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Rollins Pond Public Campground

Public Draft Unit Management Plan

August 17, 2023

Campground GEIS Overview (1990)

Generic UMP/GEIS is broken into three volumes.

Volume I*- Generic EIS, contains overview, environmental setting, goals, policy and mgt. criteria universally common to all IUAs

*Firewood Bldg. (2010), EV Chargers (2019), Boat Wash (2022)

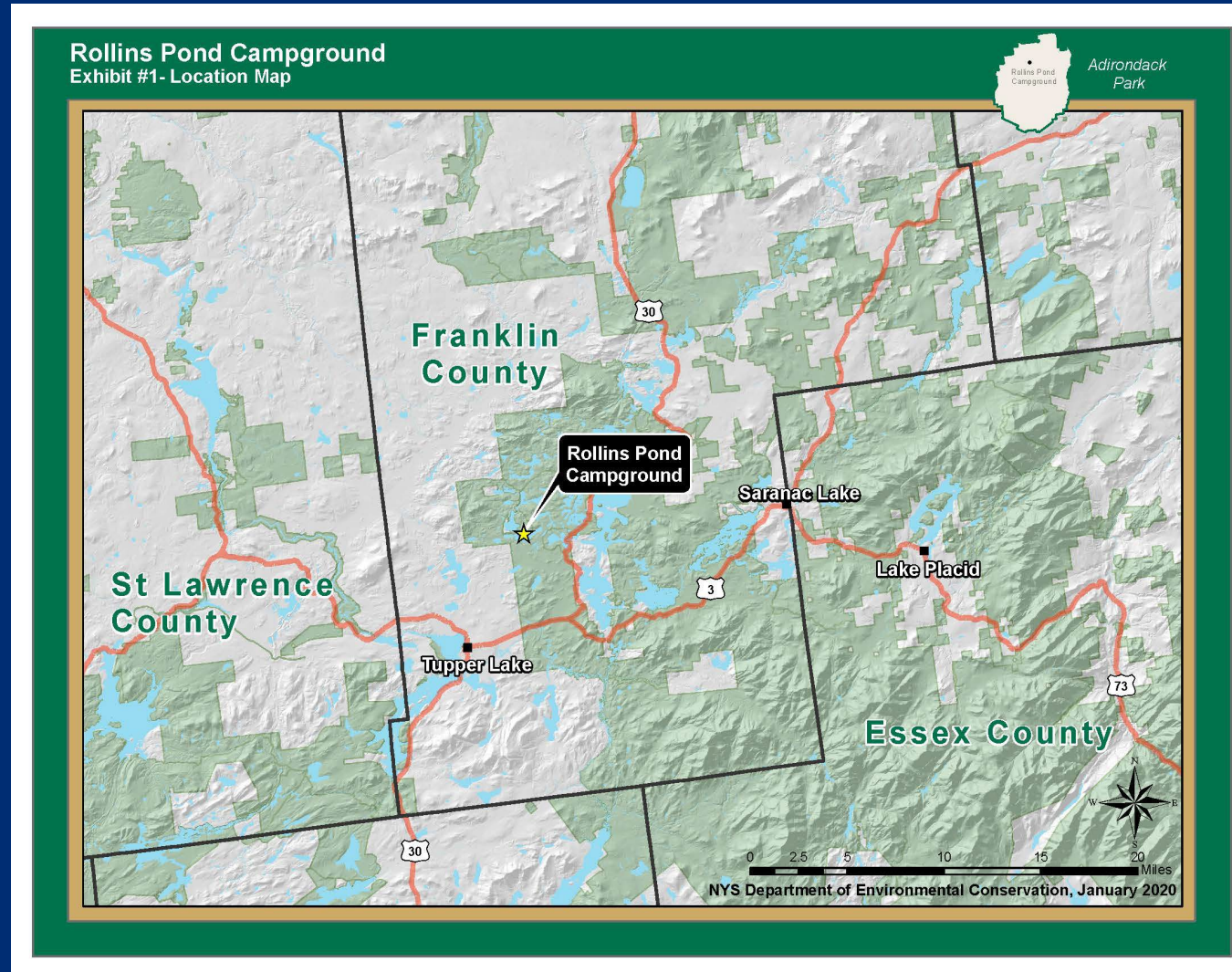
Volume II- Site specific document containing biological, physical, and built infrastructure inventories along with site specific mgt. objectives for each IUA.

