



TO: Terry Martino
FROM: Planning Staff
DATE: June 2, 2014
RE: Planning Division Activity Report for May 2014

This report reflects monthly activity of the State land and other planning staff within the Division.

APSLMP CONSULTATIONS

UMP Development/Review

- Conducted field work to determine location for the Cranberry 50 east connector trail that would not require a wetlands permit.
- Conducted field work to determine locations for the Goodman Mt. foot trail and a foot bridge that does not require a wetlands permit.
- Accepted SLMP compliance public comments for the Hurricane Mt. and St. Regis Mt. Fire Tower Historic Areas.
- Responded to DEC Forester regarding proposals for campsites in the Vanderhacker Wild Forest and Camp Santanoni Historic Area.
- Initiated review of the Initial Draft of the Saranac Lakes Wild Forest UMP, received May 7.
- Consulted with ex-APA State land staff concerning late 1990's work to determine the mileage of DEC roads open to public use on Wild Forest lands in the Park in 1972.
- Consulted with DEC staff concerning the outcome of the above meeting and late 1990's work to determine the mileage of DEC roads open to public use on Wild Forest lands in the Park in 1972.

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- Conducted field work in the Moose River Plains Wild Forest to assist with location and siting of a DEC trail near Sagamore Lodge approved in the area's UMP for designation and maintenance.
- Continued consultations with DEC staff concerning management actions to be proposed within a UMP for the Essex Chain Lakes Complex.
- Continued consultations with DEC staff concerning snowmobile trail management actions to be proposed within a UMP amendment for three adjoining units: Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest, Camp Santanoni Historic Area and Lake Harris Campground.

APA/DEC MOU Consultation

- Discussed, with DEC Region 5 Forester, the approach to determining road mileage in Wild Forests.
- Reviewed and provided memo to DEC regarding plans to reconstruct the Upper Saranac Lake Boat Launch.
- Responded to DEC Forester regarding repair of Forest Preserve roads, rehabilitation of existing campsites, and construction of pit privies.
- Met with DOT, DEC and contractors regarding proposed reconstruction of the Whiteface Memorial Highway.
- Consulted with a DEC Region 5 Forester concerning interagency process as it will affect upcoming snowmobile trail projects in Vanderwhacker Mountain and Blue Mountain Wild Forests.
- Consulted with a DEC Region 5 Forester concerning potential construction of a dock at a waterway access site at Deer River Flow in Debar Mt. Wild Forest.
- Conducted field work on with GIS staff in the Dead Creek Primitive Area to review the condition of a bridge over Dead Creek and the road from Conifer.

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- Reviewed proposed snowmobile trail work plan for a trail within the Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest near Camp Santanoni.

Permit Review

- Conducted re-permit review for a lakefront project in Tupper Lake.
- Conducted CEA review regarding a permit for a project adjacent to the Sentinel Range Wilderness.

APSLMP REVISION

State Land Classification

- Conducted preliminary field work on two recently acquired parcels: Thousand Acre Swamp (Edinburg) and Town Corners (Greenfield).
- Developed a GPS process for future use in correcting State land classification boundaries.
- Collected GPS field data in order to accurately locate the boundary of the Camp Santanoni Historic Area.

Substantive Revision

- Met with legal staff concerning revision of certain APSLMP guidelines that may be necessary consequential to the 2013 TNC/Finch lands classification action and DEC's development of a UMP for the Essex Chain Lakes Management Complex. In follow-up, staff began drafting potential alternatives for the revisions under consideration.
- Consulted with DEC Central Office staff concerning potential location and design of a bridge over the Cedar River and potential implications for revision of the APSLMP's guidelines concerning use of natural materials in bridge construction.

PARK POLICY AND PLANNING

Parkwide Recreation Planning

- Provided technical assistance to DEC using 3D stereo imagery to plan a new trail in the Horseshoe Lake Wild Forest Area.
- Attended the 7th annual New York State Snowmobile Association's conference in Long Lake and made a presentation. The presentation largely concerned the Agency's 2013 TNC/Finch lands classification action and how that relates to ongoing snowmobile trail development planning in that area of the Park.

Military Airspace

- Consulted with DEC Region 5 and Region 6 staff concerning a two-day, Fort Drum-based army helicopter exercise held near the end of the month near Newcomb.

Training/Conferences

- Presented at a conference hosted by Adirondack Wild: Friends of the Forest Preserve. This was a "kick-off" celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, and the subject of the presentation and panel discussion was "Stewardship challenges, present and future, in the Forest Preserve."
- Attended a two-day conference hosted by the Adirondack Research Consortium in Lake Placid.

ADMINISTRATION (State Land Staff)

Training

- Completed two State-mandatory, on-line training sessions.

Reporting

- Prepared monthly report.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT REVIEW

- Reviewed proposed projects in the Towns of Wilmington, Fine, Parishville, Ticonderoga and Willsboro.

