Act 147: Commission on Act 250

Statistical Analysis – Initial Notes Daniel Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst – Joint Fiscal Office

Data Available:

- 1. Natural Resources Board annual reports 2009-2017
- 2. Natural Resources Board "The Next 50 Years" report
- 3. Agency of Natural Resources permit activity reports 2009-2017
- 4. Municipal Permit data

Challenges

- 1. NRB annual report data inconsistent with "The Next 50 Years" data
- 2. District Commissions have had differing ways of documenting permit data
- 3. NRB permit data doesn't allow analyst to see amount of time permit application spends with NRB, applicant, elsewhere
- 4. A direct comparison of NRB, ANR, muni permitting data risks misrepresenting the various complexities for all
- 5. The need to extract all of the data from PDFs, or a Word doc.

Capabilities

- 1. NRB-specific trends over 10 years
 - a. Processing Times against total applications (all or just majors/minors)
 - b. Appeals as % of total majors and minors
 - c. Processing Time Increments
- 2. Broad NRB trends against ANR
 - a. Mainly processing times
- 3. Muni data
 - a. This can be presented separately but shouldn't be used as part of a statistical analysis
 - b. Munis that did respond only gave up to 5-years of data
 - c. What munis are comparable in permitting capacity to NRB/ANR?



