



CONSERVATION DESIGN MUST BECOME THE STANDARD FOR THE PARK



Woodward Lake near Northville. Photo © Dave Gibson

Proposed subdivision of Woodward Lake and forest.

With our support, the Adirondack Park Agency has introduced some new development standards. They now tell the largest Park developers that “the preferred subdivision design should minimize creation of new areas of disturbance” and “be in accordance with the objectives of conservation design.”

Now, a test: A typical, resource-wasteful subdivision concept of 1200 acres has been sent to the APA. It circles undeveloped Woodward Lake and surrounding forest with dozens of new residences and driveways, spreading out the negative impacts across the landscape. In brief, the concept undermines the objectives of conservation design, which are to cluster homes, minimize impacts and avoid forest and lakeshore fragmentation.

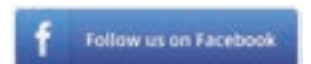
So far, APA is expecting this developer to submit better information and designs. In another positive move, early public comment is built into the process. Adirondack Wild is fully engaged.

Question: Will APA’s resolve hold? Or will the agency continue to permit damaging subdivisions that could be built anywhere in the USA? Are new legislative mandates required?

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For answers, and to find out more about conservation design, visit our website www.adirondackwild.org, and download a FREE copy of our guidebook, *Pathways to a Connected Adirondack Park: Practical Steps to Better Land Use Decisions*.

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