



**Adirondack  
Park Agency**

# **Sharp Bridge Campground & Day Use Area Unit Management Plan**

## **Summary of Public Comments**

**February 6, 2023**

# Presentation Outline

- Summary of public input received
- Changes to the initial public draft UMP
- SLMP conformance
- Staff recommendation



# Public Comments

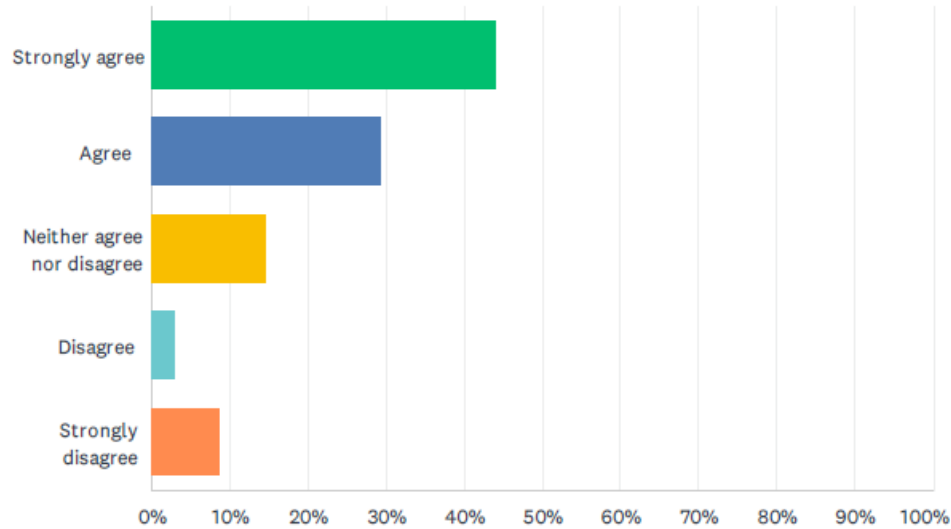
# Public Comments - Summary

- DEC & APA held a concurrent public comment period from November 17 – December 19, 2022
- No written comments we received
- A total of 34 online survey responses were received

# Survey Responses

## Q1 Replacement of Caretaker's Cabin

Answered: 34 Skipped: 0

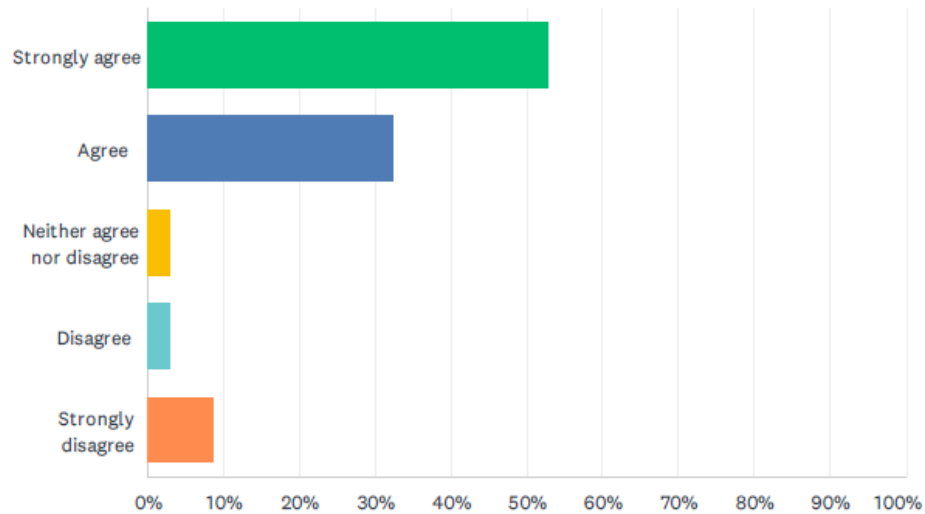


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	44.12%	15
Agree	29.41%	10
Neither agree nor disagree	14.71%	5
Disagree	2.94%	1
Strongly disagree	8.82%	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>34</b>

