



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

**TO:** Terry Martino  
**FROM:** Walt Linck and John Barge  
**DATE:** February 5, 2014  
**RE:** Planning Division Monthly Report For January 2014

### APSLMP CONSULTATIONS

#### **UMP Development/Review**

- Communicated with DEC to help develop a timeline for public meetings regarding public draft UMPs for the Hurricane Mountain and St. Regis Mountain Historic Areas.
- Met with a DEC Region 5 staff person in Ray Brook regarding the Remsen - Lake Placid Travel Corridor.
- Consulted with DEC staff regarding a proposal to locate, via UMP amendment, a short segment of snowmobile trail in the Camp Santanoni Historic Area.
- Initiated review of a DEC proposal to reconstruct the boat launch at the Upper Saranac Lake Intensive Use Area. The proposed reconstruction involves new ramps and floating docks, as well as a boat washing station to help combat the spread of invasive species.

#### **APA/DEC MOU Consultation**

- Reviewed a multi-year trail proposal for Mt. Colden in the High Peaks Wilderness. This project is SLMP compliant and does not require a wetlands permit.
- Reviewed and approved an amendment to an approved State land "JIF" project regarding a DEC snowmobile trail bridge in the Black River Wild Forest.
- Consulted with DEC staff concerning the upcoming removal of Marcy Dam. An internal discussion on establishing photo points for research at that location and at other locations on State lands where dams may be removed was also initiated.

### **Permit Review**

- Reviewed a referral (R2013-0270) from Clinton County regarding snowmobile trail work on private lands and in Taylor Pond WF. Communicated with DEC staff to confirm that only work on private lands may occur at this time. Further trail work on State lands will require development of a snowmobile trail work plan in consultation with APA staff.
- Reviewed plans for a proposed reconstruction of the Whiteface Memorial Highway.

### **APSLMP REVISION**

#### **State Land Classification**

- Received a listing of - and mapped - parcels of land NYS expects to finish acquiring from TNC by the end of the fiscal year. Staff are looking ahead to a potential classification package for 2014 that will include these parcels and so, will require field work beginning in the spring.

### **PARK POLICY AND PLANNING**

#### **Invasive Species Control**

- Attended (with RASS staff) the Adirondack Aquatic Invasive Species Committee meeting held at DEC's Region 5 office in Ray Brook.
- Began analyzing aquatic invasive species data provided by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) using GIS.

#### **Outreach**

- Participated in the quarterly Forest Preserve Advisory Committee meeting held at DEC's central office in Albany on January 10.

#### **Other**

- Updated a GIS analysis of lakes and ponds in the Adirondack Park that are wholly surrounded by Forest Preserve.

**ADMINISTRATION (State Land Staff)**

**Reporting**

- Drafted the Planning Division's 2013 annual report.
- Drafted the Planning Division's January monthly report.

**Agency Coordination/Efficiency**

- Met to discuss simplifying the "JIF process" for State land projects and the tracking of State land issues. Further discussions concerning this occurred with the JIF staff and the ACE team.

**Website Development**

- Reviewed the State land section of web page to identify updates needed.

**Legal Support**

- Provided consultation to Counsel concerning implications of amendments to Article XIV of New York State's Constitution.

**Other**

- Responded to a boundary inquiry from DEC regarding the Meacham Lake Intensive Use Area.

January State Land Tasks Summary

<b>Task</b>	<b>Count</b>
APSLMP Consultations	9
APSLMP Revision	1
Park Policy and Planning	4
Administration	6
Historic Preservation Act Review	0

**GIS AGENCY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**

Consultation

- John Barge was interviewed by Adam Federman, freelance writer doing an upcoming article for Adirondack Life magazine on mapping in the Adirondacks. The interview was approved by Keith McKeever.
- Provided Agency GIS information advice by phone and email to Tim Burpoe and Brice Young of Molpus Timberlands Management for forest lands under their management in the Park.

- Attended a meeting at DEC, Warrensburg, to discuss GIS data review.
- Participated in a conference call of the NYS GIS Association Regional User Groups Committee to begin initiatives promoting local user group activity and training. Two regional user groups cover the Park, The Northern Adirondack/North Country group, and the Southern Adirondack group. Staff have assisted in the leadership of the Northern Adirondack group in the past, attended by local governments, educators, and other users in the region.
- Provided GIS advice to JIF staff and Regulatory Program staff needing assistance searching parcel records and mapping new Agency transaction locations.
- Provided GIS advice to State Land staff working with forest preserve lakes data.

#### Data Management

- Managed import of DOT-provided, reference-marker photo GIS data of Whiteface Memorial Highway for Regulatory Program review.
- Processed shoreline photos for lakes inventoried in 2013. This included over 5000 geo-located photos now available to staff in the Lookup System.
- Provided notice to the federal Geographic Names Information System manager regarding errors in the location of four named features in the vicinity of Tupper Lake.
- Began contacting all Park county Real Property offices to obtain updated versions of parcel boundary GIS data. Agency staff use parcel boundary map layers in the Lookup System for assistance in visualizing land ownership. Staff obtained new data from Herkimer, Lewis, Oneida, Saratoga, and Washington counties free of charge. Requests to remaining counties are in process. After all county parcel data has been obtained, further GIS processing will be done to create a seamless Park layer.

#### Hardware/Software Management

- Installed current ArcGIS software service pack for Agency GIS system. Performed troubleshooting for the Agency Lookup System due to undocumented service pack changes in program code requirements.

#### Training

- Provided training to Local Government Services staff on how to add new ALLUP Variance locations to the GIS database.

**WEB ADMINISTRATION/CONTENT MANAGEMENT**

- Provided annual and monthly website traffic statistics to the NYS Web Presence Transformation Project.
- Performed edits to the Business/Economy web page as requested by Dan Kelleher.
- Posted new Towers Information maps and documents to the home page and GIS page.

**ADMINISTRATION (GIS STAFF)**

- Prepared 2013 annual report summary and monthly reports.

January GIS/Web Task Summary:

<b>Task</b>	<b>Count</b>
GIS Agency Program Administration	22
GIS Map Production	0
LUA Boundary/Blue Line Inquiry	0
Map Amendments Review	0
State Land Classification/Reclassification Review	0
Web Administration/Content Management	3
Administrative Tasks	2

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