Volume III- Contains reference material and support data to Volumes I & II



Campground Location Overview

- Town of Santa Clara, Franklin County
- Opened in 1955
- 286 Campsites
- Camping capacity: 1,716 persons
- Day use area capacity: N/A
- 519-acre Intensive Use Area
- On the Eastern shore of the 442-acre Rollins Pond(25hp or less)

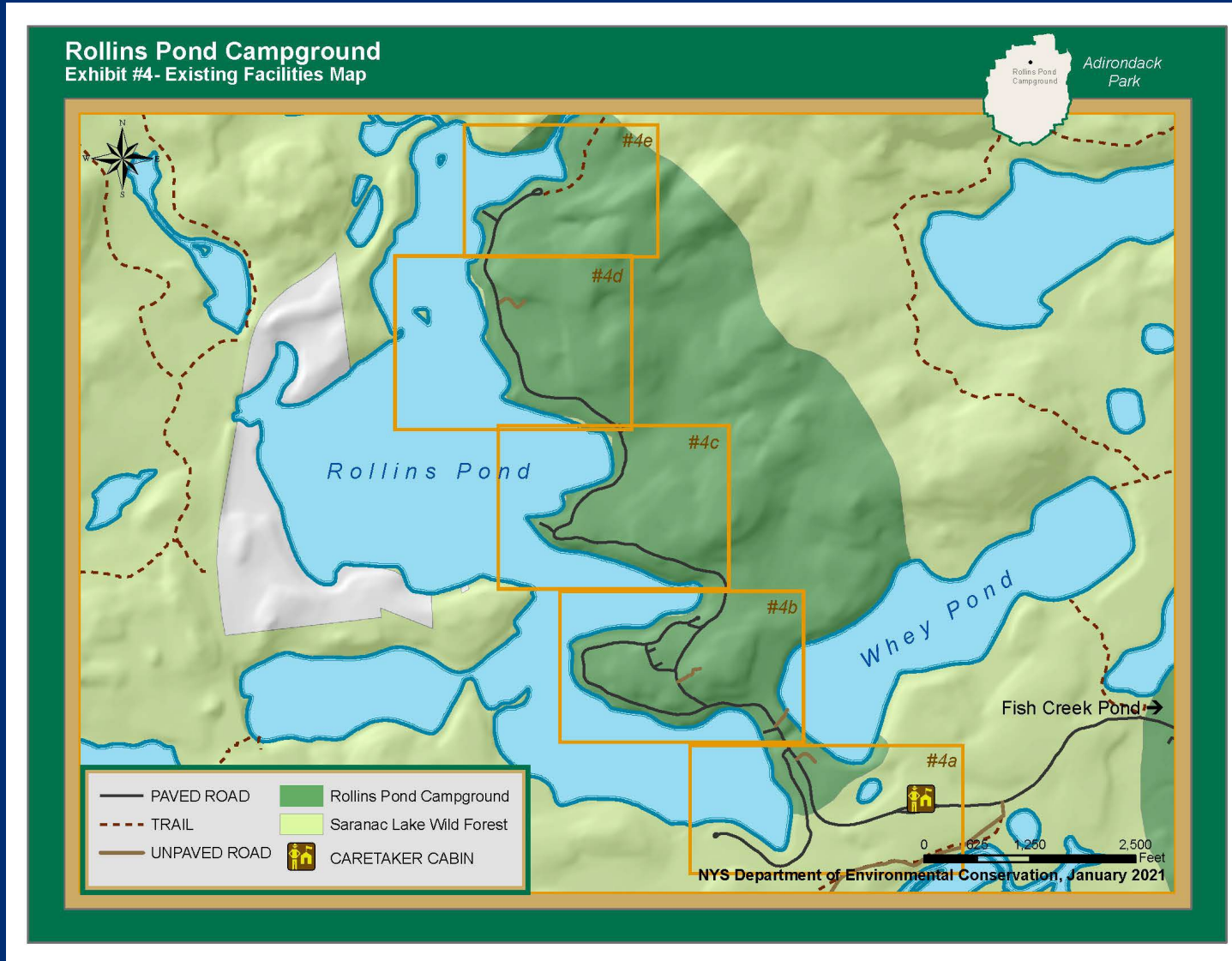


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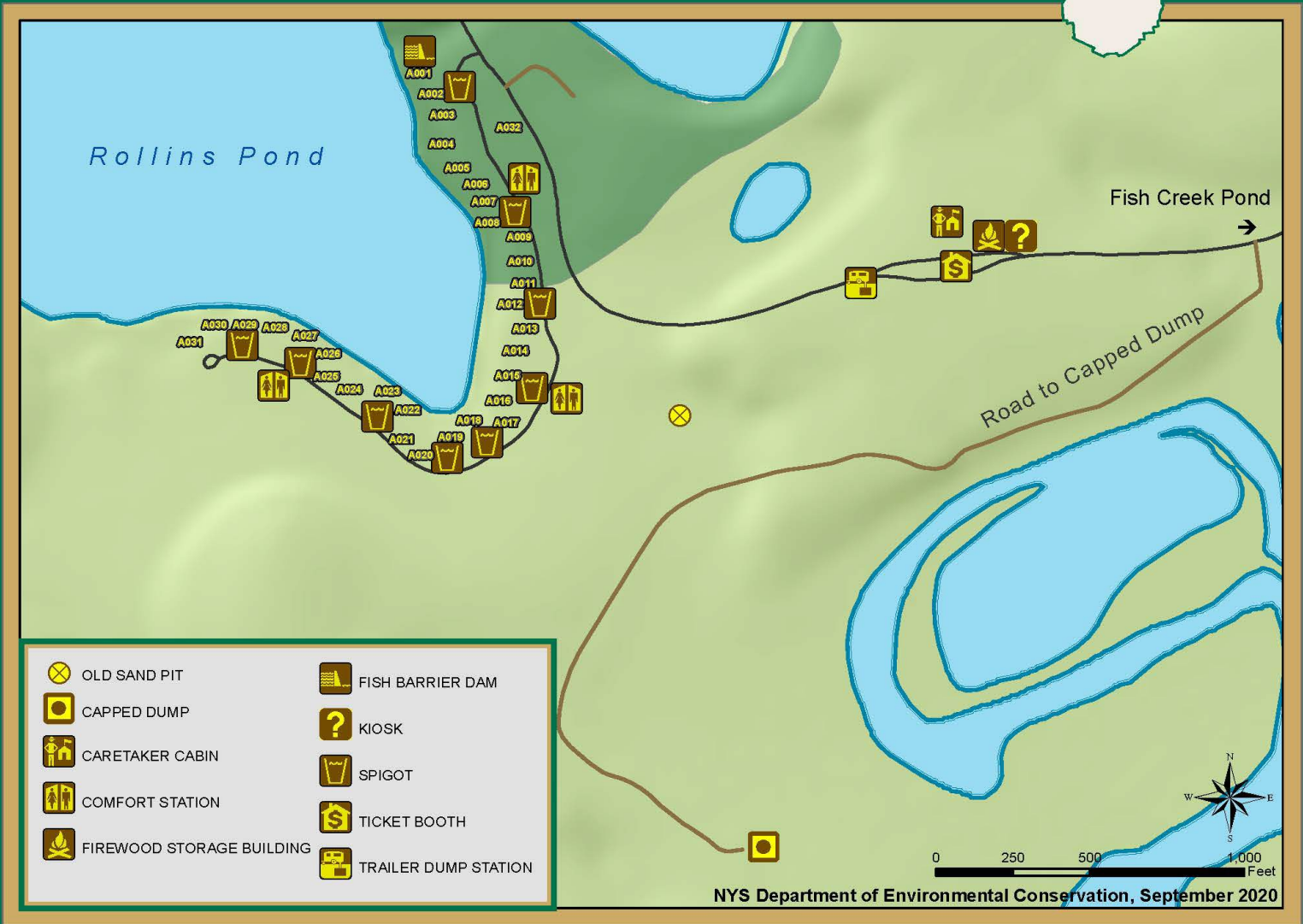


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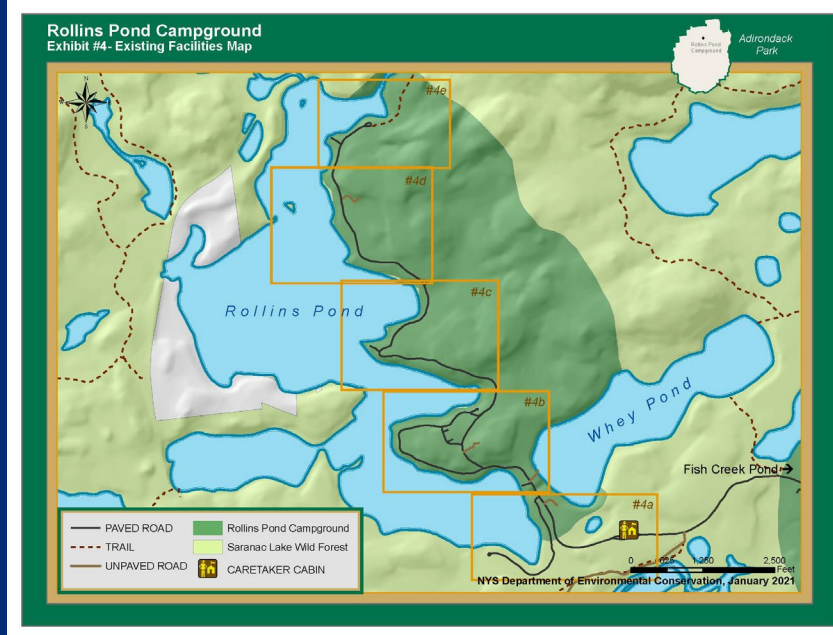
Rollins Pond Public Campground Facilities



