



**Adirondack
Park Agency**

Hinckley Day-Use Area Unit Management Plan Proposed Final

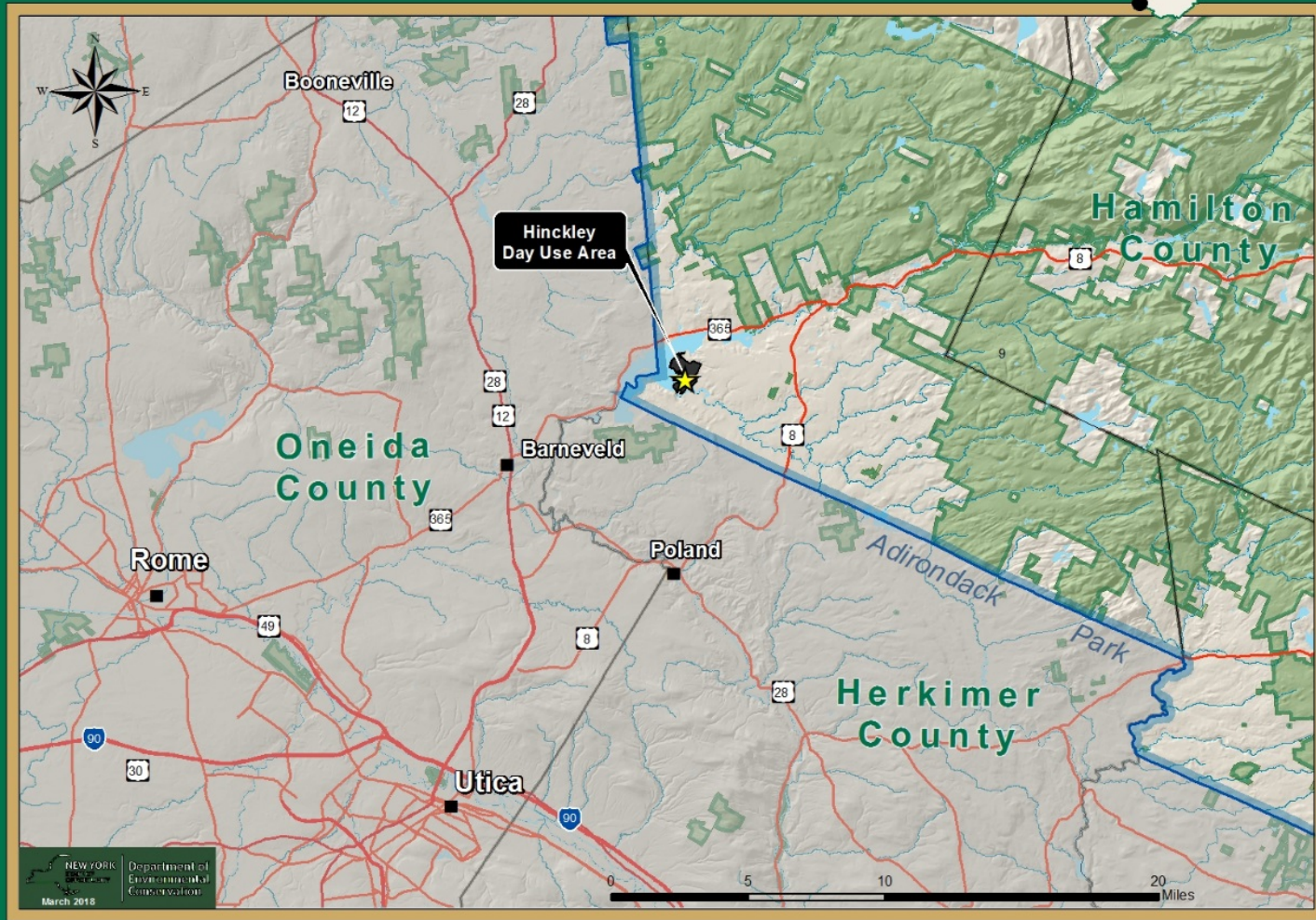
**Adirondack Park State Land
Master Plan Conformance
Review**

April 15, 2021

Hinckley Day Use Area Location Overview

Hinckley Day Use Area

Exhibit # 1 - Location Map



Hinckley Day Use Area

Exhibit #3 - Orthoimagery Map



Overview of Agency Review

Pursuant to the APA/DEC MOU, Agency staff involvement in the UMP process starts early with the review of team drafts.

Hinckley team draft review highlights:

- The preparation of a supplemental EIS is necessary to address how the Hinckley proposal is tied to the Draft Generic Campground EIS.
- Prior Adirondack Forest Preserve campground proposals(Scaroon Manor) informed staff regarding what level of plan detail is necessary to assess elements such as the extent of tree-cutting and the development of new roads and structures.
- A field visit provided the opportunity to identify sensitive resources and evaluate existing patterns of use at the site.

How do we Evaluate Intensive Use

1. Primary management objective will be to provide:
 - public opportunities for family group camping, developed swimming and boating;
 - in a setting and scale in harmony with the relatively wild and undeveloped character of the Adirondack Park;

How do we Evaluate Intensive Use

2. All intensive use facilities should be located, designed and managed:

- to blend with the Adirondack environment;
- have minimum adverse impact on surrounding state and private lands;
- not aggravate problems on lands subject to overuse;
- not have a negative impact on competing private facilities;
- be adjacent to or serviceable from existing public road systems or water bodies open to motorboat use.



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3. Construction and development activities will:

- avoid material alteration of wetlands;
- minimize extensive topographic alterations;
- limit vegetative clearing;
- preserve the scenic, natural and open space resources of the intensive use area.

How do we Evaluate Intensive Use

Relevant campground specific guidelines:

rustic nature without utility hookups and other elaborate facilities;

each site will retain the natural character of surrounding forest;

contain only a fireplace, space for single vehicle with trailer, a picnic table and appropriate sites;

camping sites will be set back 100 feet from shoreline to be reasonably screened from the water;

maximum size of future campgrounds will be in the range of 75 to 150 camping sites;

future campgrounds will be located to encourage public use on underutilized tracts of state land.

“The Intensive Use classification permits a wide range of concentrated recreational activities which may require elaborate structural facilities. The resource characteristics must be unusually capable of withstanding such intensive use with little or no degradation in natural or scenic resource quality. New intensive use areas should not be located in areas where private recreational facilities open to the public are adequate to meet recreation demands in that local area.” PEIS, pp.25







Public Comments

Total Comments received: 11

Individuals: 10 comments (5 generally supportive, 5 generally unsupportive)

Friends Group: 1 (generally supportive)

Issues Raised:

- Increased traffic
- Invasive plants and animals
- Increased light and noise pollution (specifically from Prices Point Pavilion)
- Wildlife impacts
- Increased boat traffic
- Water level concerns
- Loss of use of boater's beach
- Lack of a trailered boat launch in the proposal
- Site abuse (excessive drinking, litter, partying)
- Improving Day Use facilities is more important than a new campground
- A private Campground already exists
- Too many campsites are proposed
- Not enough enforcement presence
- Must coordinate with local emergency services

Benefits identified:

- Economic benefit to the area
- Health and wellness benefits to visitors
- Creation of a reasonably priced recreation/vacation option



2021 Hinckley Day Use Area and Campground UMP

Staff recommend that the 2021 Hinckley Day Use Area and Campground UMP be determined to be in compliance with the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.