentation and feedback from the public comment period. Engagement B. The <u>Public Participation</u> section provides information on outreach mechanisms that were utilized to encourage public participation. It includes links to press releases and documentation to all invitations.	X		
A4. Does the Plan describe the review and incorporation of existing plans, studies, reports, and technical information? (Requirement §201.6(b)(3))	<a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/planning-process">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/planning-process</a> Local Resources A. The <u>Technical Data</u> section provides information about the data, studies, plans, and reports that were referenced in the planning process. It provides a link to the references document. B. The <u>Existing Resources</u> table provides a list of planning and regulatory resources that were reviewed during the planning process.	X		
A5. Is there discussion of how the community(ies) will continue public participation in the plan maintenance process? (Requirement §201.6(c)(4)(iii))	<a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/planning-process">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/planning-process</a> Plan Maintenance A. <u>Continued Public Engagement</u> describes how the jurisdiction(s) will continue to seek public participation after the plan has been approved and during the plan's implementation, monitoring and evaluation.	X		
A6. Is there a description of the method and schedule for keeping the plan current (monitoring, evaluating and updating the mitigation plan within a 5-year cycle)? (Requirement §201.6(c)(4)(i))	<a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/planning-process">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/planning-process</a> Plan Maintenance A. The <u>Monitoring and Evaluating the Plan</u> section provides information about how, when, and by whom the plan will be monitored. B. The <u>Mitigation Representatives</u> table provides a list of the people in each jurisdiction	X		

	<p>responsible for monitoring, updating, and evaluating the plan.</p> <p>C. The <u>Monitoring and Evaluating the Plan</u> and <u>Updating the Plan</u> sections provide information about how the Steering Committee, mitigation representatives, and municipal representatives will coordinate to monitor, evaluate, and update the plan.</p>		
<p><b>ELEMENT A: REQUIRED REVISIONS</b> No reviews are required</p>			

1. REGULATION CHECKLIST		Location in Plan (section and/or page number)	Met	Not Met
<p><b>ELEMENT B. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT</b></p>				
<p>B1. Does the Plan include a description of the type, location, and extent of all natural hazards that can affect each jurisdiction(s)? (Requirement §201.6(c)(2)(i))</p>	<p><a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/hazards">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/hazards</a> Click the icons at the top of the page to view the various hazards.</p> <p>A. The <u>Characteristics (All Hazards)</u> and <u>Local Impact - All Hazards</u> sections provides information about hazards of concern in the County. <u>Characteristics</u> include definitions and general impacts, extent, probability, and severity. <u>Local Impact</u> is location specific information for each jurisdiction and the county.</p> <p>B. The <u>Local Hazards of Concern Table</u> provides a list of hazards of concern by jurisdiction. Each hazard of concern has a <u>Hazard Characteristic</u> and <u>Local Hazard Impact</u> section. The <u>Characteristics</u> section provides description, location, impacts, extents, and links to the state hazard mitigation plan for additional information.</p> <p><a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/risk">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/risk</a> <b>Vulnerability</b></p> <p>A. For additional language around flooding and dams, see the <u>Built Environment</u> section for information about built assets in the floodplain.</p> <p><b>Dam Safety</b></p> <p>B. The <u>Dam Safety</u> section provides information about flooding from dams.</p>	X		
<p>B2. Does the Plan include information on previous occurrences of hazard events and on the probability of future hazard events for each jurisdiction? (Requirement §201.6(c)(2)(i))</p>	<p><a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/hazards">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/hazards</a></p> <p>A. The <u>Events with Highest Reported Loss in Dollars</u> table lists the history of recorded hazard events, including the amount of property damage reported.</p>	X		

	<p>B. The <u>Local Hazards of Concern</u> table lists all of the hazards that jurisdictional representatives indicated were hazards of concern for their communities. This includes frequency of previous occurrence and likelihood of future occurrence.</p> <p>C. On the public Hazards Page (the link above) click the icons at the top of the page to view the various hazards. The icons display daily and annual probability of future occurrences based on past occurrences. The probabilities calculations are not yet provided in the review tool, reviewers must access them on the public page.</p> <p>D. The <u>All Hazard Characteristics</u> and <u>All Hazards Local Impacts</u> sections provide context for the Hazards of Concern table.</p>			
<p>B3. Is there a description of each identified hazard's impact on the community as well as an overall summary of the community's vulnerability for each jurisdiction? (Requirement §201.6(c)(2)(ii))</p>	<p><a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/risk">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/risk</a> <b>Vulnerability</b></p> <p>A. The <u>Social Vulnerability</u> section outlines the humanistic conditions and risks of the county, while the Social Vulnerability map depicts three types of vulnerable populations.</p> <p>B. The <u>Built Environment Risks</u> section outlines community assets and describes their vulnerabilities to hazards.</p> <p>C. The <u>Built Environment</u> table lists the total number of buildings in each jurisdiction and defines how many of those structures are located within the 100 and 500 year flood plains.</p> <p>D. The <u>Natural Environment</u> section outlines the environmental conditions in the county, notes major natural features, and describes the vulnerabilities they face.</p> <p>E. The <u>Problem Areas</u> section compiles a list of general, county-wide or recurring problems identified through jurisdictional interviews.</p> <p>F. The <u>Problem Statements</u> table lists all of the problem statements derived from each community during their jurisdictional interview.</p> <p><a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/strategies">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/strategies</a> <b>Capabilities</b></p> <p>G. The <u>Environmental and Historic Preservation</u> section outlines some of the important historic and culturally significant resources in the county.</p> <p><a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/hazards">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/hazards</a></p>	X		



	H. The <u>Local Hazard Impacts</u> (by hazard) sections include additional contextual information.		
B4. Does the Plan address NFIP insured structures within the jurisdiction that have been repetitively damaged by floods? (Requirement §201.6(c)(2)(ii))	<a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/risk">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/risk</a> <b>Floodplain Management</b> A. The <u>NFIP Statistics Table</u> lists the quantity of repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss structures in each jurisdiction with the total number of NFIP claims and payment amounts. B. The <u>NFIP Problem Areas</u> section lists the quantities and describes the location of any clusters of repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties. These clusters were mapped in the Scenario Mapping section of this HMP tool, and the zones created are listed in the <u>NFIP Problem Area List</u> table.	X	
<b>ELEMENT B: REQUIRED REVISIONS</b> No revisions are required.			

