



TO: Terry Martino
FROM: Kathy Regan
DATE: September 30, 2014
RE: September Planning Division Monthly Report

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

APSLMP CONSULTATIONS

UMP Development/Review

- Met with DEC staff to discuss the Draft UMP Amendment for the Black River WF. Potential issues were discussed. DEC will review Agency concerns and submit a revised draft.
- Met with DEC at Eighth Lake Campground to review the Internal Draft UMP for the campground. DEC has submitted a revised draft for Agency review.
- Reviewed and provided comments to DEC on the Initial Draft of the UMP for the Saranac Lakes Wild Forest.
- Conducted an accessibility site visit to the Essex Chain Lakes Primitive Area with Region 5 and Albany DEC staff. The purpose of the visit was to discuss improvements to parking and lake access for persons with disabilities.
- Conducted additional field work in Moose River Plains Wild Forest concerning potential mountain bike trails between Eighth Lake Campground and Sagamore Lodge.
- Reviewed and approved a revised, "Snowmobile Trail Project Work Plan" submitted by DEC staff for the Lewey Lake Snowmobile Trail in Jessup River Wild Forest. The project proposed felling three trees and constructing a bench cut at a location near the shoulder of N.Y.S. Route 30.
- Reviewed and approved two revised, "Snowmobile Trail Project Work Plans" submitted by DEC staff for trail maintenance and construction of bridges along the Stony Ponds Trail in Vanderwhacker Mt. Wild Forest. One required a wetlands permit from the Agency.
- Conducted a site visit with Region 6 DEC staff to Black Creek/Mill Creek Road in Black River Wild Forest in order to review and discuss the current road improvement work.

- Consulted with Region 5 DEC staff concerning the need for some bog bridging at a degraded location along the O.K. Slip Falls foot trail in the Hudson Gorge Wilderness and the possible need for wetlands permit for same.

APA/DEC MOU Consultation

- DEC has received the new State Land Project Consultation Form and will begin using it in place of the State Land JIF. This new form is intended to improve efficiency of interagency communication.
- Reviewed a proposed trail re-route in the Saranac Lakes Wild Forest at Connery Pond.

Permit Review

- Met with DOT at Cascade Lakes to discuss APSLMP compliance issues pertaining to the slope failure along NYS Route 73. DOT determined that additional work was needed on their part to finalize plans. New plans were submitted that included depositing rock into the Upper Cascade Lake. Participated in a conference call to discuss the new proposal. This project will require an 814 Order and involve a State highway land bank transfer.
- Consulted with Regulatory Program staff concerning St. Lawrence County's proposed "Multi-Use Trail System" as it may affect State lands.

State Land Violation

- The Agency and the Department received six letters from Protect the Adirondacks describing 6 separate potential State land violations: Crane Pond Road (Pharaoh Lake Wilderness), West River Road (Silver Lake Wilderness), Bear Creek Road (Black River WF), Chub Pond Trail (Black River WF), Gull Lake Trail (Black River WF) and Chub Pond Lean-to(1) (Black River Wild Forest). These potential violations have been entered into our database for State Land Violations and are being investigated.

APSLMP REVISION

State Land Classification

- Conducted site visits with DEC Region 5 staff to recently acquired "McIntyre" parcels near Tahawus.

PARK POLICY AND PLANNING

Parkwide Recreation Planning

- Participated with DEC staff in Albany on a conference call with other members of the core team of the Great South Woods Planning Project. A meeting with the entire team is being planned for October 9 at SUNY College of ESF in Syracuse.

Invasive Species Control

- Researched horses as a vector for invasive species.

Outreach

- Prepared the presentation regarding the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act for the September Agency meeting.

Training/Conferences

- Participated in an online course provided by the Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center focusing on the management of historic resources in wilderness.

ADMINISTRATION (State Land Staff)

Reporting

- Monthly reports and weekly Flag reports have been written.

Agency Coordination/Efficiency

- As described above, a new State Land Project Consultation Form was developed.

Other

- State Land staff attended the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act celebration in North Creek.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT REVIEW

- Reviewed proposed projects in the Towns of Essex and Santa Clara.

State Land Tasks Summary:

Task	Count	Year to Date
APSLMP Consultations	14	140
APSLMP Revision	1	14

Park Policy and Planning	4	33
Administration	4	29
Historic Preservation Act Review	2	23

GIS AGENCY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Consultation

- Met with Agency Local Government and Economic Services staff to discuss outreach to the Town of Northampton and Village of Northville concerning economic plan development.
- Met with Deputy Director, Planning and Agency Counsel to review preliminary analysis of Wild Forest roads open to the public in 1972 and today.
- Attended a field visit to Northville and Northampton along with Local Government and Economic Services staff to assess potential redevelopment sites.
- Provided information about Rivers System boundaries in the Essex Chain Lakes area requested by Jim Zack, GIS Consultant to Protect the Adirondacks.
- Provided information about land classification boundary alignment with Hamilton County parcel data requested by Kirstin Seleen, GIS Consultant to Hamilton County.
- Provided Agency GIS license usage information requested by NYS ITS.

Data Management

- Conducted a comprehensive review and edit of the Agency's GIS Blue Line park boundary data layer. A new layer designed to overlay and register with current county Real Property tax parcel data has been created. Research was conducted to ensure the descriptions found in ECL 9-0101 were followed along Great Lot lines and municipal boundaries. The previous GIS Blue Line data layer was created by the Agency from one inch equals 2,000 foot NYS DOT base map sources. The new parcel based park boundary layer is derived from one inch equals 100, 200, or 400 foot map sources.
- Provided support to Agency Legal and Regulatory staff regarding Lookup System transaction mapping of JIF and permit project sites.

GIS MAP PRODUCTION

- Prepared a map for the Town of Essex showing proposed zoning changes in the Town.

LUA BOUNDARY/BLUE LINE INQUIRY

- Provided a map describing the Park boundary to the Town of Parishville.

MAP AMENDMENTS REVIEW

- MA2014-02 (Putnam) - Prepared a Draft supplemental Environmental Impact Statement
- Received an application from a landowner in the Town of Westport request a map amendment.

WEB ADMINISTRATION/CONTENT MANAGEMENT

- Continued development of a redesigned prototype of new Forms pages for the Agency website.
- Created and posted a web mapping application depicting Federal and New York State lands managed as Wilderness in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the federal Wilderness Act. The mapping application can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/1qnwByZ> and from the Agency home page.
- Provided staff support for Agency Monthly Mailing posting.
- Provided consultation to NYS ITS web initiatives.

ADMINISTRATION (GIS STAFF)

- Attended Agency and Planning staff meetings.
- Monthly Reports

September GIS/Web Tasks Summary:

Task	Count	Year to Date
GIS Agency Program Administration	12	100
GIS Map Production	17	90
LUA Boundary/Blue Line Inquiry	9	45
Map Amendments Review	3	19
State Land Classification/Reclassification Review	0	1
Web Administration/Content Management	4	41
Administrative Tasks	3	20