Rollins Pond Campground Exhibit #4a- Entrance and A-Loop Sites



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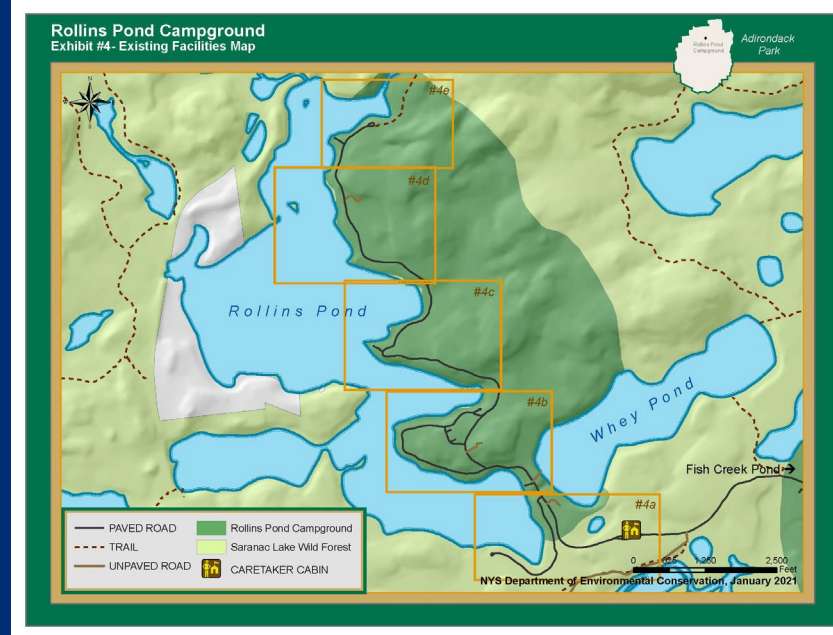


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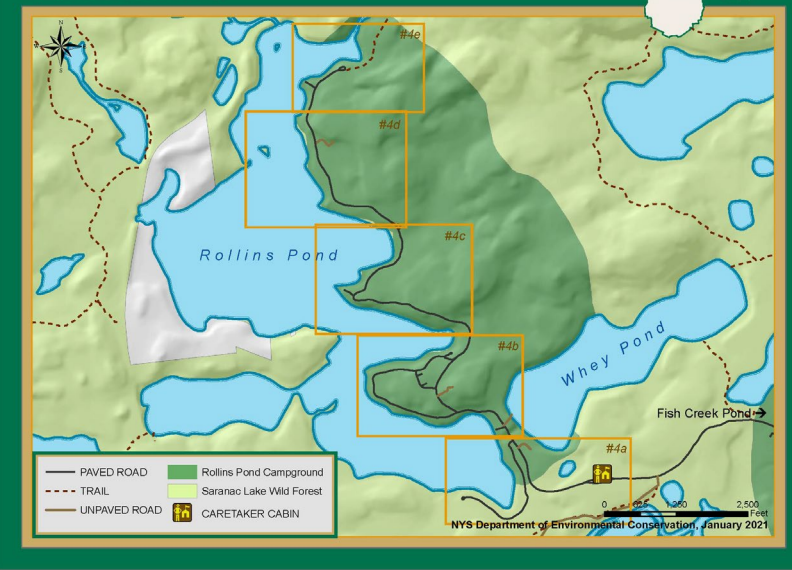


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Exhibit #4- Existing Facilities Map