	the jurisdictions' opportunities for improvement.		
C2. Does the Plan address each jurisdiction's participation in the NFIP and continued compliance with NFIP requirements, as appropriate? (Requirement §201.6(c)(3)(ii))	<a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/strategies">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/strategies</a> <b>Implementation</b> A. The <u>NFIP Continued Compliance &amp; Repetitive Loss Strategy</u> section describes the roles and responsibilities that the local floodplain administrator has to remain compliant with the program. B. The <u>NFIP Compliance</u> table provides information about the jurisdictions' NFIP status, CAV dates, FIRM dates, and local floodplain administrators.  <a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/risk">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/risk</a> <b>Floodplain Management</b> C. The <u>National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)</u> section explains the program and how it can be utilized for assessing risk. D. The <u>NFIP Statistics Table</u> lists the number of policies, quantity of repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss structures in each jurisdiction with the total number of NFIP claims and payment amounts. E. The <u>NFIP Problem Areas</u> section lists the quantities and describes the location of any clusters of repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties. These clusters were mapped in the Scenario Mapping section of this HMP tool, and the zones created are listed in the <u>NFIP Problem Area List</u> table.	X	
C3. Does the Plan include goals to reduce/avoid long-term vulnerabilities to the identified hazards? (Requirement §201.6(c)(3)(i))	<a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/strategies">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/strategies</a> <b>Objectives</b> A. The <u>Goals &amp; Objectives</u> sections lists all of the goals and their corresponding objectives agreed upon by the Core Planning Group and Steering Committee, including how to mitigate vulnerabilities to the hazards identified by the jurisdictions. B. The <u>Changes in Priorities</u> section describes any notable priority changes since the previous plan.	X	
C4. Does the Plan identify and analyze a comprehensive range of specific mitigation actions and projects for each jurisdiction being considered to reduce the effects of hazards, with emphasis on new and existing buildings and infrastructure? (Requirement §201.6(c)(3)(ii))	<a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/strategies">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/strategies</a> <b>Implementation</b> A. The <u>Statement</u> section discusses the regulatory integration of this hazard mitigation plan through the resolution adoption process to ensure its incorporation in daily governance.	X	

1. REGULATION CHECKLIST		Location in Plan	Met	Not Met
Regulation (44 CFR 201.6 Local Mitigation Plans)		(section and/or page number)		
<b>ELEMENT C. MITIGATION STRATEGY</b>				
C1. Does the plan document each jurisdiction's existing authorities, policies, programs and resources and its ability to expand on and improve these existing policies and programs? (Requirement §201.6(c)(3))	<a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/strategies">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/strategies</a> <b>Capabilities</b> A. The <u>Capabilities Table</u> lists all of the administrative, technical, planning/regulatory, educational, outreach, and financial capabilities available to each community as described by the jurisdictional representatives. B. The <u>Integration</u> section describes the county's plan to integrate this hazard mitigation plan into other community planning mechanisms. This section also highlights some of the major plans and programs that are closely tied with hazard mitigation and how they have been integrated with this hazard mitigation plan. C. The <u>Capacity to Address Risk</u> section outlines the participating county divisions, how they address risk in the county's communities, and programs or services that are offered. D. The <u>Integration</u> and <u>Capacity to Address Risk</u> sections provide information about		X	

	<p>B. The <u>Actions</u> section details how problem statements and their corresponding actions were developed and analyzed.</p> <p>C. The <u>Proposed Actions</u> table lists all of the specific actions identified by each jurisdictional representative to be included in this hazard mitigation plan. The table includes hazards associated with the actions, a priority score, the approximate timeframe, and estimated costs.</p>		
C5. Does the Plan contain an action plan that describes how the actions identified will be prioritized (including cost benefit review), implemented, and administered by each jurisdiction? (Requirement §201.6(c)(3)(iv)); (Requirement §201.6(c)(3)(iii))	<p><a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/strategies">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/strategies</a>  <b>Implementation</b></p> <p>A. The <u>Prioritization Criteria</u> section outlines the scoring methodology utilized to generate a priority score for each action.</p>	X	
C6. Does the Plan describe a process by which local governments will integrate the requirements of the mitigation plan into other planning mechanisms, such as comprehensive or capital improvement plans, when appropriate? (Requirement §201.6(c)(4)(ii))	<p><a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/strategies">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/strategies</a>  <b>Capabilities</b></p> <p>A. The <u>Integration</u> section describes the county's plan to integrate this hazard mitigation plan into other community planning mechanisms. This section also highlights some of the major plans and programs that are closely tied with hazard mitigation and how they have been integrated with this hazard mitigation plan.</p> <p><b>Purpose</b></p> <p>B. The <u>Local Orientation</u> section provides additional context for how each jurisdiction integrates the strategies of the Hazard Mitigation Plan into its jurisdictional mechanisms.</p> <p><a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/planning-process">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/planning-process</a>  <b>Plan Maintenance</b></p> <p>C. The <u>Monitoring and Evaluating the Plan</u> section provides information about how the jurisdictions will continue to improve the integration of its strategies during the hazard mitigation plan monitoring and maintenance process.</p>	X	
<p><b>ELEMENT C: REQUIRED REVISIONS</b>          No revisions are required</p> <p>However, the public-facing portion of the web-based HMP does not include the mitigation strategies specific to Hamilton County government agencies. They are only included in the companion Excel document listing mitigation actions. It is highly recommended that the Update the "Proposed Actions" table in the public-facing portion of the HMP to include the mitigation strategies that are specific to Hamilton County government.</p>			

