



The following report includes the December 2012 activity report for the Planning Division.

PARK POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS DURING 2012:

- **North Country Partners, LLC Map Amendment** (MA2010-2)
 - Accepted DSEIS and authorized public hearing(July 2010)
 - Public hearing held in Saranac Lake (8/25/10)
 - Accepted EIS subject to clarification of minor detail (March 2012)
 - Motion to approve amendment request pursuant to Draft - Order failed to pass (March 2012)
- **GIS Look-Up/Accessing Agency Data** - Presentation by John Barge (APA) (April 2012)
- **Town of Waverly Map Amendment** (MA2010-01) - Approved technical amendment involving approximately 6-acre right-of-way owned by the Town of Waverly, Franklin County, which required correction to the official Private Land Use and Development Plan Map from State Land (Wild Forest) to Rural Use (March 2012)
- **Common Ground Alliance and Mapping the Future of the Adirondack Park** - Follow-up report by Kate Fish and Bill Farber on July 18, 2012 Common Ground Forum, followed by overview of strategic visioning work by Jim Herman and Dave Mason (August 2012)
- **Adirondack Partnership Recreation Work Group Initiative** - Presentation by Dan Kelleher (APA) and Jim McKenna, CEO of Regional Office of sustainable Tourism and Lake Placid Convention and Visitor's Bureau, on the Adirondack Partnership's recreation planning effort and successful examples of tourism development in the Park (September 2012)
- **Lake Champlain Basin Program Initiatives** - Update by Bill Howland, Program Manager (October 2012)

REGIONAL PLANNING INITIATIVES

Scenic Byways Program

State Land staff have a lead role in administering a Scenic Byway grant for a project in the Wilmington Notch area of Route 86, a portion of the Olympic Scenic Byway. A consultant was hired to inventory and evaluate the parking areas, trailhead, fishing and rock climbing access points and other resources and

features in the highway corridor along the West Branch of Ausable, in the Wilmington Notch. A plan for parking area improvements, signage and natural resource protection was prepared in consultation with the DOT and DEC, as well as with local government and other stakeholders. A draft signage plan was developed that included designs for parking area identification, interpretation and trailhead signage. The project grant included funding for signage fabrication and installation and limited improvements to priority parking areas. All signage installed will be in conformance with the guidelines provided in the Scenic Byways sign manual.

State Land staff have been working with DOT to improve signage and parking areas. DOT installed a portion of the signs made for this project. Remaining highway signs and interpretive signs will not be installed until DOT completes the improvements needed at various parking areas.

State land staff presented the Scenic Byway Project (Wilmington Notch Route 86) at the Institute of Transportation Engineers North East District Annual Meeting. The group cycled from Lake Placid to the Flume in Wilmington to discuss recreational issues associated with State Highways and the Scenic Byways project.

Updates to Development Guidelines for the Adirondack Park

The Resource Analysis and Scientific Services Unit has taken the lead in preparing updates to Development in the Adirondack Park (DAP), a guidance document which provides project design and review guidance for use by project sponsors and their consultants and Agency staff. State Land staff have been working with Legal staff to review this document.

Lake Champlain Heritage Area Partnership Advisory Committee

Agency Planning staff participate in meetings as a member of the the Lake Champlain Heritage Area Advisory Committee held in Champlain, NY. The advisory committee is a NY/VT advisory group which has been established to provide recommendations to the Lake Champlain Basin Program on budgeting and implementation of a management plan for the Lake Champlain National Heritage Area. The Heritage Area Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012/13 budget, through National Park Service appropriations, is expected to be between \$150,000 and \$300,000 dependant upon ongoing Congressional budget discussions. The Advisory Committee has identified exhibit development, sponsoring an international conference and local grant programs as their highest priorities. Next year is the bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the program will support numerous activities related to bicentennial events including a tour of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum's canal schooner to Lake Champlain, Erie Canal, the Great Lakes,

Richelieu River and the Ottawa River to commemorate War of 1812 historic sites and battlefields in northern New York and Canada.

Inter-agency Meeting on Coordination of Lake George Projects

APA staff convened a meeting of staff from DEC, DOS, Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) and Lake George Watershed Coalition to discuss coordination of various projects in and around Lake George. The meeting provided an opportunity for Dave Wick, the new Executive Director of the Lake George Park Commission to meet staff from the other agencies. Department of State provides major funding for Lake George projects through the Lake George Watershed Coalition. Funded projects include , including lake monitoring, non-point source control projects and nuisance aquatic species monitoring and control. Discussion items included the status of LGPC project for Asian Clam control; the status of a draft LGPC proposal for boat washing stations; DEC's assessment of possible Nitrogen removal requirements at the Lake George village wastewater treatment plant; an update on DOS funded projects; and the status of development projects which DEC and APA are reviewing for subdivision and stormwater permits. APA staff reported on the development of an APA general wetlands permit for use on Asian Clam control and committed to expedited review of a request from the Park Commission to increase the area where benthic mats are being placed. The group will be meeting quarterly to discuss issues of mutual concern.

