



**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Terry Martino  
**FROM:** Jim Connolly  
**DATE:** August 28, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** Highlights of Planning Division Activities for August 2012

**STATE LAND & UMP REVIEW ACTIVITIES**

On Wednesday, August 21, DEC and APA staff conducted a conference call to discuss potential options for sub-regional planning for State lands. The two agencies are beginning an initiative to put more emphasis on combined plans for adjacent Wild Forest and Wilderness units in the Park, connecting communities to a variety of recreational opportunities and developing proposals for appropriate "back country" and "front country" recreational opportunities. The Park has been divided into five sub-regional areas. Staff will be working on general proposals which will eventually be shared with local officials and representatives of environmental organizations for additional feedback. The initial planning area for this effort is State Land in the southern area of the Park from the Moose River Plains to Shaker Mountain Wild Forest. The topic of sub-regional planning for the Park was also one of the agenda items for the Forest Preserve Advisory Committee meeting which was held at DEC's Region 5 office on August 24.

State land and DEC staff scouted out possible alternative locations for ATV's that would place the St. Lawrence County multi-use trail outside of Forest Preserve in the Grass River Wild Forest. State land staff attended a meeting on stream restoration work that was held by Essex County. The presentation was

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given by a Delaware County (NY) engineer on lessons learned over the past 15 years from major flooding events. State land staff continued campsite evaluation work in the Ferris Lake WF on Good Luck Lake and along the Pawley-Piseco Road.

State land and Regulatory staff attended a pre-application meeting regarding the Town of Ticonderoga water supply. Possible state land issues occur if the test wells do not find an adequate water supply, forcing the Town to replace the dam and the transmission main.

State land, Regulatory and DEC staff attended a pre-application meeting with SLIC broadband for a proposed cable between Tupper Lake and Long Lake. State land staff continued campsite assessment work in the Saranac Lakes WF.

State land staff are being consulted regarding Bicknell's Thrush on Blue Mountain with regards to a permit. State land staff continued to work with DOT on possible parking area improvements that could be made on Route 86 at Wilmington Notch in conjunction with current paving operations.

State land staff attended the FPAC meeting.

State Land staff reviewed the Second Pond Intensive Use Area UMP and completed final environmental impact statement.

State Land staff assessed campsites in the Saranac Lakes Wild Forest as part of the Saranac Lakes Wild Forest UMP review.

State Land staff reviewed the team draft of the Camp Santanoni Historic Area draft UMP for conformance with the SLMP and provided comments on the UMP to DEC staff.

State Land staff met with DEC staff regarding the Second Pond UMP response to public comments.

On August 1, State land and Regulatory Program staff attended and made presentations at a DEC facilitated workshop for regional DOT staff concerning tree-cutting on Forest Preserve lands in the Adirondack Park.

On August 8 and 20, State land staff conducted joint field work with DEC regional staff concerning potential new snowmobile trail routes between Speculator and Indian Lake.

On August 20, Agency staff met with DEC and Nature Conservancy staff to discuss public access and entry points into the Essex Chain of Lakes. Retained rights of hunting clubs will create potential conflicts with the public once the lands are acquired from the Nature Conservancy. It will therefore be important to determine where to put gates along roads to restrict public access from areas where hunting clubs retain temporary access rights. Staff also discussed potential access points to the Essex Chain for people with disabilities. DEC staff will be developing a public access plan for the area and APA staff will be working on a classification proposal.

On August 23, State land staff conducted joint field work with DEC regional staff concerning siting of a Community Connector snowmobile trail between Inlet and Raquette Lake, as proposed in the approved UMP for the Moose River Plains Wild Forest.

On August 24, State land staff consulted with retired APA State land staffer, Chuck Scrafford, concerning the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) and the Programmatic EIS concerning revision of the APSLMP.

### **CARTOGRAPHY AND INFORMATION ANALYSIS**

GIS Consultation - Staff provided technical assistance to Economic Affairs staff and the Executive Director regarding future analysis of employment economic data for the Park. Staff discussed alternatives for sub-regions of the park for Department of Labor data tracking requests.

GIS Consultation - Staff met with Board Member Ms. McCormick, Empire State Development, staff from Department of Labor, staff from Program on Applied Demographics, Cornell University, and Agency Economic and Planning staff in Albany on August 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss initiatives to track economic data in the Adirondack Park.

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GIS Consultation - Staff provided technical assistance to Regulatory Programs staff with coordinating DEC and APA permit information.

GIS Consultation - Staff provided technical assistance to Regulatory Programs staff graphic production for an Agency monthly meeting presentation.

GIS Hardware/Software Management - Staff edited custom software code and updated web mapping services for the Master Action Database Mapping Application for the Agency. Updates were required after loading new versions of GIS software in July.

GIS Map Production - Staff provided maps to Regulatory Program/RASS staff to assist in the review of a town road project in the Town of Belmont.

GIS Map Production - Staff produced a map of proposed zoning changes for the Town of Essex.

LUA Boundary/Blue Line Inquiry - Staff answered five inquiries about the location of the Park boundary, land use area boundaries and river area boundaries.

State Land Re/Classification - Staff assisted State Land staff with proposed reclassification of the lands around the Second Pond Boat Launch

State Land Re/Classification - Staff has begun working with State Lands staff on the classification of the former Finch Pruyn lands.

LUA Boundary/Blue Line Inquiry - Staff researched information about State agency jurisdiction of certain lands underwater

GIS Consultation - Staff participated as a member of the program planning committee for the annual NYS GeoSpatial Summit to be held this October. Conference calls are held each Tuesday morning for the statewide committee.

Web Administration - Staff evaluated cost alternatives for website hosting packages with our Internet Service Provider (ISP.) Staff also contacted our ISP to remove charges for unnecessary additional storage space. Staff forwarded

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invoices and opened discussion of hosting package alternatives with Agency Administrative staff.

Web Content Management - Staff posted the Counsel job vacancy announcement.

Web Content Management - Staff posted revisions to Economic Affairs content.

Administrative Tasks - Staff prepared monthly reports.

August GIS/Web Task Summary:

Task	Count
GIS Agency Program Administration	0
GIS Consultation	5
GIS Hardware/Software Management	1
GIS Map Production	2
GIS Data Management	0
GIS Training	0
LUA Boundary/Blue Line Inquiry	6
Map Amendments	0
State Land Classification/Reclass	2
Web Administration	3
Web Content Management	2
Administrative Tasks	1

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