1. REGULATION CHECKLIST		Location in Plan (section and/or page number)		Met	Not Met
Regulation (44 CFR 201.6 Local Mitigation Plans)					
<b>ELEMENT D. PLAN REVIEW, EVALUATION, AND IMPLEMENTATION</b> (applicable to plan updates only)					
D1. Was the plan revised to reflect changes in development? (Requirement §201.6(d)(3))	<a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/risk">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/risk</a> <b>Changes in Risk</b>	N/A			
	<p>A. The <u>What Changed</u> section outlines reductions and increases in risk that have occurred in the county in recent times.</p> <p>B. The <u>Recent and Future Development</u> section describes the developmental status of the county and highlights any development areas located in hazard prone areas.</p> <p>C. The <u>Development Zones</u> table lists all of the Recent and Future Development sites disclosed by jurisdictional representatives.</p> <p>D. The <u>Development Map</u> depicts the geographic locations of disclosed development zones.</p>				
D2. Was the plan revised to reflect progress in local mitigation efforts? (Requirement §201.6(d)(3))	<a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/risk">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/risk</a> <b>Changes in Risk</b>	N/A			
	A. There are no previous actions to assess because this is not an update.				
D3. Was the plan revised to reflect changes in priorities? (Requirement §201.6(d)(3))	<a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/strategies">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/strategies</a> <b>Objectives</b>	N/A			
	The <u>Changes in Priorities</u> section describes any notable priority recently				
<b>ELEMENT D: REQUIRED REVISIONS</b>					
Element D is only for plans being updated. This plan is the original plan for Hamilton County, so these requirements to Not Applicable.					

1. REGULATION CHECKLIST		Location in Plan (section and/or page number)		Met	Not Met
Regulation (44 CFR 201.6 Local Mitigation Plans)					
<b>ELEMENT E. PLAN ADOPTION</b>					
E2. For multi-jurisdictional plans, has each jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan documented formal plan adoption? (Requirement §201.6(c)(5))	<a href="https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/planning-process">https://hamilton.mitigateny.org/planning-process</a> <b>Engagement</b>				X
	A. The <u>Adoption</u> narrative describes how municipalities intend to formally adopt this hazard mitigation plan.				
<b>ELEMENT E: REQUIRED REVISIONS</b>					
While requirement E2 is not met, it is understood that this requirement will be met soon now that the plan has been designated Approvable Pending Adoption.					

**SECTION 2:**

**PLAN ASSESSMENT**

**A. Plan Strengths and Opportunities for Improvement**



This section provides a discussion of the strengths of the plan document and identifies areas where these could be improved beyond minimum requirements.

#### **General Strengths**

- Hamilton County is the most rural county in the state, several towns having small populations. Yet the county and its local governments have produced a comprehensive and well-designed plan. Congratulations!
- Employing the services of the University at Albany Visualization and Informatics Lab (AVAIL) and the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) planning services is a cost-effective way of obtaining technical expertise for a rural county with limited resources.

#### **Opportunity for Improvement**

- The opening paragraph in the PLANNING CONTEXT incorrectly states that Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires counties to develop multi-jurisdictional all hazard mitigation plans. This is not correct. Mitigation plans are not required, but a county or local government must have either an approved single jurisdiction mitigation plan or be a participant in an approved multi-jurisdictional mitigation plan to be eligible for FEMA mitigation project grants.

#### **Element A: Planning Process**

##### **Strengths**

- The core planning group drew from a wide array of county departments and agencies.
- The level of detail provided with searchable tables is very good.

##### **Opportunity for Improvement**

- For the next update, strive for a whole community involvement in the development of the hazard mitigation plan. The hazard mitigation plan is for the whole community and, as such, encouraging the involvement of a broad array of people and organizations in its preparation helps county and municipal officials to recognize and understand hazard risks as they are viewed from different perspectives. Members can be solicited from throughout the community and can be typically found in non-governmental agencies (NGOs), chambers of commerce, service groups, building and real estate interests, neighborhood groups and faith-based organizations. They are also stakeholders and can provide valuable input to the hazard mitigation planning process. It is recognized that this may be difficult for a rural county with a very small population base to draw from.
- If feasible, it is recommended that members from typically underrepresented communities and organizations be included in the development of the HMP so that social equity and environmental justice issues are given proper consideration in hazard mitigation planning. FEMA is stressing this nationwide. Again, it is recognized that this may be difficult for a rural county with a very small population base to draw from.
- For the next update of the HMP, strive to improve public participation by holding public workshops during the development of the plan update. Workshops provide excellent opportunities for educating the public about hazard mitigation, as well as settings to gather local knowledge about hazards for input to the plan.
- Class B and C dams are critical facilities. Their failure could lead to significant damage to the local economy and perhaps threaten lives. Each dam should have an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) that helps the State Dam Safety Program staff understand the residual risk from the dam. EAPs are routinely shared with the county. It is recommended that at a minimum when Class C

dams are rated as unsafe or unsound by the State, their EAP should be reviewed during the hazard mitigation planning process and a discussion with the dam owner should be held to ensure the dam's condition is understood along with any corrective actions the dam owner intends to take. With this information and after considering the impact any natural hazards of concern might have on the dam, the jurisdiction where the dam is located should fully assess the risk to the downstream inundation area for the dam and any risk associated with losing the pooled reservoir created by the dam. It may be that in addition to the actions the dam owner intends to take, other mitigation actions should be included in the hazard mitigation plan.

#### **Element B: Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment**

##### **Strengths**

- Comprehensive descriptions of hazards of concern.
- Jurisdictional problem statements in the risk analysis clearly describe the issues communities face.

##### **Opportunity for Improvement**

- The Town of Inlet is the only Hamilton County community rank the probability of wildfire occurrence as "high" with a "high impact." Given the rural and wooded nature of Hamilton County, for the next update of the HMP, consider giving wildfires more prominence as a hazard of concern and develop mitigations strategies to offset the risk that wildfires present to the Hamilton County community.