Adirondack Park Recreational Plan Work Group

Agency Planning and Economic Development staff have been participating in meetings of a recreational planning group convened by the Adirondack Partnership. The work group has been developing recreational plan for the Park which will include initiatives for Adirondack Park branding, integrating public and private recreational opportunities, dispersing recreational activities and events throughout the Park and establishing links for recreational use between hamlet areas. Several preliminary recommendations are under discussion including creating a Parkwide branding effort, advertising and internet information materials; creating a comprehensive website for recreation and tourism accommodations; and improving cross-Park trail linkages. Funding has already been received through the North Country Region Economic Development Council to improve coordination of tourism destination information for the Adirondack Park through a consolidated web portal.

Northeast Chapter of the International Snowmobile Council

In March, Deputy Director Jim Connolly, at the invitation of Dominic Jocangelo, Executive Director of the NYS Snowmobile

Association, attended a meeting of the Northeast Chapter of the International Snowmobile Council in Long Lake, NY. Participants in the meeting included representatives from New York, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts. Council members were briefed on the Adirondack Park Snowmobile Plan and guidance documents related to snowmobile trail construction & maintenance within the Park.

Hamlets 3 Project

An advisory committee has been established by Roger Trancik and Bill Johnston to discuss planning for a new phase of the Hamlet planning initiative. The project will focus on working with new communities which were not part of the first phase of the project to provide training in Smart Growth principals and to work on more detailed Hamlet revitalization implementation efforts. The consultants will be reaching out to specific communities to gauge interest in participation.

Military Airspace Advisory Committee

Staff attended a meeting of the Military Airspace Committee for Northern New York which met in Tupper Lake on May 16. The Committee was first established by former Governor Mario Cuomo in response to local and environmental group concerns about low-level jet training over the Adirondacks and Tug Hill Region. The Committee is chaired by NYSDEC Region 6 Director Judy Drabicki and consists of representatives of county government, environmental organizations and agricultural groups concerned with the potential impacts of military training in the Fort Drum area. Staff from NY Air National Guard, as well as other military units, provide background information to the Committee for review and comment. NY Air National Guard is primarily responsible for management of Fort Drum's flight training and target range on the base. At the meeting, Lt. Col. Caputo of the Vt Air National Guard base in Burlington, Vt. presented information on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for deployment of F-35A fighter jets in Burlington. Once deployed, the F-35A's are expected to do more training at higher flight levels than is currently done with F-16's. Military air training space over the Adirondacks and northern New York is used for training by units from many states in the northeast and training routes have been recently reconfigured to avoid wilderness areas in the Park as much as possible. Lt. Col. Tomaselli of the Vt Air National Guard briefed the committee on current usage of the air range at Fort Drum. A briefing on wind farms currently being proposed in the Tug Hill area was provided. Base officials are concerned with potential impacts of large wind farms on radar and low-level military aircraft training routes near Fort Drum. APA staff were credited with initiating an inter-agency notification procedure which

regularly provides Fort Drum staff with information on recent applications for towers being proposed within the Adirondack Park. Fort Drum staff use the notification to open communications with applicants and provide reminders of potential FAA requirements for lighting on towers greater than 200ft.

Northern Forest Institute's Symposium on Land Use & Ethics

Deputy Director Jim Connolly moderated a panel discussion on the topic of Ethical Workforce and Economic Development in the Context of Environmental Conservation which will be presented at a Land Use Symposium which was held at SUNY-ESF's Adirondack Interpretive Center in Newcomb, NY on June 2. Participants on the panel included Adirondack Council Executive Director Brian Houseal, Workforce Development Institute Executive Director Ed Murphy and Cecil Corbin-Mark of Harlem's Environmental Justice organization.

Meeting on Demographic Information and Economic Development Data for the Adirondack Park

On August 1, APA staff (Connolly/Kelleher/Barge) met with staff from NYS Dept of Economic Development, NYS Department of Labor and Cornell's Program on Applied Demographics to discuss how to best gather, analyze and present census and other data sources for the Park. The meeting was held at the request of APA Executive Director Terry Martino and Empire State Development Deputy Commissioner Jen McCormick as a follow-up to improve inter-agency collaboration and efficiencies. The intent of this effort will be to work on a mechanism to create annual reports on demographic and economic trends for Parkwide, County & Town level data with the expectation that it will help to better inform policy initiatives and public understanding of the Park's economy. The work group agreed to explore the possibility of exploring the potential for requesting the US Census Bureau create census block areas consistent with Park boundaries. Representatives of Cornell's Applied Demographics Program agreed to evaluate and report on population and other demographic data from the 2010 and previous census. The Department of Labor, which was represented at the meeting by Deputy Director Bohdan Wynnyk will provide information on labor force and other economic development trends for the Park.

Adirondack Wild Stewardship Conference

On November 3, Agency staff participated in a series of discussion panels at a workshop on Park Stewardship sponsored by Adirondack Wild. The workshop was held at the Paul Smiths College Visitors Interpretive Center. APA Senior Natural Resource Planner Kathy Regan spoke about her involvement in establishing the Summit Stewards program which educates hikers

and works to protect and restore sensitive alpine flora in the High Peaks. Dan Spada, the Agency's Supervisor for Resource Analysis and Scientific Services provided background on APA partnerships with a variety of organizations including DEC, EPA, Wildlife Conservation Society, Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program and the Adirondack Research Consortium. APA Planning Director Jim Connolly spoke about planning initiatives to improve stewardship and collaboration on Park issues, including the Common Ground Alliance, Adirondack Futures project, NYS Open Space Plan, Unit Management planning, and the Adirondack Partnership recreational planning initiative. The keynote speaker for the program was Curt Stager, Paul Smiths College professor and author of Deep Future: The Next 100,000 Years of Life on Earth. Dr. Stager emphasized the importance of adaptive change to resource management and stewardship during a time of ongoing and potentially increasing human impact on the environment.