# Survey Responses

## Q2 Rehabilitation of existing roadways

Answered: 34 Skipped: 0

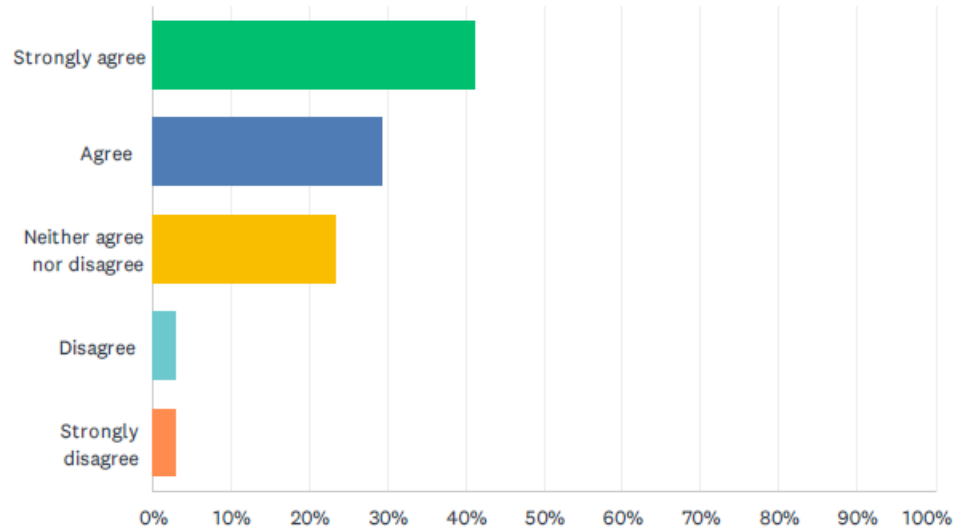


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	52.94%	18
Agree	32.35%	11
Neither agree nor disagree	2.94%	1
Disagree	2.94%	1
Strongly disagree	8.82%	3
TOTAL		34

# Survey Responses

## Q3 Replacement of trailer dumping station

Answered: 34 Skipped: 0

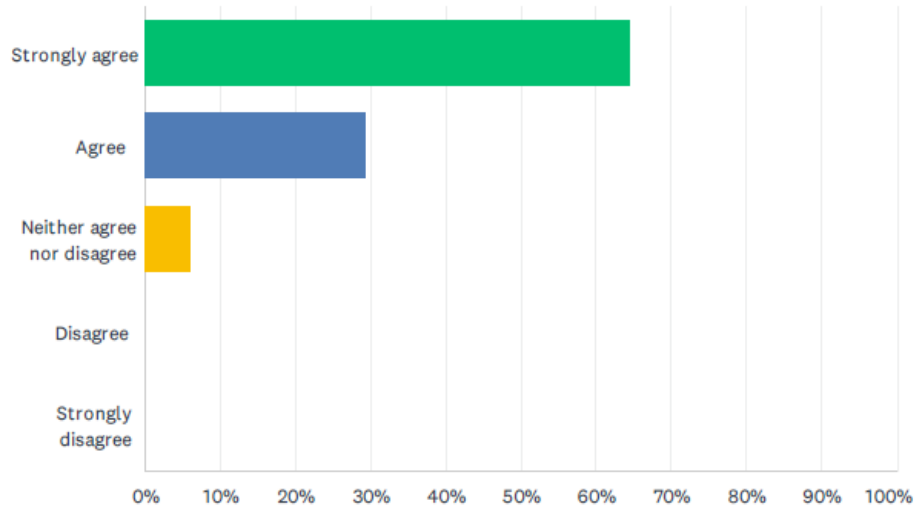


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	41.18%	14
Agree	29.41%	10
Neither agree nor disagree	23.53%	8
Disagree	2.94%	1
Strongly disagree	2.94%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>34</b>

# Survey Responses

## Q4 Rehabilitation of water system

Answered: 34 Skipped: 0



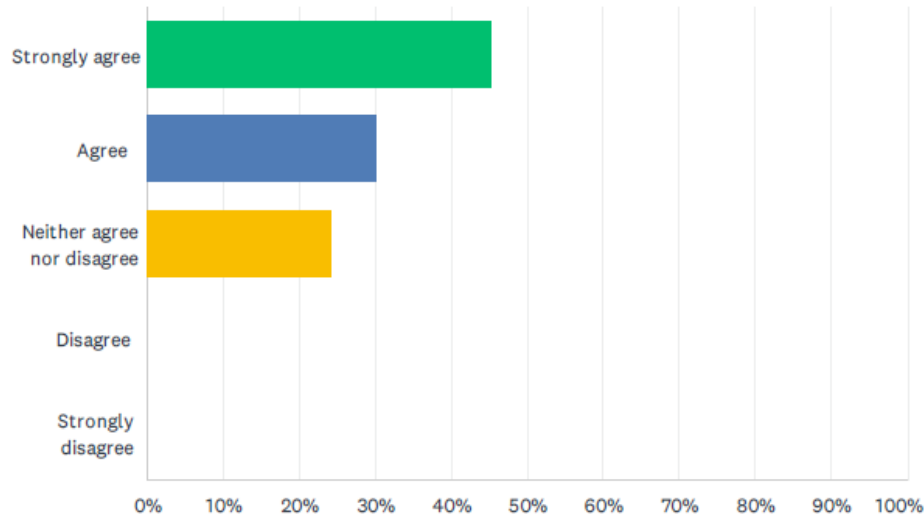
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	64.71%	22
Agree	29.41%	10
Neither agree nor disagree	5.88%	2
Disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>34</b>