#### **Element C: Mitigation Strategy**

##### **Strengths**

- The plan is web-based, supplemented by an Excel document providing detailed information on proposed mitigation actions. These documents complement each other to provide a clear and detailed description of the mitigation actions each jurisdiction intends to implement.
  - The Excel sheet includes a statement of the problem, a description of the action, the name of the lead agency (and POC), the timeframe for implementation, and estimated cost range. It also does a very good job in discussing and evaluating the alternatives considered.
  - The web-based plan has a table of the actions as well. With a click on the action, more detail on the problem and action pop-up. With a second click a General Action Information report appears, suitable for printing. It includes all the descriptive information for the actions, plus information on Prioritization and other attributes that go beyond federal requirement but will be useful in creating a statewide database. As Hamilton County is part of the initial pilot for web-based plans, some of the non-required attributes are not filled in. Nevertheless, the framework is excellent and should be quite useful as web-based plans become the norm.

##### **Opportunity for Improvement**

- The Hamilton Plan's Excel document included the County's mitigation actions, which were missing in the table of the web-based plan. It seems to be a technical oversight/error which should be corrected.
- The polygon colors of the Social Vulnerability Map do not match the colors of the indicators in the map key. The color scheme may need to be re-evaluated.
- Although the Town of Inlet ranked the probability of wildfire occurrence as "high" with a "high impact," it did not identify any mitigation measures to offset the risk that wildfires present to



the community. For the next update of the HMP, consider developing mitigation measures that address wildfire risk, such as identifying and planning for the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI). References to materials that discuss wildfire planning are listed below in "References for Implementing Your Approved Plan."

#### Element D: Plan Update, Evaluation, and Implementation (Plan Updates Only)

##### Strengths

- Not applicable, as this is Hamilton County's first hazard mitigation plan.

##### Opportunity for Improvement

- Not applicable, as this is Hamilton County's first hazard mitigation plan.

## SECTION 2:

### PLAN ASSESSMENT

#### B. Resources for Implementing Your Approved Plan

Ideas may be offered on moving the mitigation plan forward and continuing the relationship with key mitigation stakeholders such as the following:

- What FEMA assistance (funding) programs are available (for example, Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA)) to the jurisdiction(s) to assist with implementing the mitigation actions?
- What other Federal programs (National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), Community Rating System (CRS), Risk MAP, etc.) may provide assistance for mitigation activities?
- What publications, technical guidance or other resources are available to the jurisdiction(s) relevant to the identified mitigation actions?
- Are there upcoming trainings/workshops (Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA), HMA, etc.) to assist the jurisdictions(s)?
- What mitigation actions can be funded by other Federal agencies (for example, U.S. Forest Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Smart Growth, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities, etc.) and/or state and local agencies?

#### FEMA Publications

- *Local Mitigation Planning Handbook*, FEMA (March 2013). Available online at the FEMA website: [https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-06/fema-local-mitigation-planning-handbook\\_03-2013.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-06/fema-local-mitigation-planning-handbook_03-2013.pdf)
- *Mitigation Ideas—A Resource for Reducing Risk to Natural Hazards*, FEMA (January 2013). Available online at the FEMA website: [https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-06/fema-mitigation-ideas\\_02-13-2013.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-06/fema-mitigation-ideas_02-13-2013.pdf).

- *Integrating Hazard Mitigation Into Local Planning—Case Studies and Tools for Community Officials*, FEMA (March 1, 2013). Available online at the FEMA website: [https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-10/fema\\_integrating-hazard-mitigation-case-studies-tools-community-officials.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-10/fema_integrating-hazard-mitigation-case-studies-tools-community-officials.pdf).
- *National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System—A Local Official's Guide to Saving Lives, Preventing Property Damage and Reducing the Cost of Flood Insurance*, FEMA B 573 (2018). Available online at the FEMA website: [https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema\\_community-rating-system\\_local-guide-flood-insurance-2018.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_community-rating-system_local-guide-flood-insurance-2018.pdf)

#### American Planning Association Publications

- Mowery, Molly, Anna Read, Kelly Johnson, and Tareq Wafaie. 2019. *Planning the Wildland-Urban Interface*, PAS Report 594, Chicago, IL, American Planning Association.
- Schwab, James. *Hazard Mitigation: Integrating Best Practices into Planning*, American Planning Association PAS Report No. 560 (2010).
- Schwab, James, Stuart Meck, and Jamie Simone. 2005. *Planning for Wildfires*, PAS Report 529/530, Chicago IL, American Planning Association.

#### Community Wildfire Planning Center (CWPC) Publications

- Mowery, Molly, Darrin Punched and Katie Oran. *Land Use Planning Approaches in the Wildland-Urban Interface*. August 2021 (updated). Community Wildfire Planning Center. [https://www.communitywildfire.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/CWPC\\_Land-Use-WUI-Report\\_Final\\_2021\\_August\\_web-version.pdf](https://www.communitywildfire.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/CWPC_Land-Use-WUI-Report_Final_2021_August_web-version.pdf)

#### National Fire Protection Association Publications

- *Community Wildfire Safety Through Regulation: A Best Practices Guide for Planners and Regulators*. 2013. Quincy, MA, National Fire Protection Association. <https://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/Public-Education/By-topic/Wildland/WildfireBestPracticesGuide.ashx>

## SECTION 3:

### MULTI-JURISDICTION SUMMARY SHEET

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**Plan Summary Sheet**  
FEMA Review Tool

Plan Name: Hamilton County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Status by Jurisdiction:

Jurisdiction Name	Designated Approved or APA Yes / No	Elements Requiring Revisions			
		Element A	Element B	Element C	Element D
Hamilton County	Yes				
Arietta, T	Yes				
Benson, T	Yes				
Hope, T	Yes				
Indian Lake, T	Yes				
Inlet, T	Yes				
Lake Pleasant, T	Yes				
Long Lake, T	Yes				
Morehouse, T	Yes				
Speculator, V	Yes				
Wells, T	Yes				

For the record, all the municipalities in the County participated in this plan.