STATE LAND PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

STATE LAND COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS IN 2012:

- **Region 6 Unit Management Plan Implementation** - Presentation by Dave Smith (DEC). (February 2012)
- **Hoffman Notch Wilderness UMP**
 - Copy of draft plan provided on CD with mailing (March 2011)
 - First reading/presentation by Ben Thomas (DEC) (February 2012)
 - Second reading/presentation by Kevin Prickett (APA) (March 2012)
 - Determined to be in conformance to the guidelines and criteria of the State Land Master Plan (March 2012)
- **UMP Implementation** - Update by Tom Martin and Rob Daley (DEC). (April 2012)
- **Taylor Pond Wild Forest Complex UMP**
 - Public presentation by Dan Levy (DEC) on draft plan (May 2012)
 - First reading - Presentation by Dan Levy (DEC) on final draft followed by press release for APA public comment (December 2012)
- **Second Pond Boat Launch Intensive Use Area UMP and reclassification:**
 - Approved DEIS/authorized public hearings for classification action (June 2012)
 - Joint APA/DEC public hearings held in Albany 7/17/12 and in Ray Brook 7/18/12

- Reclassification recommendation and determination of UMP compliance with State Land Master Plan (December 2012)
- **Development and Evolution of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (40th Anniversary of SLMP)** - Panel discussion with panelists Peter S. Paine, Jr., William H. Kissel, Neil F. Woodworth, Michael G. DiNunzio, Robert K. Davies (June 2012)
- **Recreational Use Statistics** - Presentation by Peter Frank (DEC) and Chad Dawson (June 2012)
- **Evaluation of Carrying Capacity Assessment on Forest Preserve Waterbodies** - Presentation by Chad Dawson (June 2012)
- **Overview of Former Finch Pruyn Lands** - Presentation by Karyn Richards (DEC) (September 2012)
- **Watson's East Triangle Wild Forest UMP.**
 - First reading (September 2012)
 - Approved (October 2012)
- **Implementation of St. Regis Canoe Area UMP** - Presentation by Steve Guglielmi (DEC) on implementation of plan (September 2012)
- **State Land Classification Process** - Presentation by Jim Connolly (APA) (October 2012)
- **Use of GIS for Recording Public Trail Use Data** - Presentation by Steve Signell (SUNY-ESF) and Peter Frank (DEC) (October 2012)

KEY STATE LAND STAFF ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING 2012

Second Pond Reclassification Action

The Second Pond Boat Launch is the primary public access site for public waters and campsites on Lower and Middle Saranac Lake. In response to a request by DEC to reclassify lands immediately surrounding the Second Pond Boat Launch to assist in addressing management challenges at the site, staff performed the necessary requirements for a reclassification and amendment of the APSLMP. This included developing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), holding public hearings and fulfilling SEQOR requirements.

Pending Classification of lands owned by The Nature Conservancy (formally held by Finch Pruyn)

State land staff worked with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and DEC staff to gather relevant materials for the lands being purchased by the State, in anticipation of classification actions. State land staff toured the Essex Chain of Lakes and Indian River parcels by land and water. State land staff also attended a two day workshop regarding the ecological significance of the TNC/Finch lands. DEC staff will be

developing an interim public access plan for these lands pending classification alternative assessment by Agency staff.

Forest Preserve Advisory Committee (FPAC)

Agency staff participated in meetings of the NYS Forest Preserve Advisory Committee held at different upstate locations. The committee consists of not-for-profit organizations, local officials and others concerned with and involved in management of New York's Forest Preserve lands in both the Catskill and Adirondack Parks. The May meeting was held at DEC headquarters in Albany. DEC attorneys presented background information on working proposals for Article XIV amendments to resolve the longstanding ownership disputes in Raquette Lake's Township 40 and for a potential land swap proposal to expand the NYCO wollastonite mine in Lewis, New York. Agenda topics also included presentations on the status of Unit Management Plans for the Catskill and Adirondack Parks, a report on the status of Forest Ranger vacancies, an update on DOT's efforts in the Catskill Park to comply with Federal Highway Administration sign standards, a discussion of the FHWA exemption for the use of yellow on brown location signs in the Adirondack Park and a request to the group to provide feedback and input on efforts to improve DEC/APA efficiencies.

The October meeting was held in Raquette Lake. DEC staff conducted a site visit to a new snowmobile community connector trail for FPAC members. The trail will eventually provide a connection between Inlet and Raquette Lake through the Moose River Plains Wild Forest. The trail is being constructed under revised guidance for snowmobile construction and maintenance which the Adirondack Park Agency Board determined to be consistent with the State Land Master Plan (SLMP). Current guidelines stress the use of trail building techniques although they do allow use of mechanical equipment such as a moderately sized excavator to remove or bury boulders, and to create bench cuts and water bars to improve trail drainage. After the field trip, FPAC members met to discuss other Forest Preserve topics, including the status of acquisition of former Finch-Pruyn lands, land transfers in Raquette Lake which were subject to a previous Article XIV amendment to allow for the hamlet water supply and the status of unit management plans in the Adirondack and Catskill Parks. Steve Signell from SUNY-ESF's Huntington Forest facility gave a presentation on improving efficiencies in compiling trail data into Excel spreadsheets and making the information available to planners and communities through an on-site web portal.

