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Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Rm 710
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Chairwoman Cunningham,

We respectfully request the amendment of the Lawson Lake public use plan to remove the prohibitions against overnight camping from specified organizations and open fires. Lawson Lake currently has tent platforms built along the hiking trail, as well as a large campfire pit near the lodge. The Department of Parks and Recreation and the Office of the County Executive have been working to develop long term goals for the use of this park, and would like the public use plan to be updated to reflect the changing goals and uses of the property. Our goal is for both activities to be available with permission on the property.

As we develop guidelines for increased public use for the various amenities at Lawson Lake, it is important that the public use plan is updated to remain accurate.

If you have questions, please reach out to my office or the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
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