**FEMA – Mitigation Plan Eligibility Review for the HHPD Rehabilitation Grant Program**

<b>Jurisdiction(s):</b> Town of Indian Lake	<b>Title of Plan:</b> 2021 Hamilton County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan <a href="https://Hamilton.mitigateny.org/">https://Hamilton.mitigateny.org/</a>	<b>Plan Status:</b> APA 9/24/21
<b>Local Point of Contact:</b> G.L. "Don" Purdy	<b>Agency Address:</b> 2558 State Route 8 Lake Pleasant, NY 12108	
<b>Title:</b> County Emergency Manager		
<b>Phone Number:</b> (518) 548-6223	<b>E-Mail:</b> <a href="mailto:emergencygmt@hamiltoncounty.ny.gov">emergencygmt@hamiltoncounty.ny.gov</a>	

**Introduction**

FEMA has a new grant program to fund the rehabilitation of high hazard dams. For a local jurisdiction to be eligible for these funds they must 1) have an eligible dam<sup>1</sup>, 2) have an approved hazard mitigation plan, and 3) their plan or portion of a multi-jurisdictional plan must address all dam risks for eligible dams.

The New York State Dam Safety Program housed in the NYS Department of ice of funding opportunity.

Regarding Criteria #1: A review of NYS dam inventory data provided to FEMA on 3/9/21 indicates that the Town of Indian Lake has two eligible dams within its boundaries. They are the:

- *Indian Lake Stone Dam* owned by the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District, and
- *Lake Adirondack Dam* owned by the Town of Indian Lake.

Regarding Criteria #2: The Town of Indian Lake does not have an approved mitigation plan. However, the town was a participant in a multi-jurisdictional plan that has been designated as approvable pending adoption. For purposes of this HHPD review, the assumption is the plan will be approved before HHPD grant funding is requested.

Regarding Criteria #3: A jurisdiction's section of a multi-jurisdictional plan, if they want to be eligible for HHPD grants (optional), must meet a higher standard than the general requirements for approval of a local hazard mitigation plan. Thus, it is possible to have a FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan without meeting these higher HHPD standards, but the jurisdiction will not be eligible for HHPD grant funding if this is the case.

<sup>1</sup> In past grant cycles eligible dams are high hazard dams (Class C) that have a state approved Emergency Action Plan and the State Dam Safety Program has determined they fail to meet minimum dam safety standards and pose an unacceptable risk; however, licensed hydroelectric dams or dams built under the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture are not eligible for HHPD grants. In NYS dams that pose an unacceptable risk are high hazard dams with a condition rating of unsafe or unsound.



Four HHPD Standards for hazard mitigation plans must be met to be grant eligible. This HHPD review concerns these four standards.

Dams are critical infrastructure. If a dam fails it could impact downstream areas and cause the loss of the value achieved by having the dam created reservoir. While HHPD grants may be used to rehabilitate a high hazard dam, non-HHPD funds may be used to address these other vulnerabilities, including other FEMA mitigation grant program funds.

#### HHPD Standards Checklist

<b>HIGH HAZARD POTENTIAL DAM RISKS</b>	<b>Location in Plan (section and/or page number)</b>	<b>Met</b>	<b>Not Met</b>
HHPD1. Does the plan describe the incorporation of existing plans, studies, reports, and technical information for high hazard potential dams?	<a href="#">Mitigation Planner (mitigateny.org)</a> Table listing ALL participants	x	See comment
HHPD2. Does the plan address high hazard potential dams in the risk assessment?	<a href="#">Mitigation Planner (mitigateny.org)</a> Risk/Dam Safety/High Hazard Hamilton County Dams		X
HHPD3. Does the plan include mitigation goals to reduce long-term vulnerabilities from high hazard potential dams that pose an unacceptable risk to the public?	<a href="#">Mitigation Planner (mitigateny.org)</a> Home page: Goals & Objectives	X	
HHPD4. Does the plan prioritize mitigation actions to reduce vulnerabilities from high hazard potential dams that pose an unacceptable risk to the public?	<a href="#">Mitigation Planner (mitigateny.org)</a> Home/Proposed Action Table	X	See comment

#### HHPD Review

**HHPD 1: Does the plan describe the incorporation of existing plans, studies, reports, and technical information for high hazard mitigation dams?**

The plan must identify the dam information reviewed and incorporated into the plan. This would include information shared by the state and/or local dam owners for purposes of mitigation planning or documents routinely shared consistent with the State's Dam Safety Program. For example, Emergency Action Plans and the State Dam Inventory should be reviewed, and the review of these documents should be noted in the plan.

#### Review Comment

The Town of Indian Lake is the owner of the *Lake Adirondack Dam* and as dam owner they were obviously involved in the planning process and were fully aware of the contents of the dam's Emergency Action Plan.

An opportunity for improvement would be to meet with the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District and discuss the risks to the dam and the risk a dam failure poses downstream. The plan will need to be first amended to document the involvement of the dam owner and the review of the dam's Emergency Action Plan, if a HHPD grant is pursued for the *Indian Lake Stone Dam*.

**HHPD 2: Does the plan address high hazard potential dams in the risk assessment?**

Each of the hazards of concern identified and profiled in the plan should address the degree to which they might impact any eligible high hazard dams. The hazards of earthquake, landslide, flooding, and wildfire are often thought to have a potential impact on a dam. The significance of these hazards varies greatly across the county, so in some cases one or more of these hazards may not be included in a mitigation plan as a hazard-of-concern. If this is the case, then the assumption is that the omitted hazard does not impact dams.

Natural hazards-of-concern can impact a dam and cause breaching and overtopping. When this occurs, there can be cascading impacts downstream in the inundation area. Breaching might also cause the loss or lowering of the benefits of the reservoir pool created by the dam, which also should be considered when assessing risk and vulnerability. There could also be a non-breach impact, such as a spillway conveying more water than the downstream channel can manage. Finally, all dams present a residual risk, which is the increased risk above what it would be if the dam did not exist, even though this risk is typically slight.

Review Comment HHPD #2 is **NOT MET**

- *Indian Lake Stone Dam* owned by the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District, and
- *Lake Adirondack Dam* owned by the Town of Indian Lake.