Park-wide Recreational Planning

Staff participated in a DEC/APA joint planning meeting and exercise held at DEC's Northville sub-office concerning the proposed "Great South Woods Complex" planning area. The discussion focused on consolidating planning for Wild Forest and Wilderness units, broadening recreational opportunities, balancing motorized and non-motorized uses, examining the potential for land reclassification proposals and improving connections with communities for land stewardship and local economic development. Staff from the two agencies will develop recommendations for further review and discussion as part of an initiative to improve inter-agency communication and efficiencies.

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.

North Country Scenic Trail Proposal

APA and DEC staff met to discuss planning efforts for the North Country Scenic Trail (NCST), a national trail system which stretches from North Dakota, where it connects to the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail, to Lake Champlain at Crown Point. The NCST also will have a potential connection to the Appalachian Trail in Vermont's Green Mountains at some point in the future. DEC and APA staff are currently collaborating on trail relocations & alternatives in the Moose River Plains Wild Forest, West Canada Lake Wilderness & Vanderwhacker Wild Forest. Although a high degree of use is expected within the Adirondack Park portion of the NCST, it will take several years to create new trails segments and arrange property owner agreements to connect portions of the trail through private lands.

Glade Skiing and Management Objectives in Forest Preserve

In October, Agency staff participated in a meeting with Ron Konowitz of the Adirondack Powder Skier Association. The meeting was also attended by Jim McKenna, Executive Director of the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism in Lake Placid. The Powder Skier Association has requested consideration for revisions to DEC trail maintenance policies to address safety concerns and trail maintenance needs of back country skiers. Backcountry ski trails often need to be maintained to different dimensions (width and height) than regular hiking trails. User conflicts can also occur on steep sections of trails used by both skiers and snowshoers. Backcountry skiers are also seeking increased maintenance & blowdown removal from glade areas above tree line. Mr. Konowitz was encouraged to make a presentation at a future meeting of DEC's Forest Preserve Advisory Committee to allow for constituent group input and reaction to his proposals. Agency staff committed to continued discussion with his organization, other constituent groups and DEC staff.

Documentation and Tracking of State Land Field Work

In an effort to improve reporting, State Land staff developed a systematic data entry format to quantitatively record work completed by staff.

Snowmobile Trail Planning

Staff met with Region 5 DEC planners concerning potential routes for Community Connector snowmobile trails in Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest. State land staff consulted with DEC staff concerning a potential alternative snowmobile trail and bridge crossing of East Stony Creek in Wilcox Lake Wild Forest. 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. Staff also completed review of a proposed snowmobile trail construction work plan in the Wilmington Wild Forest including a field visit to the site and meeting with DEC staff.

Primitive Campsites

With nearly 1,000 designated primitive campsites (roadside, back county, front country, and water front) within the Adirondack Forest Preserve, the guidelines for construction and maintenance is minimal. In an attempt to address this issue, staff participated in several DEC/APA workgroup meetings on Primitive Camping in the Adirondacks. The group is looking at issues concerning design criteria for roadside, walk-in primitive tent sites.

Historic Reviews

The NY State Historic Preservation Act requires Agency Preservation Officers (APO's) to completed historic resource reviews as part of an agency's approvals or permits. The APA's APO has completed historic resource reviews in the following towns: Jay, Wanakena, St. Armand, Elizabethtown, Fort Anne, Harrietstown, Ticonderoga, Westport, Webb, Hopkinton, Ellenburg, Essex, St. Armand, Keene and North Elba.

Unit Management Plans (UMPs):

Monthly conference calls occurred between APA and DEC staff to review the status and development of UMPs. Staff of the two agencies met a number of times concerning Park-wide planning challenges that underlie a variety of planning issues. The following provides a summary of activity for each unit:

Camp Santanoni

As part of a proposed draft amendment of the unit management plan, APA & DEC staff met on-site at the Camp Santanoni Historic Area in the Town of Newcomb to discuss updates and amendments. In addition, several representatives from Adirondack Architectural Heritage, who has provided significant resources towards restoration and management of Santanoni, attended and provided comments on future planning. Revisions to the current plan include improving access for persons with disabilities, improving visitor information and interpretive programs and reconstructing a historic barn in the farm complex destroyed by fire in July 2004.

Champlain Island Complex

State Land staff reviewed an updated Initial Draft for the Champlain Islands Complex for SLMP compliance issues.

Cranberry Lake Wild Forest

State Land staff worked with DEC in preparing a UMP amendment for Cranberry Lake Wild Forest. State Land staff attended a meeting in Wanakena to discuss potential mountain bike trail opportunities in Cranberry Lake WF and adjacent easement lands. State Land staff met with Rayonier Forestry to introduce these mountain bike trail ideas and discuss potential issues regarding possible trails on their lands (east of Cranberry Lake Wild Forest).