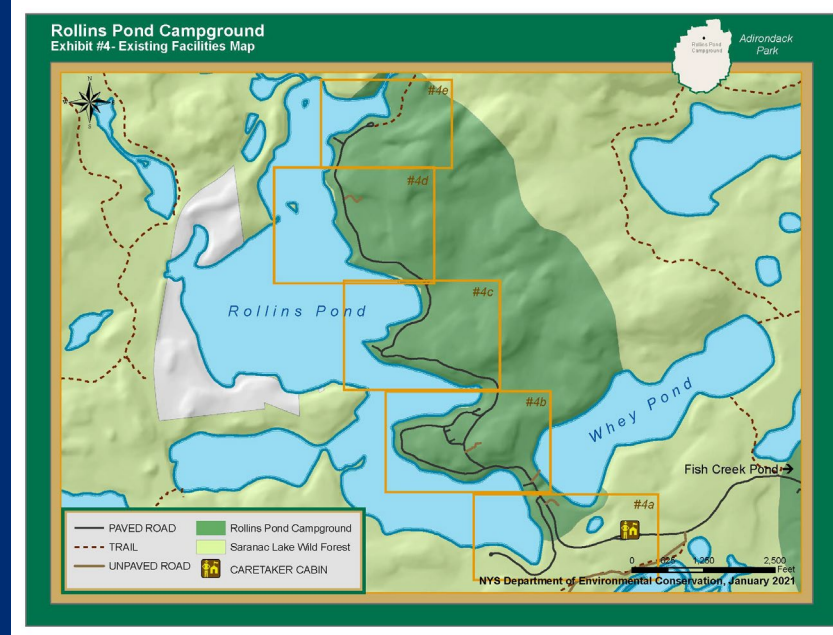


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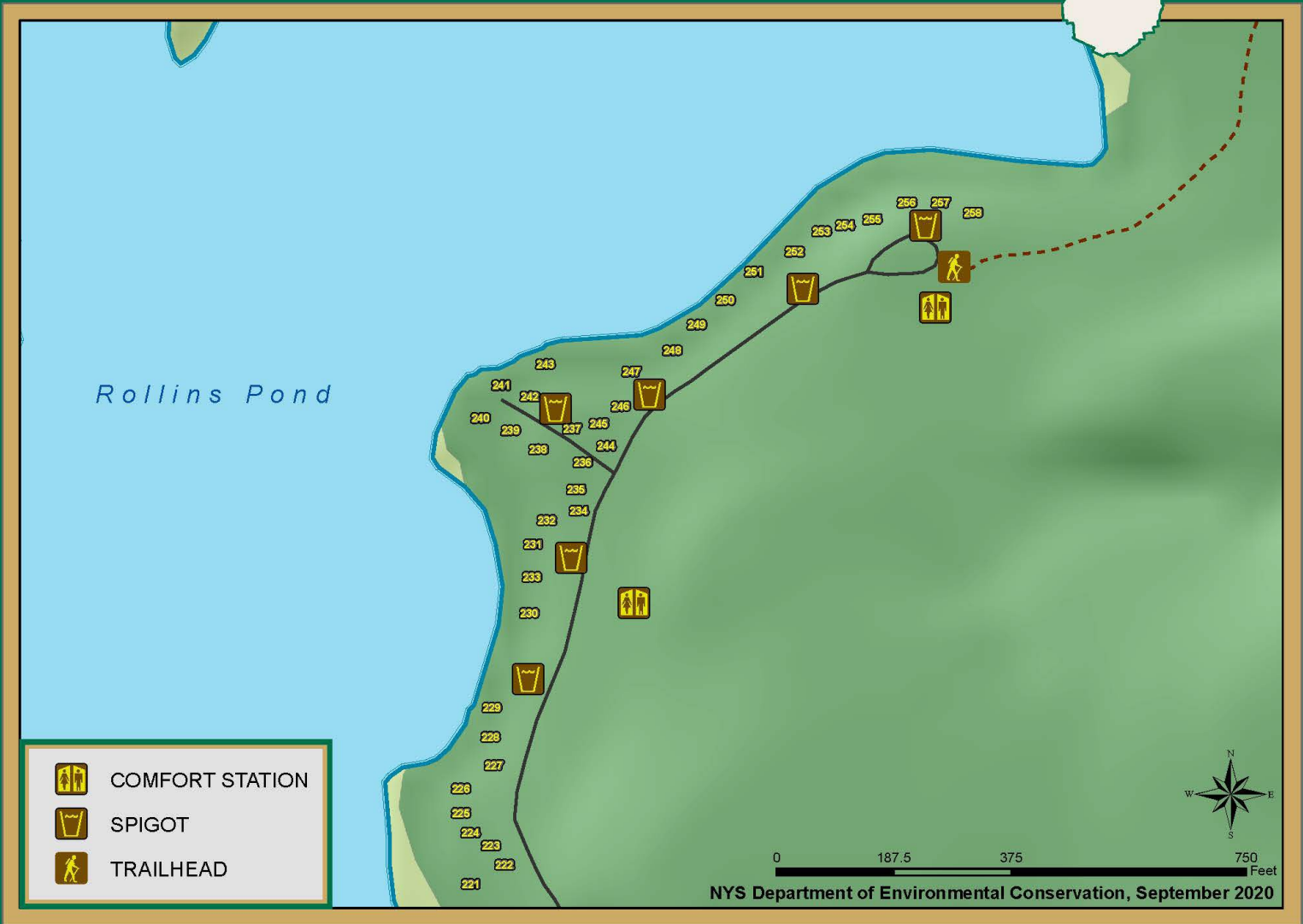
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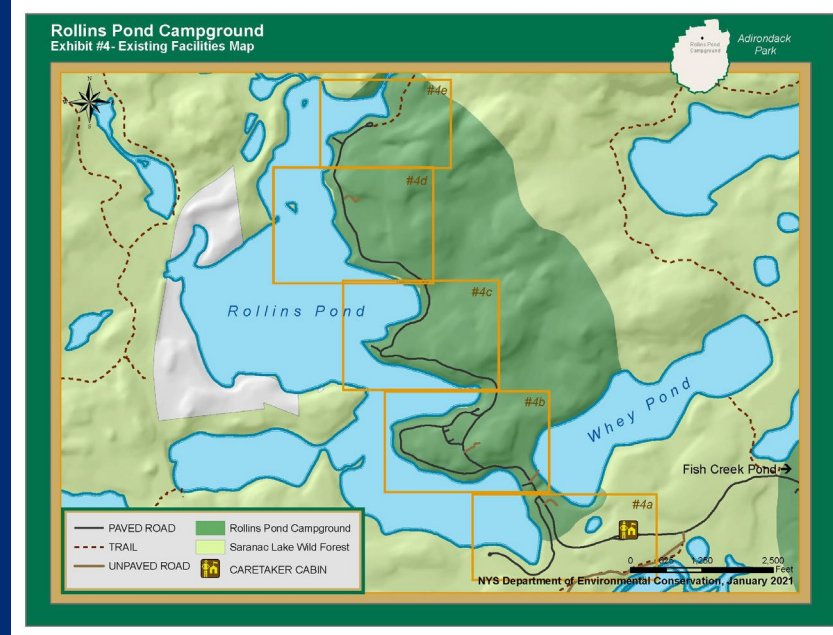
Rollins Pond Campground Exhibit #4e- Sites 221-258