May State Land Tasks Summary:

Task	Count	Year to Date
APSLMP Consultations	20	75
APSLMP Revision	5	11
Park Policy and Planning	5	21
Administration	2	19
Historic Preservation Act Review	5	13

GIS AGENCY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Consultation

- Provided information to Executive Director Terry Martino regarding DANC's grant application to the NYS Department of State on behalf of Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties to collect LiDAR elevation data. Contacted DANC staff to learn more details about the grant and how the LiDAR data will be managed and collected. The current grant application will not include the in-Park portions of Lewis and St. Lawrence counties due to cost.
- Conducted a GIS Team Meeting for Agency staff on May 13th. Ten staff from all divisions attended. Topics included new 2013 aerial imagery, new parcel boundary data for all counties in the park, base map suitability requirements for maps provided to the public, and a tutorial on how to access GIS data in the cloud for use in GIS software.
- Assisted with determining when structures on the former Camp Gabriels site were built by reviewing aerial photographs.
- Conducted field work with State land staff in the Dead Creek Primitive Area to review the condition of a bridge over Dead Creek and the road from Conifer.

- Provided GIS data advice to Wildlife Conservation Society staff in Saranac Lake regarding digital slope data for an analysis they are conducting in the Park.
- Provided GIS instructions to new staff at the Agency, for her work involving record keeping of new Agency transactions.
- Provided Agency GIS Project Review polygon data, 1973 to 2014, covering the Boquet River watershed to Seleen Associates, a GIS consultant to the Boquet River Association.
- Attended a meeting via conference call of GIS program staff in the Environment and Energy agency cluster on May 21st. The meeting was an informal round-table discussion of current activities underway within OPRHP, Agriculture and Markets, DEC, and APA.

Data Management

- Conducted an analysis of 2010 US Census block level data covering Hamlet areas of the Park to assess population count by age and the number of housing units by occupied/seasonal/vacant status. Preliminary numbers from the population analysis indicate approximately 64,000 people (49% of the Park population) live in the Park's designated Hamlet areas.
- Conducted an analysis of State and private land classification acreage by county and town for the Park using May 21, 2014 Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan and State Land Map GIS data. Results of this tabulation are posted at <http://apa.ny.gov/gis/stats/colc201405.htm>
- Completed acquisition of approximately 3,000 digital air photo stereo images covering Essex, Hamilton, Herkimer, Oneida, Warren and Washington counties in the Park. These photos, and the camera orientation metadata that allows viewing stereo images in 3D, are provided to the Agency for free through the NYS Digital Orthophoto Program run by the NYS ITS GIS Program Office. Imagery is from May 2013 at 2-foot pixel resolution and 1-foot resolution in portions of Lake George, Lake Placid, and Saranac Lake. The imagery

files stored on Agency servers are now being used by RASS staff for wetlands mapping.

- Land classification GIS data was edited to reflect recent Forest Preserve acquisitions. The acquisitions were changed to Pending Classification (gray on the Map) and will be classified in a future State land classification process.
- Minor ministerial edits were made to the land classification GIS data to improve the accuracy of some State/private boundaries using most recent county property boundary data.
- Reviewed Regulatory Programs transaction mapping and provided management and support staff with a list of recent projects that need quality review in the project location GIS database.
- Edited Lookup System programs to display 2013 Orthoimagery published as a web mapping service over the Internet by the NYS ITS GIS Program.

Hardware/Software Management

- Acquired and installed updated license files and license management software for the Agency's photogrammetry stereo imagery workstations.

Training

- Attended web training for NetMail eDiscovery the afternoon of May 15th.

GIS MAP PRODUCTION

- Updated the APA Headquarters site plan map for the Arbor Day tree plantings.
- Created a new multi-scale, black-and-white planimetric base map of roads, surface water, municipal boundaries and place names covering the Park for use in the Lookup System. This map was requested by Agency staff for use in Project Notice Forms and other maps for the public.

MAP AMENDMENTS REVIEW

- Camp Gabriels (Technical) - In anticipation of the State finalizing the sale of the former Camp Gabriels correctional facility, staff has prepared information for the technical map amendment process.
- Reviewed a conceptual Hamlet expansion map amendment for the Town of Caroga at the request of the Fulton County Planning Department.

WEB ADMINISTRATION/CONTENT MANAGEMENT

- Updated Agency website to provide UMP amendments and announce public comment period regarding the Bog River Complex and Cranberry Lake Wild Forest UMP amendments.
- Posted new Adirondack Park Land Use Classification acreage statistics to the Maps/GIS page. See: <http://apa.ny.gov/gis/stats/colc201405.htm>
- Provided management of Agency monthly mailing content.

ADMINISTRATION (GIS STAFF)

- Produced monthly reports.

May GIS/Web Tasks Summary:

Task	Count	Year to Date
GIS Agency Program Administration	17	77
GIS Map Production	2	34
LUA Boundary/Blue Line Inquiry		16
Map Amendments Review	2	11
State Land Classification/Reclassification Review		1
Web Administration/Content Management	2	26
Administrative Tasks	2	10