



## Adirondack Park Agency

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Barbara Rice, Executive Director

FROM: Megan Phillips, Deputy Director for Planning

DATE: January 24, 2023

RE: Staff Review of the 2022 Unit Management Plan for Sharp Bridge Campground and Day Use Area

State land staff have completed review of the proposed final 2022 unit management plan for Sharp Bridge Campground and Day Use Area. Unit management planning for campgrounds and day use areas is broken into three volumes – Volume I contains the generic environmental impact statement, environmental setting, as well as goals and management criteria that are universal to all intensive use areas; Volume II is a site specific document that contains biological, physical, and built infrastructure inventories as well as site specific management objectives; and Volume III contains reference material and support data for Volumes I and II. This UMP for Sharp Bridge represents Volume II, and contains the following proposed management actions: replace the caretaker cabin, rehabilitate roads, replace the trailer dumping station, rehabilitate the water system, bury overhead electric lines, and restore campsites.

Intensive use areas (IUAs) are described in the State Land Master Plan (SLMP) as developed sites that are designed to withstand intensive forms of outdoor recreation by the public. The proposed construction activities within the unit management plan minimize extensive topographic alterations and limit vegetative clearing. They will be carried out in a manner that preserves the scenic, natural and open space resources of the area. There are 4.6 acres of freshwater forested and shrub wetland within the IUA, as well as 1.7 miles of riverine wetlands. Any proposed activity that may alter or adversely affect these resources will be the subject of consultation with the Agency.

The majority of the IUA is within the recreational river buffer associated with the Schroon River. Siting and design of the improved septic system associated with the trailer dumping station will meet State Land Master Plan setback requirements for Intensive Use Areas and adhere to any requirements set forth in the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Act. The State Land Master Plan states that “where a recreational river flows through an intensive use area, structures, improvements and uses permitted

in intensive use areas will be permitted, provided the scale and intensity of those intensive uses do not adversely affect the recreational character of the river and river area” (APSLMP, page 50).

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.