The risk assessment for both the *Lake Adirondack Dam* and the *Indian Lake Stone Dam* is insufficient. The detail of the proposed rehabilitation of the *Lake Adirondack Dam* implies a sound understanding of the risk to this dam, and there was no problem statement for the *Indian Lake Stone Dam* because there is not proposed rehabilitation for this dam.

The plan did not assess the risk to either dam due to an earthquake, landslide, wildfire or flooding. The first three natural hazard were not considered to be hazards of concern, and for that reason this is acceptable. However, flooding is a hazard of concern and the plan should discuss the risks flooding does or does not place on the dam, and the downstream threat should the dam overtop or fail during a flood event.

**HHPD 3 Does the plan include mitigation goals to reduce long-term vulnerabilities from high hazard potential dams that pose an unacceptable risk to the public?**

A plan's goals and objectives must cover high hazard potential dams. They do not need to explicitly mention dams or use the words "high hazard potential dam", so long as dams fall within an overarching goal.

#### Review Comment

Goal 2 meets HHPD Standard #3. It reads: *Protect lives and existing property, including all populations vulnerable to hazards and vulnerable public, historic, and private structures and critical facilities and infrastructure.*

**HHPD 4: Does the plan prioritized mitigation actions to reduce vulnerabilities from high hazard potential dams that pose an unacceptable risk to the public?**

The plan needs to include a mitigation action that will reduce the vulnerability of the eligible HHPD dam and/or mitigate the consequences of dam failure downstream or to the pool area reservoir, except when the applicant or sub-applicant for HHPD grant funding will be an entity



other than the local jurisdiction where the dam is located. When the applicant/sub-applicant is another entity, such as a city that owns a dam in another jurisdiction, the plan for the local jurisdiction where the dam is located should include a statement of support for the dam rehabilitation project.

HHPD grants are to rehabilitate eligible high hazard dams. Other funds, including other FEMA mitigation grant programs, could be used to mitigate the risk downstream. It is possible that a local jurisdiction would be pursuing mitigation actions downstream, while another entity pursues HHPD funding to rehabilitate an eligible dam.

#### Review Comment

The plan includes a detailed description of the risk from the *Lake Adirondack Dam* and the mitigation actions needed to reduce this risk. For this reason, HHPD Standard #4 is considered met.

However, there is no proposed action *Indian Lake Stone Dam*. If an HHPD grant application were being requested for this dam the hazard mitigation plan would need to add that action to the plan in order for this HHPD standard to be met for that dam.

### FEMA – Mitigation Plan Eligibility Review for the HHPD Rehabilitation Grant Program

Jurisdiction(s): Town of Inlet	Title of Plan: 2021 Hamilton County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan <a href="https://Hamilton.mitigateny.org/">https://Hamilton.mitigateny.org/</a>	Plan Status: APA 9/24/21
Local Point of Contact: G.L. "Don" Purdy	Agency Address: 2558 State Route 8 Lake Pleasant, NY 12108	
Title: County Emergency Manager		
Phone Number: (518) 548-6223	E-Mail: <a href="mailto:emergencymgmt@hamiltoncountyny.gov">emergencymgmt@hamiltoncountyny.gov</a>	

#### Introduction

FEMA has a new grant program to fund the rehabilitation of high hazard dams. For a local jurisdiction to be eligible for these funds they must 1) have an eligible dam<sup>2</sup>, 2) have an approved hazard mitigation plan, and 3) their plan or portion of a multi-jurisdictional plan must address all dam risks for eligible dams.

The New York State Dam Safety Program housed in the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will determine if a dam is eligible based on FEMA's annual notice of funding opportunity.

Regarding Criteria #1: A review of NYS dam inventory data provided to FEMA on 3/9/21 indicates that the Town of Inlet has one eligible dam. It is the:

- *Sixth Lake Dam* owned by the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District.

Regarding Criteria #2: The Town of Inlet does not have an approved mitigation plan. However, the town was a participant in a multi-jurisdictional plan that has been designated as approvable pending adoption. For purposes of this HHPD review, the assumption is the plan will be approved before HHPD grant funding is requested.

Regarding Criteria #3: A jurisdiction's section of a multi-jurisdictional plan, if they want to be eligible for HHPD grants (optional), must meet a higher standard than the general requirements for approval of a local hazard mitigation plan. Thus, it is possible to have a FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan without meeting these higher HHPD standards, but the jurisdiction will not be eligible for HHPD grant funding if this is the case.

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Four HHPD Standards for hazard mitigation plans must be met to be grant eligible. This HHPD review concerns these four standards.

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**HHPD Standards Checklist**

HIGH HAZARD POTENTIAL DAM RISKS	Location in Plan (section and/or page number)	Met	Not Met
HHPD1. Does the plan describe the incorporation of existing plans, studies, reports, and technical information for high hazard potential dams?	Mitigation Planner (mitigateny.org) Table listing ALL participants	X	
HHPD2. Does the plan address high hazard potential dams in the risk assessment?	Mitigation Planner (mitigateny.org) Risk/Dam Safety/High Hazard Hamilton County Dams	X	
HHPD3. Does the plan include mitigation goals to reduce long-term vulnerabilities from high hazard potential dams that pose an unacceptable risk to the public?	Mitigation Planner (mitigateny.org) Home page: Goals & Objectives	X	
HHPD4. Does the plan prioritize mitigation actions to reduce vulnerabilities from high hazard potential dams that pose an unacceptable risk to the public?	Mitigation Planner (mitigateny.org) Mitigation Strategy (Excel listing of actions)		X

**HHPD Review**

**HHPD 1: Does the plan describe the incorporation of existing plans, studies, reports, and technical information for high hazard mitigation dams?**

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**Review Comment**

It appears the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District was involved in the planning process, although the District is not listed as a stakeholder and clearly, they should be listed in the plan. However, because the full Emergency Action Plan for the Sixth Lake Dam is incorporated in the plan by a hyper-link, HHPD Standard #1 has been met.