# Survey Responses

## Q5 Replacement of overhead electric lines with underground system

Answered: 33 Skipped: 1

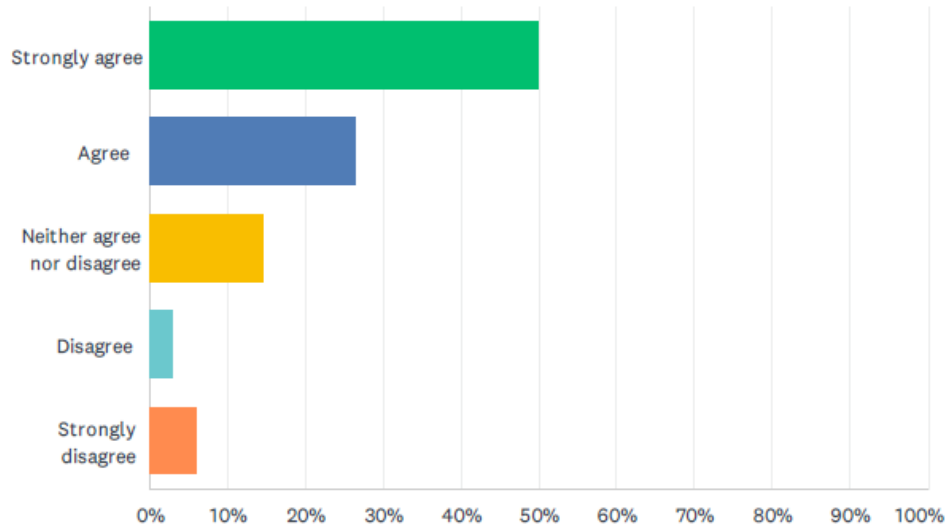


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	45.45%	15
Agree	30.30%	10
Neither agree nor disagree	24.24%	8
Disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>33</b>

# Survey Responses

## Q6 Planting of trees and shrubs

Answered: 34 Skipped: 0

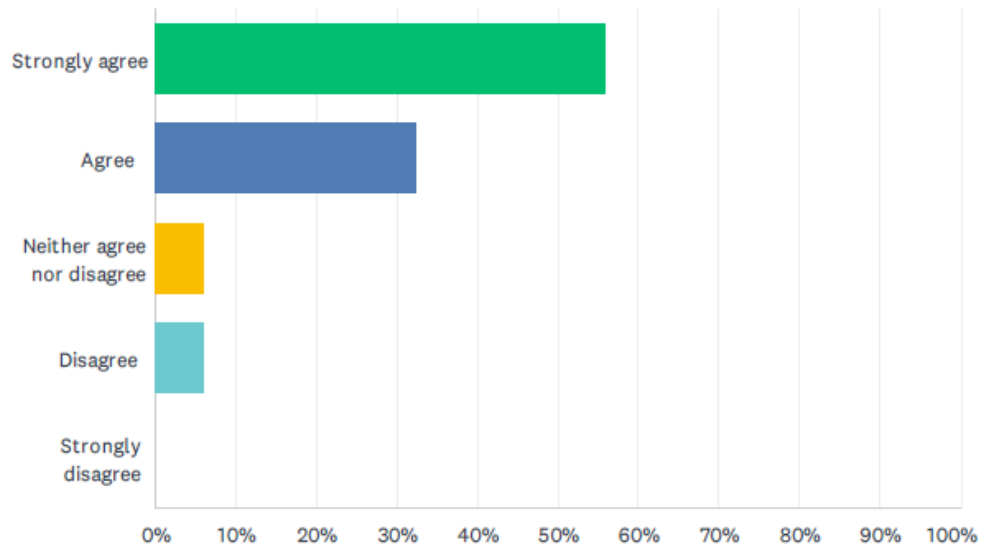


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	50.00%	17
Agree	26.47%	9
Neither agree nor disagree	14.71%	5
Disagree	2.94%	1
Strongly disagree	5.88%	2
TOTAL		34

