



TO: Terry Martino

FROM: Planning Staff

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RE: Planning Division Activity Report for August, 2014

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

APSLMP CONSULTATIONS

UMP Development/Review

- Continued consultation with DEC staff regarding a draft amendment to the Jessup River Wild Forest UMP that will propose adoption of approximately 900 feet of existing (but previously unidentified) old road for multiple uses.
- Conducted three days of field work with and in assistance to DEC staff regarding preparation of an amendment to the Moose River Plains Wild Forest UMP that will propose development of new mountain-biking trails for the area.
- Reviewed an initial draft UMP amendment for the Black River WF Area. This UMP amendment will focus on snowmobile trails. Three days of field work have been conducted. A meeting with the planners and the forester is scheduled for September.
- Reviewed a referral for proposed snowmobile trails in Vanderwacker and Wilcox Lake Wild Forests. A trail proposed for Wilcox Lake Wild Forest is not included in an approved UMP.
- Initiated review of a new team draft UMP for the Wilcox Lake Wild Forest Area received early this month.
- Initiated review of an internal draft UMP for the Eighth Lake Public Campground. Field work is scheduled for September.
- Developed map amendment proposals for Great Camp Santanoni Historic Area in response to DEC's submission of a team draft UMP for the Camp Santanoni Historic Area.
- Reviewed the provided comments to DEC on the Initial Draft of the UMP for the Saranac Lakes Wild Forest.

- Conducted a field visit to the Saranac Lakes Wild Forest and the High Peaks Wilderness to document illegal motorized incursions. Staff have requested proposed management to address this issue in the Saranac Lakes Wild Forest UMP.
- Conducted consultation field work with DEC staff regarding construction of retaining walls at primitive tent sites on the Raquette River in the High Peaks Wilderness.
- Conducted consultation field work on the Raquette River with DEC staff regarding construction of primitive tent sites proposed for the Saranac Lakes Wild Forest.

APA/DEC MOU Consultation

- Provided a UMP compliance determination to RASS for the liming of Sunshine Pond in the Pepperbox Wilderness. This project was identified in the approved UMP for the area and is compliant with the APSLMP.
- Completed review of a snowmobile trail bridge construction project proposed for the Dead Creek Primitive Area.
- Completed review of the proposed construction of bog bridging across a small wetland area along the new, rerouted section of trail to O.K. Slip Falls in the Hudson Gorge Wilderness Area.

Permit Review

- Continued work with RASS staff and NYDEC to determine wetland permitting needs at Marcy Dam for the removal of the dam.
- Reviewed a project for the Atmospheric Science and Research Center (Whiteface Mt.) to determine if an 814 Order is needed. This is a State Administrative Area, for which UMP's are not required. In staff's determination, the proposed placement of a 10-meter weather tower in a field with existing towers and weather instruments does not materially change the use or appearance of the land and so, will not require an 814 Order.

APSLMP REVISION

State Land Classification

- Met with NYSDEC staff on the newly acquired Townmantown (Benson Road) tract to become familiar with these lands prior to classification. The tract abuts Shaker Mountain Wild Forest but has been proposed as a potential new Wilderness by a special interest organization.

PARK POLICY AND PLANNING

Parkwide Recreation Planning

- Continued consultation with Central Office staff of DEC regarding the upcoming, "Great South Woods" recreational planning effort.

Outreach

- Met with a Town of North Elba official and neighbors of the Brewster Peninsula trail system to discuss parking issues and use at the facility trail head.

ADMINISTRATION (State Land Staff)

Reporting

- Prepared monthly report.

Agency Coordination/Efficiency

- Finalized development of a new State Land Project Consultation Form (aka, "State Land JIF") that streamlines the process for both Agency and Department staff.

Training

- Received training for use of our new email system.

Website Development

- Updated the State land section of the Agency's website, which included deletion of outdated documents and repair of broken links.

Other

- Participated in an interview by a SUNY ESF graduate student regarding how public participation is included in decision making by State agencies. Our Agency's process was explained, and how the Agency employed the process during our most recent classification action.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT REVIEW

- Reviewed proposed projects in the Towns of Jay, Saranac, Ellenberg, and Essex.

August State Land Tasks Summary:

Task	Count	Year to Date
APSLMP Consultations	16	126
APSLMP Revision	1	13
Park Policy and Planning	2	29
Administration	5	25
Historic Preservation Act Review	4	21

GIS AGENCY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Consultation

- Met with Agency Economic Services and Local Government Services staff to discuss outreach to the Town of Northampton and Village of Northville concerning economic plan development.
- Reviewed past Agency memoranda covering status of Wild Forest roads open to the public. The preliminary review attempted to determine location and current disposition of roads.
- Provided support to Agency Enforcement staff regarding Lookup System transaction mapping of 2014 Enforcement sites.
- Provided support to JIF staff regarding Lookup System transaction mapping of JIF sites.
- Provided support to Local Government services staff for Lookup System transaction mapping of local government referrals.

Data Management

- Provided support to State Lands staff regarding management of Agency photo files pertaining to State lands.

GIS MAP PRODUCTION

- Assisted Town of Essex representative with revision to their local zoning ordinance. Staff prepared maps of an older version of a Shoreline Overlay District (SOD) and a proposed SOD, and provided a comparison of the two versions for the Town's SEQR process.
- Assisted Regulatory Programs staff with presentation material for the July Agency meeting.

- Provided an updated version of the Saranac Lake 6er Trail Map to Jeremy Evans, Community Development Director, Village of Saranac Lake. Minor edits were requested from the 2013 edition the APA produced for the Village. Saranac Lake will reprint 10,000 more copies of the map brochure for this popular local initiative.

LUA BOUNDARY/BLUE LINE INQUIRY

- Provided Adirondack Park boundary consultation in the Town of Lyonsdale to Suzy Lutey, Environmental & Historic Preservation, FEMA in regards to three road work projects under their review in the town. Determined that the projects are outside the Adirondack Park.

MAP AMENDMENTS REVIEW

- MA2014-02 (Putman, Town of Moriah) - Mailed notice of map amendment request to local officials and other parties required by statute. Issued a Positive Declaration and notice of intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). Began drafting the SEIS.
- MA2014-03 (Wilmington) - Mailed notice of map amendment request to local officials and other parties required by statute. Worked with Town representative to revise boundaries of their requested amendments to meet regional boundary criteria.

WEB ADMINISTRATION/CONTENT MANAGEMENT

- Developed a redesigned prototype of new Forms pages as a result of staff discussions at the July Web Team meeting.
- Completed content management web page programming in Cold Fusion for improved management of Agency Forms content. Completed development of a database where information about Agency forms may be stored including form category, title, link, description, help links, related forms links, and keywords. Each form is stored as a database record which may dynamically populate form list and form detail pages. The object is to tailor form content more specifically and intuitively to customer's needs.
- Managed State Land Master Plan document content to ensure only the current version is made available on our entire site.
- Provided staff support for Agency Monthly Mailing posting.

- Provided consultation to NYS ITS web initiatives.

ADMINISTRATION (GIS STAFF)

- Prepared monthly reports.

August GIS/Web Tasks Summary:

Task	Count	Year to Date
GIS Agency Program Administration	6	88
GIS Map Production	17	73
LUA Boundary/Blue Line Inquiry	8	36
Map Amendments Review	2	16
State Land Classification/Reclassification Review	0	1
Web Administration/Content Management	8	37
Administrative Tasks	4	17