- Of special note, the EAP is described on its cover as "Confidential" and "Do Not Release." The Town of Inlet, Hamilton County, or the consultant hire by the County to prepare this hazard mitigation plan may need to work with the dam owner to extract information from the EAP that does not violate any concerns for confidentiality.

**HHPD 2: Does the plan address high hazard potential dams in the risk assessment?**

Each of the hazards of concern identified and profiled in the plan should address the degree to which they might impact any eligible high hazard dams. The hazards of earthquake, landslide, flooding, and wildfire are often thought to have a potential impact on a dam. The significance of these hazards varies greatly across the county, so in some cases one or more of these hazards may not be included in a mitigation plan as a hazard-of-concern. If this is the case, then the assumption is that the omitted hazard does not impact dams.

Natural hazards-of-concern can impact a dam and cause breaching and overtopping. When this occurs, there can be cascading impacts downstream in the inundation area. Breaching might also cause the loss or lowering of the benefits of the reservoir pool created by the dam, which also should be considered when assessing risk and vulnerability. There could also be a non-breach impact, such as a spillway conveying more water than the downstream channel can manage. Finally, all dams present a residual risk, which is the increased risk above what it would be if the dam did not exist, even though this risk is typically slight.

**Review Comment**

The downstream risk from the Sixth Lake Dam is presented (Sunny Day Failure) through a link the 2016 Emergency Action Plan (EAP) which is important information when considering hazard mitigation actions that might be taken downstream, and the condition of the dam is covered by the EAP. For these reasons, the HHPD Standard #2 is considered met.

- Of special note, a quick review of the EAP did discuss or estimate the loss of life that might occur should the dam fail. This would be important information to include in a grant application, along with a discussion of how the population at risk was estimated.

Although the plan did not assess the risk to the Sixth Lake Dam from due to an earthquake, landslide, wildfire or flooding. The assessment in the EAP is sufficient because first three natural hazard were not considered to be hazards of concern, and the failure to consider the impact of flooding is offset by the strength of the APA analysis.

**HHPD 3 Does the plan include mitigation goals to reduce long-term vulnerabilities from high hazard potential dams that pose an unacceptable risk to the public?**

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**Review Comment**

Goal 2 meets HHPD Standard #3. It reads, "Protect lives and existing property, including all populations vulnerable to hazards and vulnerable public, historic, and private structures and critical facilities and infrastructure."

**HHPD 4: Does the plan prioritized mitigation actions to reduce vulnerabilities from high hazard potential dams that pose an unacceptable risk to the public?**

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jurisdiction where the dam is located should include a statement of support for the dam rehabilitation project.

HHPD grants are to rehabilitate eligible high hazard dams. Other funds, including other FEMA mitigation grant programs, could be used to mitigate the risk downstream. It is possible that a local jurisdiction would be pursuing mitigation actions downstream, while another entity pursues HHPD funding to rehabilitate an eligible dam.

Review Comment HHPD #4 is **NOT MET**

The Town of Inlet has as action 36041-013, "rehabilitate the *Sixth Lake Dam*." More specific information is required to meet this standard.

**RESOLUTION # 9 – October 12, 2021**  
**Multi – Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

WHEREAS, the Town of Indian Lake, with the assistance from the Hamilton County Emergency Service, has gathered information and prepared the Hamilton County Hazard Mitigation Plan; AND

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; AND

WHEREAS, the Town of Indian Lake is a local unit of Government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; AND

WHEREAS, the Town of Indian Lake has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years; **NOW THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake, that the Town of Indian Lake adopts the Hamilton County Hazard Mitigation Plan and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

State of New York  
County of Hamilton  
Town of Indian Lake

I, **Julie A. Clawson**, Town Clerk of the Town of Indian Lake do hereby certify that **Resolution # 9** in the year **2021**, was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake, Hamilton County, New York State at the Town Board meeting held in Indian Lake on **October 12, 2021**.

**Resolution # 9** will be on file in the Resolution Book as well as the Official Minutes in the Town Clerks office at the Town Hall, located on Pelon Road, Town of Indian Lake, County of Hamilton, and State of New York.

The following Board Members of the Indian Lake Town Board had due notice of the meeting and was present at said meeting: **Supervisor Brian Wells, Councilman Jake Mahoney, Councilwoman Sally Stanton, and Councilman John Rathbun.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Indian Lake on this 12 day of October in the year 2021.

Seal

Julie A. Clawson - Town Clerk



**RESOLUTION # 11 – 2021**

Resolution authorizing the Building Codes Enforcement Officer to begin proceedings to order the removal of an unsafe building

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Wells

Seconded by: Councilwoman Stanton

Whereas: the Town of Indian Lake has received complaints of an unsafe structure at 142 Crow Hill Rd, Indian Lake, NY 12842 And,

Whereas, the Building Codes Enforcement Officer has investigated said complaint finding it an unfit and unsafe for human occupancy, as well as an attractive nuisance for young children and transients And,

Whereas the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake do hereby agree with the building Codes Enforcement Officer's findings THEREFORE BE IT

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake do hereby authorize the Building Codes Enforcement Officer to proceed with the order to remove the unsafe building at 142 Crow Hill Road.

Roll Call: Councilman Mahoney	Aye
Councilwoman Stanton	Aye
Councilman Rathbun	Aye
Supervisor Wells	Aye

State of New York  
County of Hamilton  
Town of Indian Lake

I, **Julie A. Clawson**, Town Clerk of the Town of Indian Lake do hereby certify that **Resolution # 11** in the year **2021**, was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake, Hamilton County, New York State at the Town Board meeting held in Indian Lake on **October 12, 2021**.

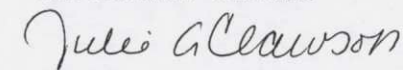
**Resolution #11** will be on file in the Resolution Book as well as the Official Minutes in the Town Clerks office at the Town Hall, located on Pelon Road, Town of Indian Lake, County of Hamilton, and State of New York.