Ferris Lake Wild Forest

State Land staff met with DEC to discuss the Team Draft UMP for the Ferris Lake Wild Forest. Staff spent a great deal of time reviewing the draft and becoming familiar with the Unit. This UMP also includes a recommendation for a reclassification action. The West Lake Boat Launch currently is in Wild Forest

and should be reclassified as Intensive Use. State land staff have also reviewed the draft UMP for the West Lake Boat Launch (Ferris Lake WF). Staff worked with DEC on carrying capacity and wetland issues associated with this proposed project. State Land and RASS staff met with DEC at the West Lake Boat Launch to delineate wetlands and discuss parking configuration and design limitations for the UMP. State Land staff field checked primitive camp site locations. GPS points and photos were taken to determine compliance with the SLMP (particularly sight/sound separation) and began GIS modeling for potential alternative campsites.

Grasse River Wild Forest

State land staff received the team draft UMP for Grass River Wild Forest area. Staff met with DEC at the Potsdam office and in the field to become oriented with the issues and the Unit.

Hoffman Notch Wilderness

Located in the east central Adirondack Park, The Hoffman Notch Wilderness covers 38,500 acres. As part of the Agency's APSLMP compliance review of the Final Hoffman Notch Wilderness UMP for the March Agency meeting, staff provided to the Agency's board recommendations that it be determined to be in compliance with the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. Staff prepared a presentation regarding the UMP and a draft Agency resolution for the UMP's approval.

Hurricane Mountain and St. Regis Fire Tower Historic Areas

State land staff reviewed the Team Draft UMP's for both Hurricane Mountain Fire Tower Historic Area and St. Regis Fire Tower Historic Area. Informal comments were shared with DEC.

Saranac Lakes Wild Forest

The Saranac Lakes Wild Forest (SLWF) is 79,000 acres of state land in Franklin and Essex Counties. With 231 campsites in the unit, State land staff conducted campsite assessments to identify compliance issues as part of the Agency's review of the team draft UMP. Staff met with the DEC planner for Saranac Lakes Wild Forest UMP to review proposals outlined in the draft plan. Staff assessed additional facility conditions in the field.

Taylor Pond Complex

State Land staff reviewed the Final Draft UMP for the Taylor Pond Complex. State land staff attended the Public Meeting for this Unit Management Plan. A final determination by the Agency Board on compliance with the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan is scheduled for the January, 2013 Agency meeting.

Whiteface Mt. Unit Management Plan

Staff met with DEC and ORDA staff concerning a draft, proposed amendment to the Whiteface Mountain Ski Center UMP. The Agency has recently received a draft of an amendment to the Whiteface Mt. Unit Management Plan prepared by the Olympic Regional Development Council. DEC and APA will be collaborating on its review which will need to be considered by the Agency Board for a determination on compliance with the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. The amendment proposes the widening of two ski trails, construction of an emergency access & maintenance road, reuse of an old lodge as a warming station, and installation of emergency services communications equipment on Little Whiteface Mt. Agency staff has provided review comments to DEC staff for possible incorporation into the draft.

Wilcox Lake Wild Forest

Staff conducted field work in Wilcox Lake Wild Forest with regional DEC staff as part of the review of a new draft UMP being prepared by the Department for that area. Staff consulted with Region 5 and Albany DEC staff concerning incorporation of APA staff comments into the working draft.

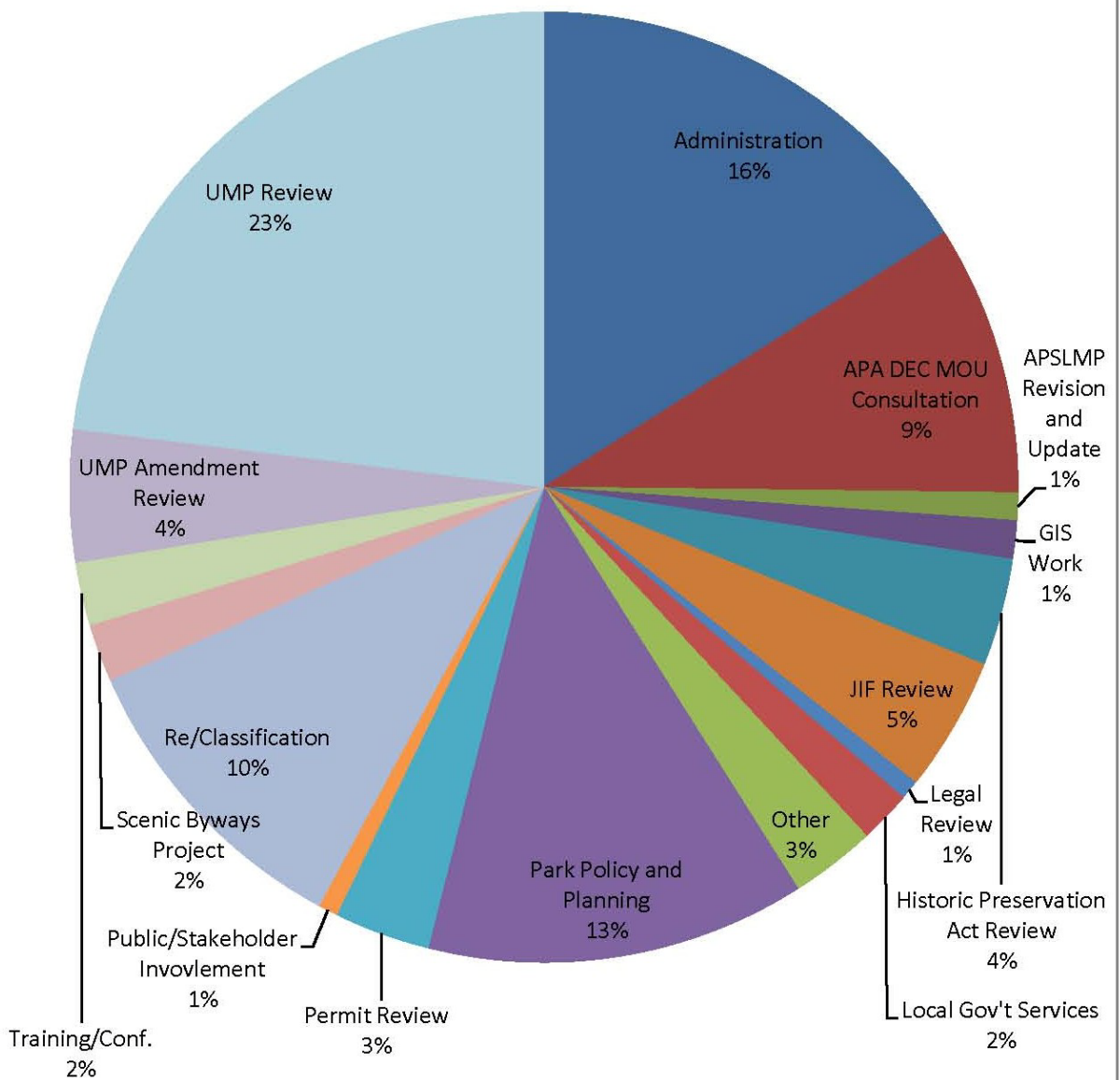
PARK POLICY AND STATE LAND STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Park Policy and State Land - 2012 End of Year Report % of Staff Time by Category