-  COMFORT STATION
-  SPIGOT
-  TRAILHEAD

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Rollins Pond Campground Exhibit #4- Existing Facilities Map

Rollins Pond Attendance & Revenue

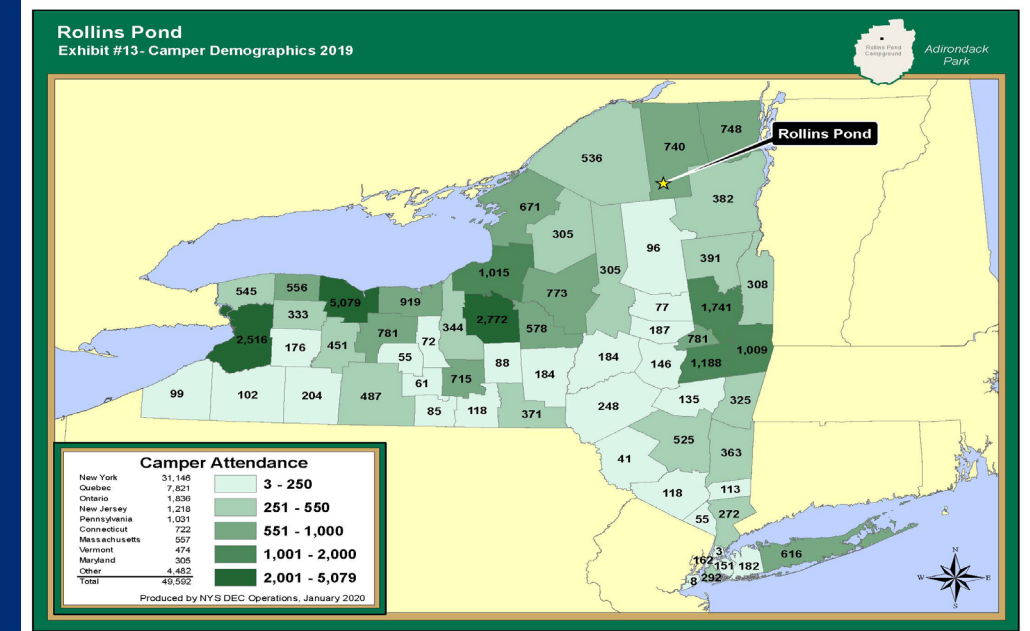
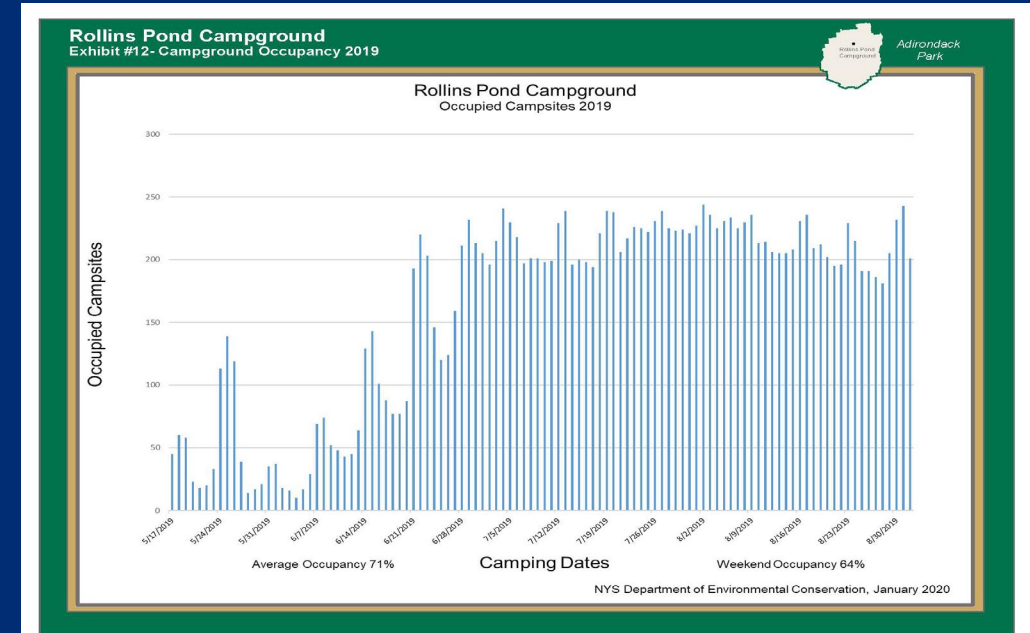
Rollins Pond Attendance			
Year	Camping	Day Use	Total
2022	57,054	423	57,477
2021	58,398	368	58,766
2020	44,697	87	44,784
2019	49,592	376	49,968
2018	53,654	418	54,072
Avg	52,679	334	53,013