The following Board Members of the Indian Lake Town Board had due notice of the meeting and was present at said meeting: **Supervisor Brian Wells, Councilman Jake Mahoney, Councilwoman Sally Stanton, and Councilman John Rathbun.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Indian Lake on this 13 day of October in the year 2021.

Seal

Julie A. Clawson - Town Clerk





RESOLUTION No.: 10

INTRODUCED BY: Supervisor Brian E. Wells

SECONDED BY: Councilman Jake Mahoney

DATE: 10/12/2021

**RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING TOWN'S PREVIOUSLY SELECTED ENERGY SUPPLIERS AND AUTHORIZING INVESTIGATION OF UNAUTHORIZED INCLUSION OF ENGIE RESOURCES, LLC IN THE TOWN'S ENERGY SUPPLY CHAIN**

**WHEREAS**, the Town owns a number of facilities within that portion of Indian Lake in which New York State Electric and Gas Corporation ("NYSEG") facilities are located; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to June of 2020, the Town received energy at those locations from NYSEG and Constellation NewEnergy ("Constellation"), respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town was generally satisfied with this arrangement; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning in or around June of 2020, Engie Resources, LLC began supplying energy to these locations without the Town's permission or consent; and

**WHEREAS**, Engie Resources, LLC has since provided a contract purportedly signed on behalf of the Town which raises serious concerns as to the propriety and legality of actions taken by Engie Resources, LLC and/or its representative to create or procure such alleged contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town wishes to reaffirm its intention to receive energy from NYSEG and Constellation, respectively.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby confirms that it has never authorized Engie Resources, LLC to supply any Town facility with energy and has never authorized any contract to be executed on behalf of the Town for such purpose, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that for these reasons, any agreement that purports to involve the Town Board and Engie Resources, LLC concerning the provision of energy is void; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby reaffirms its intention to receive energy from NYSEG and Constellation, respectively, until such time as the Town Board selects a different supplier; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that NYSEG and Constellation are hereby reestablished as the respective service providers for the affected locations; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into service contracts with NYSEG and Constellation to effectuate this Resolution, subject to Town Counsel review and approval as to form; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor or anyone designated by him to work with NYSEG to better ensure that the circumstances described in this Resolution will not reoccur; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Town Counsel to investigate these matters further; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor and/or Town Counsel to involve State Representatives or law enforcement in this investigation if, in their discretion and judgment, doing so appears warranted.

The question of the adoption of this Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

AYES: 4

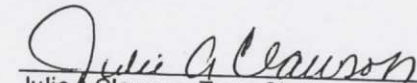
NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The undersigned certifies that the above Resolution has not been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect.

Date:

10/12/2021

  
Julie A. Clawson, Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE:

DATE OF MEETING: October 12, 2021

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>TITLE:</u>	<u>ADDRESS:</u>
1. Pat Mahony	MR.	IL
2. Bill Kaprairie	MR.	IL
3. Bill Wells	MR.	IL
4. Tyler Mothony	MR.	IL
5. Council		INDIAN CAKE
6. DANN W HARR	MR.	231 Maple Lodge Rd
7. Andy Conroy		Blue Mt.
8. Jamie Robles	Highway	IL
9. Lem Autcher		IL
10. John Butcher		IL
11. Justina Eldridge		IL
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Supervisor Wells reported to the Board that he had received a request to rename the Sewer Plant Road. He stated he would speak with Tyler Monthony, Building Codes Enforcement Officer, to see how to go about that.

Supervisor Wells reported to all that the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages will be holding their meetings on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. He asked the Board if they would like to attend to get a hold of him as he has the applications. He told all they would be honoring former Senator Betty Liddle. He stated the Association is putting together a basket of items from each Town.

Supervisor Wells thanked Jamie Roblee, Highway Superintendent, for taking the trip into the old Gooley Club. He stated we are working with DEC possibly for a TRP Road Maintenance agreement. He stated he keeps pushing for a road improvement agreement rather than a road Maintenance.

Supervisor Wells stated that thanks to Andy Coney, we have a gentleman by the name of George Von Mehren who is willing to volunteer on the Towns Loan Committee. Supervisor Wells stated he is still looking for two more members to be on the Committee. Right now the Committee consists of Councilman Rathbun, George Von Mehren and Suzanne Walrath.

#### Other Town Business

Councilman Rathbun told all that the Car show that was held during Moose Festival was a success. He thanked Christine Pouch and all the volunteers for helping. He stated that they had received money from the sponsor fee and a 50/50 and had a check to present to the Ambulance Corp. in the amount of \$540.48. He stated again, it was successful, well attended and he hopes to keep it growing. Councilman Mahoney stated he thought the Car Show and Moose Festival was well attended.

#### BILLS AND ABSTRACTS

Supervisor Wells made a motion to pay the Bills and Abstracts as presented. Seconded by, Councilman Rathbun.

**Roll Call:** Councilman Mahoney Aye  
Councilwoman Stanton Aye  
Councilman Rathbun Aye  
Supervisor Wells Aye

#### General:

31041 - 31042	\$450.00
31043 - 31061	\$3,661.23
31076 - 31078	\$859.09
31079 - 31252	\$96,579.88

#### Executive Session

Supervisor Wells called for an Executive Session to discuss Litigation at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by, Councilwoman Stanton. All in favor. Motion carried.  
Councilman Rathbun made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by, Supervisor Wells. All in favor. Motion carried.  
No action taken during Executive Session.

Supervisor Wells offered Resolution # 10 – Resolution reaffirming the Town’s previously selected Energy Suppliers and authorizing an investigation of unauthorized inclusion of the Engie Resources, LLC. Seconded by, Councilman Mahoney. Resolution # 10 attached herein.

**Roll Call:** Councilman Mahoney Aye  
Councilwoman Stanton Aye  
Councilman Rathbun Aye  
Supervisor Wells Aye

Councilman Mahoney agreed to volunteer to set on the Short-Term Rental Committee as well as the Town Loan Committee.  
Councilwoman Stanton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by, Councilman Rathbun. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

**Respectfully Submitted by: Julie A. Clawson – Town Clerk**