| Description | | | | | | | | | |
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| Category | Attend. Meet. | Communication | Creating materials | Creat. Pres. | Field work | Other | Research | Reviewing | Grand Total |
| Administration | 10% | 2% | 1% | | | | 3% | | 16% |
| APA DEC MOU Consultation | 2% | 1% | | | 3% | | | 2% | 9% |
| APSLMP Revision and Update | | | | | | | | | 1% |
| GIS Work | | | | | | | 1% | | 1% |
| Historic Preservation Act Review | | 1% | | | | | | 3% | 4% |
| JIF Review | | 1% | | | | | | 2% | 5% |
| Legal Review | | | | | | | | | 1% |
| Local Gov't Services | 2% | | | | | | | | 2% |
| Other | 2% | 1% | | | | | | | 3% |
| Park Policy and Planning | 7% | 2% | 1% | 1% | | | 1% | 1% | 13% |
| Permit Review | | 2% | | | | | | | 3% |
| Public/Stakeholder Involvement | 1% | | | | | | | | 1% |
| Re/Classification | 2% | 1% | 3% | | 1% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 11% |
| Scenic Byways Project | | 1% | | 1% | | | | | 2% |
| Training/Conferences | 2% | | | | | | | | 2% |
| UMP Amendment Review | | 1% | | | 1% | | | 2% | 4% |
| UMP Review | 3% | 3% | 1% | 1% | 4% | 1% | 3% | 7% | 22% |
| Grand Total | 31% | 14% | 6% | 3% | 10% | 8% | 7% | 20% | 100% |

