

Regulatory Programs Enforcement Division 2019 Annual Report

Staff investigated and worked to resolve violations of the laws administered by the Agency in a fair and consistent manner that protects the resources of the Park.

The Regulatory Programs Enforcement Program began 2019 with 163 unresolved cases. 169 cases were resolved during the year and 217 cases were opened. The most common types of enforcement matters reviewed were activities involving wetlands, subdivisions, permit noncompliance, and shoreline structures. Staff conducted 161 enforcement site visits, prepared 91 settlement agreements, and executed 48 settlement agreements with landowners. 24 cases were resolved through voluntary compliance on the part of the landowner, and 91 cases were closed following investigations indicating that no violation had occurred.

Staff continue to monitor new subdivision activity in the Park through the New York State Office of Real Property SalesWeb application. This effort found that 69 out of the 104 subdivisions undertaken were issued an Agency jurisdictional determination or permit. Seven enforcement cases were opened as a result of SalesWeb monitoring, and of these cases, two have been resolved by settlement agreement, two remain under review, and three cases were found to be no violation following investigation.

Regulatory Programs enforcement staff work in 2019 included 55 jurisdictional determinations issued from enforcement, 121 site visits for review of permit applications, and 84 permits issued.

Activity	2017	2018	2019
New Cases Opened	238	188	217
Enforcement Site Visits	173	148	161
Settlement Agreements Sent	83	81	91
Settlement Agreements Signed	50	44	48
Cases Closed Voluntary Compliance	33	44	24
Cases Closed No Violation	112	97	91
Open Cases End of Year	168	163	211

Types of Cases Opened

Alleged Violation	2019 Total
Substandard Lot Subdivision	24
Lot Counting Subdivision	6
Resource Management Subdivision	10
Critical Environmental Area Subdivision	1
Wetland Subdivision	9
Wetland Project	53
Development in River Area	3
Permit Violation	36
Structure Over 40 Feet	2

25-Acre Clearcut	2
Commercial Use	3
Junkyard	5
Shoreline Structure Setback	28
Shoreline Cutting	20
Commercial Sand and Gravel Extraction	2
Septic w/in 100' of a wetland	2
Tourist Attraction	1
Multiple Family Dwelling	2
Watershed Management Project	1
Waste Disposal Area	4