Court rejects challenges to Adirondack regulations

A midlevel New York court has rejected two legal challenges to the state Adirondack Park Agency's 2008 regulations on shoreline structures, hunting cabins and some other private land uses.

The Appellate Division panel, dismissing claims by municipalities and a group called the New York Blue Line Council, says the APA measures did not violate town and county home rule powers.

The three justices also call "wholly speculative and abstract" the claims by businesses, landowners and nonprofit groups of injury on the grounds that they must now seek variances from the APA for some construction that will now be more difficult.

The court says the alleged harm has not yet happened and may not come to pass.

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