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% of Staff Time by Category

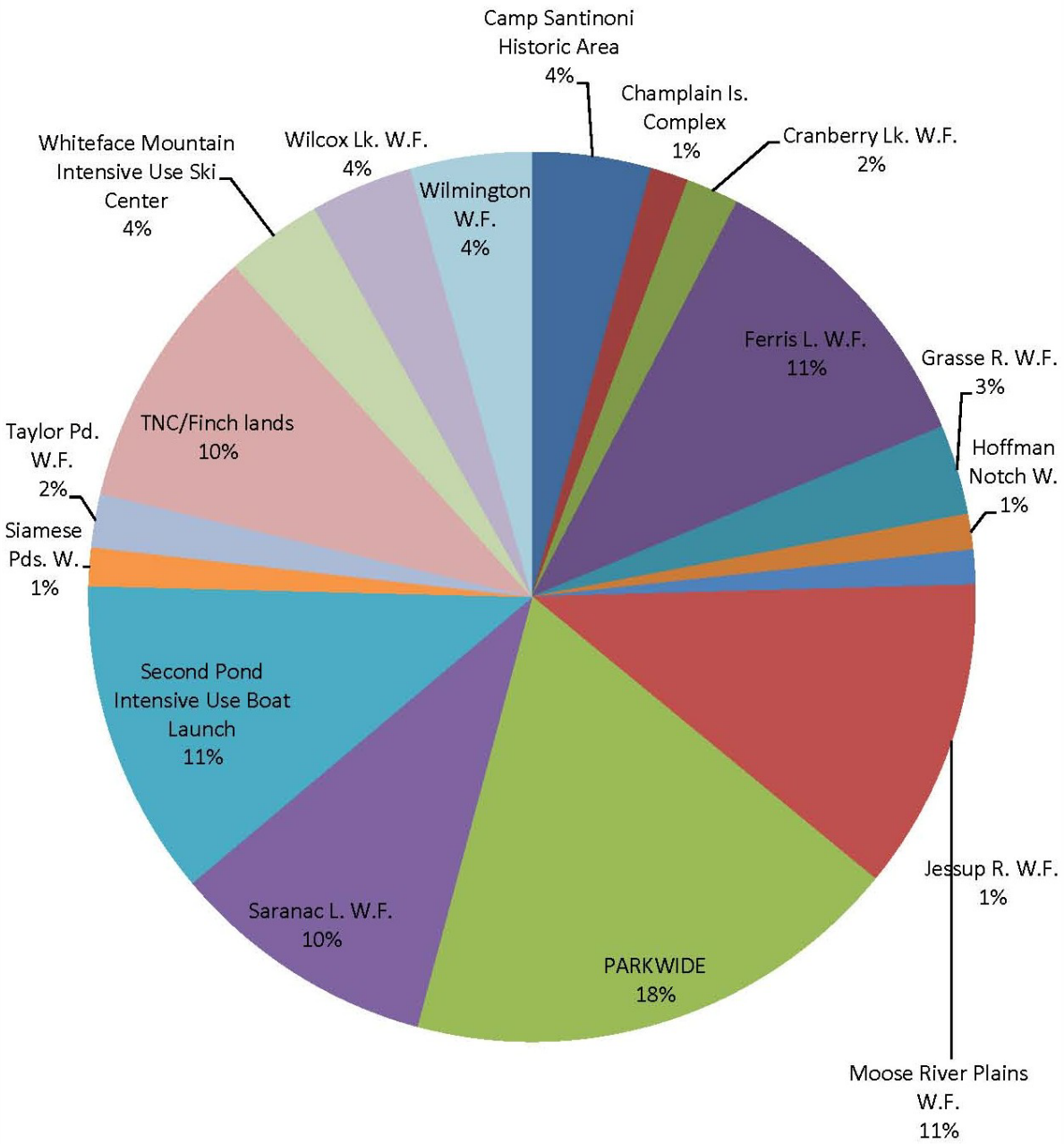


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% of Staff Time Working on State Land Units

| Staff Activity | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| State Land Units | Admin. | APA DEC MOU Consul. | APSLMP Revision and Update | GIS Work | JIF Review | Other | Park Policy and Planning | Re/Classifi cation | UMP Amend. Review | UMP Review | Grand Total |
| Camp Santinoni Historic Area | | | | | 1% | | | | | 4% | 4% |
| Champlain Is. Complex | | | | | | | | | | 1% | 1% |
| Cranberry Lk. W.F. | | | | | | | | | | 1% | 2% |
| Ferris L. W.F. | | | | | | | | | | 11% | 11% |
| Grasse R. W.F. | | | | | | | | | | 3% | 3% |
| Hoffman Notch W. | | | | | | | | | | 1% | 1% |
| Jessup R. W.F. | | | 1% | | | | | | | | 1% |
| Moose River Plains W.F. | 1% | | 9% | | | 2% | | | | | 11% |
| PARKWIDE | 1% | | 2% | | | | 1% | 12% | | 1% | 18% |
| Saranac L. W.F. | | | | | 1% | | | | | 9% | 10% |
| Second Pond Intensive Use Boat Launch | | | | | | | | | 7% | 4% | 12% |
| Siamese Pds. W. | | | | | | | 1% | | | | 1% |
| Taylor Pd. W.F. | | | | | | | | | | 1% | 2% |
| TNC/Finch lands | | | | 2% | | | | | 8% | | 10% |
| Whiteface Mountain Intensive Use Ski Center | | | 1% | | | | | | 2% | | 4% |
| Wilcox Lk. W.F. | | | | | | | | | | 3% | 4% |
| Wilmington W.F. | | | 4% | | | | | | | | 4% |
| Grand Total | 3% | 18% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 14% | 15% | 4% | 39% | 100% |

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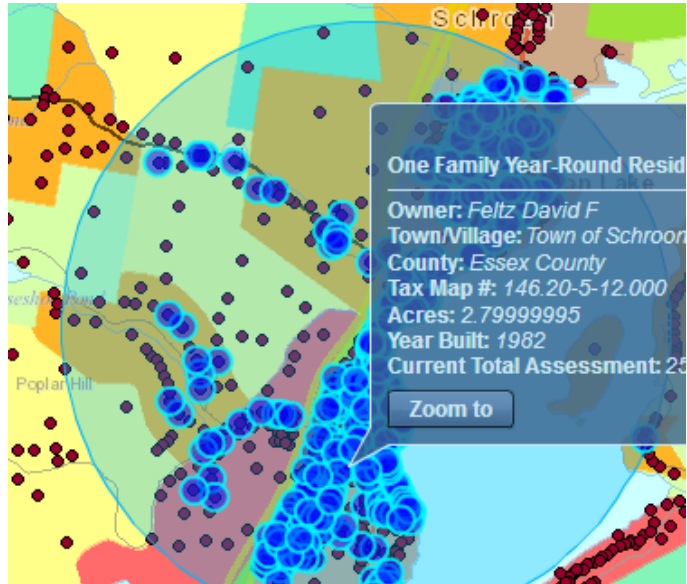
% of Staff Time Working on State Land Units



