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**TO:** Terry Martino  
**FROM:** Jim Connolly  
**DATE:** April 25, 2013  
**SUBJECT:** Highlights of Planning Division Activities for  
April 2013

**REGIONAL PLANNING**

**Meeting with NYS Office of Real Property Staff**

On April 18 Deputy Director Jim Connolly and Counsel Jim Townsend met with Paul Capone from the Ray Brook office of the NYS Office of Real Property Services. The local office is a unit within the NYS Department of Tax & Finance which provides guidance to local assessors on issues related to taxation of State lands. Mr. Capone provided background information on methodology for State land assessments and payment of taxes on Forest Preserve lands.

**Conference Call with DOT and DEC Staff on Highway Projects**

On April 18, Regulatory Program, RASS and Planning staff participated in a conference call with DOT and DEC staff to discuss a range of topics. A main topic of discussion was an outline for a planning document which is being developed to address construction, safety and natural resource considerations during the replacement of culverts for DOT projects. A work group is being formed to develop more details and recommendations on this topic.

**STATE LAND and UMP REVIEW ACTIVITIES**

On April 22, Agency State Land staff participated in a conference call with DEC to discuss proposals for communication equipment for the Hurricane Mountain Fire Tower. The Hurricane and St. Regis Fire Towers were both recommended for reclassification to Historic Use areas by the Agency in 2010 which was subsequently approved by the Governor. Agency staff were briefed on DEC communications equipment and staff discussed the potential for various educational and outreach opportunities. Agency staff will be providing comments to DEC on drafts of unit plans for both fire

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towers with an expectation that the draft plans will be released for public review later this year.

State land staff met with DEC staff to become oriented to the Chazy Highlands Unit in anticipation of the Team draft being written this summer.

State land staff worked with RASS staff to determine if a project at the Peru Boat Launch (Champlain Islands) is jurisdictional. It is not.

State land staff participated in a meeting with DEC and ADK regarding an updated strategic plan for the Summit Stewardship Program (High Peaks Wilderness).

State land staff continued to modify the DEIS for the classification of the TNC/Finch lands.

State land staff participated in First Aid and CPR training. State land answered a procedural question for DEC regarding a possible snowmobile bridge in the DOT right-of-way on Route 30.

State land staff reviewed the Hurricane Mountain Fire Tower Historic Area and St. Regis Mountain Fire Tower Historic Area Initial Draft UMP's. DEC proposes a radio repeater, along with its accompanying antennae and solar panels, for the Hurricane Mountain fire tower. Staff participated in a conference call regarding the issue of solar panels on a historic structure.

State land staff met with DEC staff to look at a snowmobile community connector trail being designed in the Taylor Pond WF.

State land staff attended Local Government Day.

State land staff met with members of the ACE team to discuss improved efficiency between State land, RASS, and JIF staff.

On April 16, State land staff and Counsel met with regional and Albany DEC staff in Warrensburg to debrief last year's snowmobile trail construction project between Inlet and Raquette Lake in the Moose River Plains Wild Forest.

State land staff continued work in drafting a potential "scenic vista" policy for certain State lands in the Park that staff could recommend to the Agency's Board as being in conformance with the guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.

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State land staff continued review of the 2013 draft Unit Management Plan Amendment and SEIS for Whiteface Mountain Ski Center.

State land staff completed historic resource reviews for several projects as part of the NYS Historic Preservation Act in the following locations: the Town of Thurman and the Town of Westport.

State land staff worked with Regulatory division staff as part of permit process necessary for new developments at Second Pond boat launch.

State land staff attended meeting for the Region 6 Open Space committee.

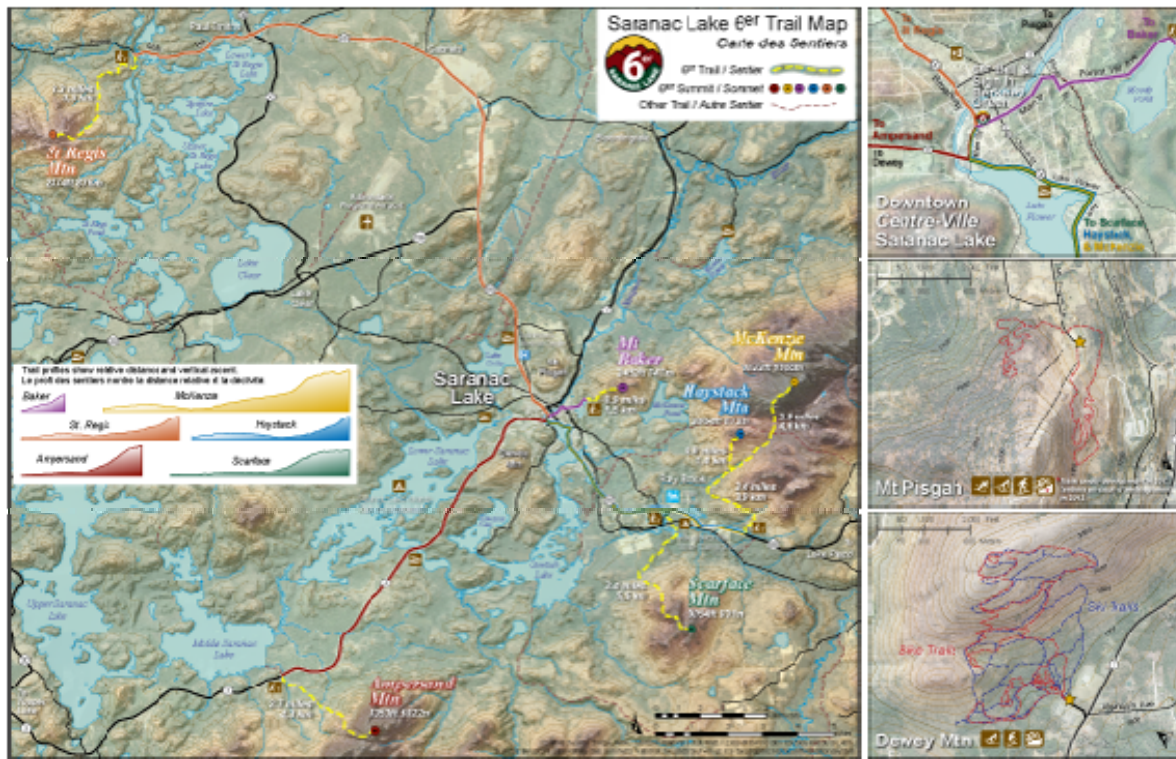
State land staff presented at Paul Smith's College on the use of GIS at the APA.