# Survey Responses

## Q7 Restoration of existing campsites

Answered: 34 Skipped: 0

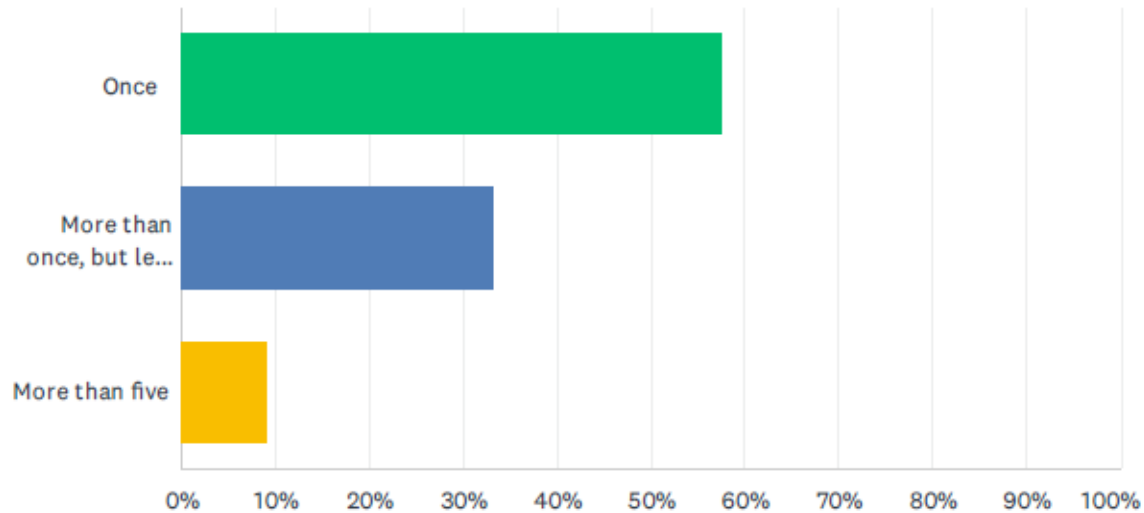


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	55.88%	19
Agree	32.35%	11
Neither agree nor disagree	5.88%	2
Disagree	5.88%	2
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>34</b>

# Survey Responses

Q8 How many times do you visit this facility in a typical year?

Answered: 33 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Once	57.58%	19
More than once, but less than five	33.33%	11
More than five	9.09%	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>33</b>

# Survey Responses

## Question #9: What is your home zip/postal code?

Zip Code	Geographic Area (Approximate)	# of Responders
12065	Saratoga County, NY	1
12077	Albany County, NY	1
12137	Schenectady County, NY	1
12180	Rensselaer County, NY	1
12203	Albany County, NY	1
12804	Warren County, NY	1
12831	Saratoga County, NY	1
12835	Saratoga County, NY	1
12842	Hamilton County, NY	1
12850	Saratoga County, NY	1
12855	Essex County, NY	2
12856	Warren County, NY	1
12870	Essex County, NY	2
12872	Essex County, NY	1
12901	Clinton County, NY	1
12928	Essex County, NY	1
12942	Essex County, NY	1
12946	Essex County, NY	1
12956	Essex County, NY	1
12983	Franklin County, NY	2
12993	Essex County, NY	1
13044	Oswego County, NY	1
13090	Onondaga County, NY	1
14534	Monroe County, NY	1
14620	Monroe County, NY	1
14624	Monroe County, NY	1
14801	Steuben County, NY	1
14807	Steuben County, NY	1
01247	Berkshire County, MA	1



# Survey Results & Responses

Majority were in favor of the proposed management actions

The following topics were emphasized:

- Retention of the facility's rustic character during infrastructure replacement
- Construction of additional campsites for both tent and or RV/trailers
- Include electrical hook-ups at sites
  - DEC does not plan to add any additional campsites nor install electrical hookups at any existing campsites
- Convert the first 0.6 miles of the East Mill Flow trail to meet accessibility standards
  - At this time, DEC has another approved accessible trail project in the area and the completion of that trail work will precede trail work at Sharp Bridge

# Changes to Initial UMP

# State Land Master Plan Conformance



# Guidelines for Management and Use - Basic Guidelines (SLMP pg. 41)

Primary management guideline will be to provide:

- public opportunities for recreation
- in a setting and scale in harmony with the relatively wild and undeveloped character of the Adirondack Park

# Guidelines for Management and Use - Basic Guidelines (SLMP pg. 41)

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

- to blend with the Adirondack environment;
- to have minimum adverse impact on surrounding state and private lands



# Guidelines for Management and Use - Basic Guidelines (SLMP pg. 41)

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.

# Guidelines for Management and Use - Campgrounds (SLMP pg. 42)

- Rustic nature
- Natural character
- Natural materials
- Shoreline setbacks



# Guidelines for Management and Use - Campgrounds (SLMP pg. 43)

- The older, existing campgrounds will be rehabilitated and reconstructed as soon as possible to reflect modern site planning principles that will better blend the facilities with the environment and comply with the provisions of the SLMP.

# Staff Recommendation

It is the opinion of staff that the proposed final 2022 unit management plan for Sharp Bridge Campground and Day Use Area conforms to the general guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.

# Questions?

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