CARTOGRAPHY AND INFORMATION ANALYSIS

Lookup System Development

Planning staff have created and maintained programming of the Agency Lookup System (LUS) since 1992. This system provides map and descriptive information for natural resource analysis, property ownership, and Agency jurisdictional information. The system is used by most Agency staff on a daily basis to query, display, and document Agency business across all divisions. Planning staff undertook a major revision to the LUS in 2012. The LUS is now a browser-based application that more efficiently uses Agency GIS licenses and is able to deliver a larger assortment of spatial layers at greater speed to the end user. Planning staff focused the application interface custom design on the LUS legacy of intuitive design providing clear, essential tools for Agency business process.



Master Action Database 2.0

Planning staff provided guidance to Administrative and RASS staff for the major reprogramming of the Agency Master Action Database system. Staff met with the contractor to design the new system, conduct staff interviews, test system prototype, setup new SQL Server databases and GIS integration.

US Census Data

Planning staff performed GIS analysis of US Census data for the North Country/Adirondack region focusing on economic and business data. Staff met with NYS DOL, NYS DED, and Cornell University staff to discuss analysis of Census data in relation to the Adirondack Park.

Data Updates

- Planning staff researched the availability of best available aerial imagery sources for Agency jurisdictional analysis. Staff obtained the latest orthoimagery and raw digital aerial imagery from the NYS Office of Cyber Security Digital Orthoimagery Program. Staff also obtained the latest Real Property parcel data for all 12 counties

covering the park. This parcel data is used every day by Agency staff to research property ownership and Agency jurisdiction as well as obtain landowner mailing addresses.

- Planning staff completed a major conversion of all primary GIS data layers into ArcSDE Enterprise SQL Server relational database management system format. ArcSDE format allows the Agency to quickly serve very large amounts of complex spatial data to all staff, providing multi-user simultaneous editing, and improved relationship connections with non-spatial tabular Agency data.
- Staff continued GIS updates to the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan and State Land Map GIS layer including improvements to spatial accuracy and alignment with high-quality orthoimagery, state transportation, surface water, and parcel data layers.

Hardware/Software Updates

Planning staff assisted in the selection of a new GIS server for Agency-wide GIS application and data processing. Staff also took lead responsibility in the selection and system design of a new Stereo Photogrammetry Workstation for 3D wetland mapping. Staff installed a new revision of all Esri ArcGIS software desktop and server software.

Website Management

Planning staff took the lead in managing the Agency's website. Significant content included Adirondack Club and Resort postings; assisting division staff with Monthly Meeting mailing content; posting the Governor's "What's New" widget to the home page; adding the "Translate" link throughout the website as directed by State policy.

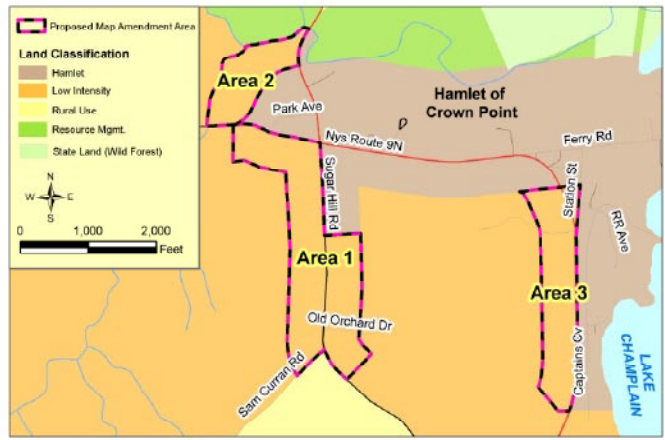
Map Amendments

The Agency reviewed a request for a map amendment (MA2010-02) on the shore of Lake Clear, in the Town of Harrietstown, Franklin County. The Map Amendment was requested by a private landowner to reclassify lands classified as Resource Management to a less restrictive classification. In March, after reviewing the request, including consideration of various alternative classifications, the Agency decided that the existing classification was appropriate for the protection of the sensitive resources and development limitations in the area.

In March, the Agency approved a technical map amendment in the Town of Waverly, Franklin County (MA2012-01). This map amendment corrected an error in the official map in which a

narrow strip of land was incorrectly classified as state land. This action reclassified the land as Rural Use.

In November, staff met with the Town Board of Crown Point, who recommitted to pursue a proposed Hamlet expansion plan that was developed in 2011 by a previous Town administration with assistance from Agency staff. The Town has requested further assistance from staff in identifying other potential map amendment areas before the Town submits a formal request for the map amendments.



Staff has continued to provide assistance to the Town of Essex as they pursue local planning and zoning changes. The Town ultimately plans to request map amendments that would align the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan map and the local zoning map. Staff identified all areas where the two maps conflict and we anticipate a formal request for map amendments from the Town in 2013.

2012 GIS/Web Task Summary:

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| GIS Map Products | 59 |
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| Website Content Management | 29 |

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| Annual Web Site Visits | 445,468 |
| Presentations to Public, Board, or Staff | 8 |
| Staff access to Master Action Database | 11,740 |
| GIS Data to Clearinghouse and other requests | 12 |