

**Business of the Village Board
Village of Saranac Lake**

BILL #62-2026

SUBJECT: Smart Growth Grant

FOR AGENDA: 3/23/2026

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Trustee Ryan

DATE SUBMITTED: 3/6/2026

Resolution authorizing Village Manager to accept a Adirondack Smart Growth grant in the amount of \$119,107 for design/planning work for Lake Colby Beach Bathhouse/ Infrastructure Accessibility Upgrades (with an additional in-kind match of \$10,000)

MOVED BY: White SECONDED BY: Ryan

VOTE ON ROLL CALL: To Table

MAYOR WILLIAMS yes

TRUSTEE BRUNETTE yes

TRUSTEE RYAN yes

TRUSTEE SCOLLIN yes

TRUSTEE WHITE yes

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF AN ADIRONDACK PARK
COMMUNITY SMART GROWTH GRANT**

WHEREAS, the NYS DEC, in cooperation with the Department of State and Adirondack Park Agency, is solicited smart growth grant applications from Adirondack Park communities and organizations and

WHEREAS, DEC awarded grants for capital projects and community development initiatives that link environmental protection, economic development and community livability within the special conditions of the parks; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake received funding of \$119,107 for design/planning work for Lake Colby Beach Bathhouse/ Infrastructure Accessibility Upgrades (with an additional in-kind match of \$10,000).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Saranac Lake Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Manager to accept an Adirondack Community Smart Growth Grant in the amount of \$119,107 for design/planning work for Lake Colby Beach Bathhouse/ Infrastructure Accessibility Upgrades (with an additional in-kind match of \$10,000).



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February 13, 2026

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Dear Ms. Glynn,

****Note: The results of Adirondack and Catskill Community Smart Growth Grant Program will not be publicly announced by DEC for a few more weeks. Please take this email as advance notice of results. We urge awardees to delay any announcements or outreach to media and community in the meantime, as DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton will be holding a press event in the Adirondack region for these awards. We will send the official press release once it comes to hand.**

The Division of Lands and Forests of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has made the final selections for the Adirondack Park and Catskill Park Community Smart Growth Grant Program – Round 8 2025.

This letter serves as a pre-notification of a pending grant award in the amount of **\$119,107.00**, for the project **"Accessibility Upgrades at Lake Colby Beach and William Wallace Park"**. DEC hereby notifies you of its intent to award your project proposal, contingent upon approval of the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC).

In the interim, program staff will reach out to you to begin the process of developing the contract and obtaining grantee documents. Please note that the contract term within which all grant-related activity must occur is anticipated to be 04/01/2026 – 03/31/2029.

Expenditures related to project activity will be eligible for reimbursement after the contract is fully executed. If you have any questions about the grant process and your application, we would be happy to assist you. Please contact program staff Michelle Higgins via email michelle.higgins@dec.ny.gov.

Again, congratulations on your successful proposal and we look forward to supporting your project as it moves forward.

Sincerely,

Director, NYS DEC Division of Lands and Forests
New York State Forester