State land staff developed map for APA's website regarding recreational opportunities in the Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor.

#### **CARTOGRAPHY AND INFORMATION ANALYSIS**

GIS Hardware/Software Management - Staff developed a new Lookup System 2 (LUS) application tool to import GPS data points for display and location over LUS maps. Agency Enforcement staff requested assistance with post-processing field collected GPS data. Staff developed a GIS model for importing GPX files. The model was then published as a web service (limited to the Agency's intranet) and added as a simple graphic user interface application to the LUS.

GIS Map Production - Staff completed map production for the Village of Saranac Lake's "Saranac Lake 6ers" hiking promotional brochure.



GIS Administration - Staff attended the NY State Agency GIS Advisory Workgroup meeting at the NYS Thruway Authority in Albany on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 20 GIS professionals from many NY agencies attended. Topics included impacts of the state IT transformation on agency GIS programs; software licensing including IT Clusters potentially moving to Enterprise License Agreements to save money; and a report on the "2100 Commission" report to the Governor including significant mapping and analysis in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

GIS Consultation - Staff provided wetlands data information to the Warren County GIS support consultant.

GIS Consultation/GIS Agency Program Administration - Staff, through the "GIS Help Desk," provided assistance to many attendees of the Local Government Day conference in Lake Placid on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

GIS Consultation - Staff provided assistance to RASS staff regarding hardware and software needs and future expenditures for EPA funded field data collection by Agency staff and citizen scientists.

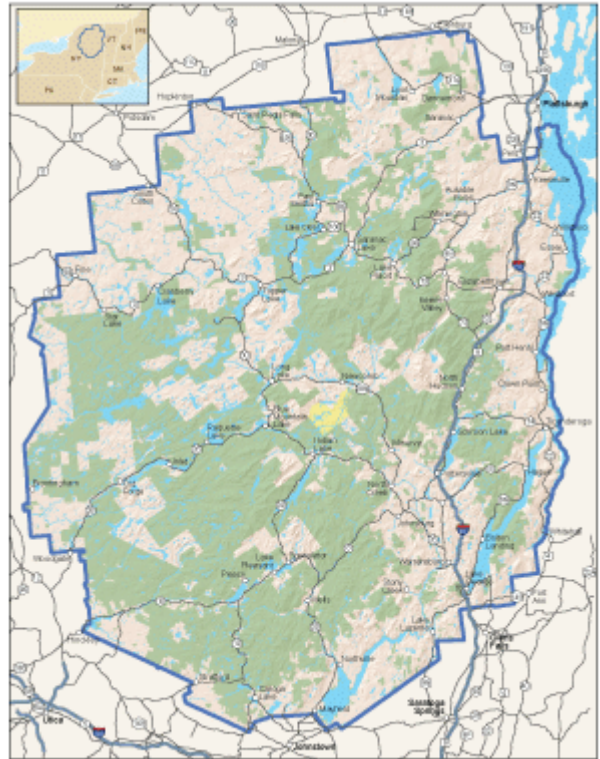
GIS Map Production - Staff produced a large scale, up-to-date street map of the fire district coverage area for the St.

Armand/Bloomingdale Fire Department to be hung in the fire station for emergency consultation.

GIS Map Production - Staff produced two maps at short notice for the "Adirondack Park Outdoor Recreation Strategy" publication. Maps included a base map of the whole park and one of five towns in the central Adirondacks.

Web Content Management - Staff managed updates to the Agency website including General Permit 2012G-1; Earth Day proclamation; the monthly meeting; and APA Bill #01-13.

Administrative Tasks - Staff prepared monthly reports.



Map Amendment Review - Staff is working with the Town of Crown Point to assist the Town in identifying potential map amendment areas in the Town. Staff has compiled resource information and will meet with the Town Board on May 16 to review this information.

Map Amendment Review - Staff has met with the officials from the Town of Ticonderoga to identify potential Hamlet expansion areas. The Town will be providing the Agency with information about their sewer system, which staff will use to assist the Town in identifying the potential map amendment areas.

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May GIS/Web Task Summary:

Task	Count
GIS Agency Program Administration	2
GIS Consultation	3
GIS Hardware/Software Management	1
GIS Map Production	48
GIS Data Management	0
GIS Training	1
LUA Boundary/Blue Line Inquiry	6
Map Amendments Review	2
State Land Classification/Reclassification Review	0
Web Administration	0
Web Content Management	4
Administrative Tasks	1

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