Five-Year Revenue Totals for Rollins Pond				
Year	Camping	Day Use	Firewood	Total
2022	\$348,000	\$2,668	\$15,845	\$366,513
2021	\$415,225	\$2,426	\$4,930	\$422,581
2020	\$301,255	\$432	\$0	\$301,687
2019	\$362,439	\$2,124	\$21,126	\$385,689
2018	\$398,685	\$1,764	\$14,287	\$414,736
Avg	\$365,120	\$1,882	\$11,237	\$378,239



Rollins Pond Attendance & Revenue

- Overall Site Utilization Rate 64%
 - Weekend 72%
 - Range 1% - 98%
- Average Length of Stay: 4.5 nights
- Camper Satisfaction Rate of 92%
- Occupancy Rate of 32%
(Actual occupancy x total sites rented)
- 65% NYS residents



Rollins Pond Invasive Species

1. Bush honeysuckle:

- Observed in sites 28, 29A, 230 and 238
- Was not managed due to size

2. Winged euonymus:

- Planted ornamentally near shower building and was not managed

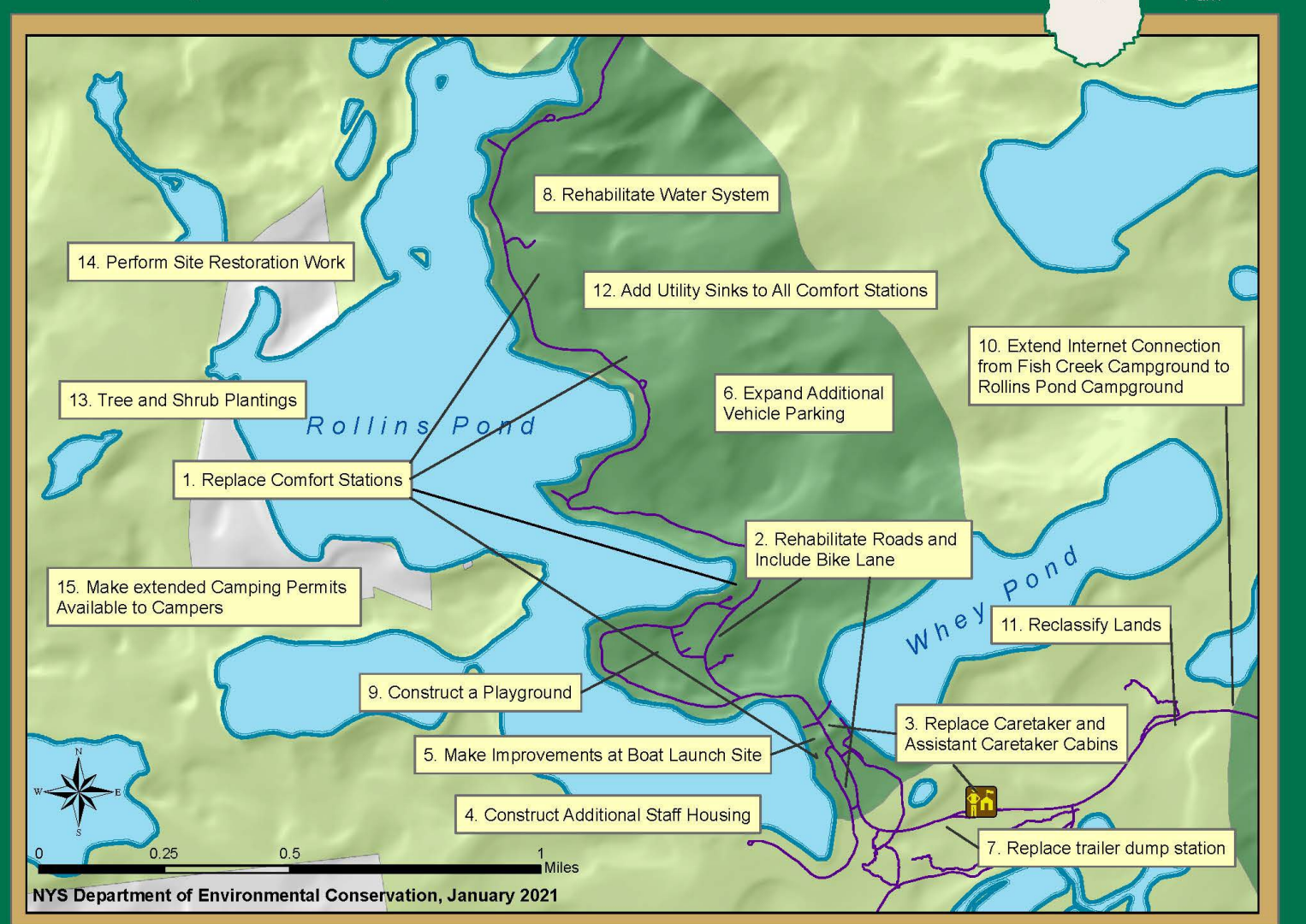
3. Garlic Mustard:

