## ADIRONDACK COUNCIL ANNOUNCES WITNESS LIST FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON TUPPER LAKE RESORT PROPOSAL

Experts from CT Male on Water/Sewer Engineering, Dodson & Lacy on Development Patterns, plus Wildlife Conservation Society on Forests and Habitat

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TUPPER LAKE, N.Y. -- The Adirondack Council today announced its list of experts who will be testifying and examining evidence in the formal adjudicatory hearing on the permit application for the proposed 600-plus-unit Adirondack Club & Resort on the slopes around the former Big Tupper Ski Center.

In its submission to DEC Adjudicatory Law Judge Daniel O'Connell, the Council states that it, "supports a modified Adirondack Club and Resort project, believing it will have many potential benefits for the Village and Town of Tupper Lake. The testimony elicited from experts testifying on behalf of the Adirondack Council will help provide the scientific and regulatory bases to achieve an approvable environmentally responsible project for the Village and Town of Tupper Lake."

Over the past six years, the Adirondack Council has raised consistent concerns about the proposed ACR project's potential impacts on water quality, wildlife habitat and forest health, as well as the need for building the project from the center outward to avoid the construction of unneeded roads and water, sewer or power lines.

The Council has identified the firm of C.T. Male and Associates to testify regarding the applicant's proposed plans for storm water and erosion control management, wastewater treatment, potable water supply and site hydrology. Experts from the Wildlife Conservation Society will testify regarding potential adverse impacts on habitat and wildlife on Resource Management lands. Dodson Associates, landscape architects, and Lacy Associates, land use planners, will testify regarding the principles of conservation design, cluster development alternatives, and project phasing.

"We hope the adjudicatory hearing will proceed in an expeditious manner and result in an approvable, environmentally responsible project that will benefit the Town and Village" said Brian Houseal, Adirondack Council Executive Director. "While there are some needed modifications to improve the project and meet the standards set by the Adirondack Park Agency, Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of Health, we believe they can be accomplished without undue expense or delay."

The Adirondack Council is a privately funded, not-for-profit organization dedicated to ensuring the ecological integrity and wild character of the Adirondack Park. Founded in 1975, the Adirondack Council accomplishes its mission through research, education, advocacy and legal action.