- Was not observed in 2022 and is considered locally eradicated



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Rollins Pond Campground Exhibit #14- Management Actions Map



Proposed Management Actions

PLEASE NOTE:

Certain management actions are common to the Rollins Pond and Golden Beach facilities. Where this is the case, the action will be marked as “common”

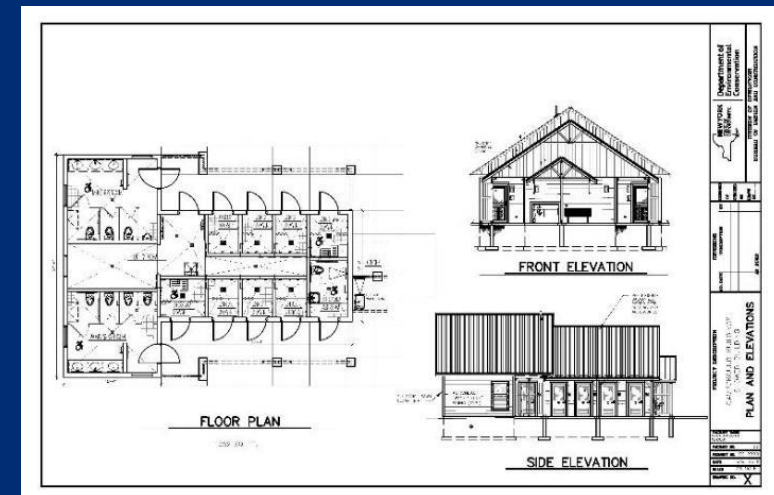


Proposed Management Actions

Replace four restrooms: #5, 15*, 18, 22 *Restroom #15 was an old pit privy

Proposal:

- Replace four restrooms with shower buildings which include:
 - Wash sinks for washing dishes
 - ADA accessibility
- Associated wastewater treatment systems will be evaluated and replaced if found deficient.
- Existing shower building may be repurposed or demolished to provide:
 - Additional parking area
 - Potential day-use area within the facility



Proposed Management Actions

Replace caretaker and assistant caretaker cabin

Proposal:

- Replace both cabins with new ones that include:
 - Three bedrooms
 - One bathroom
 - The same footprint as the previous cabins



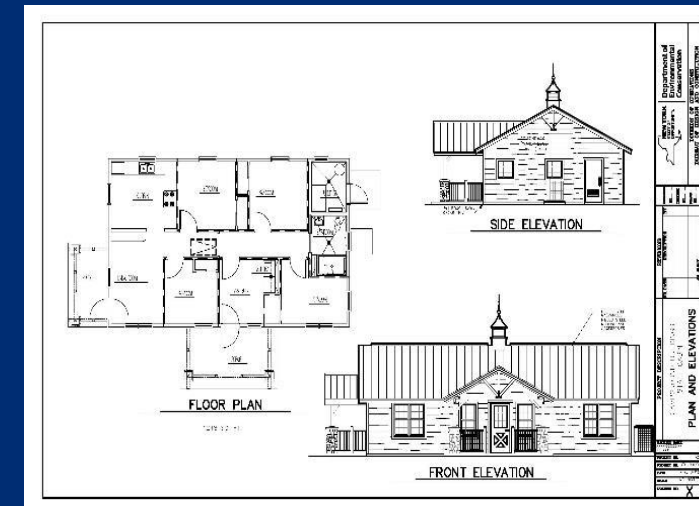
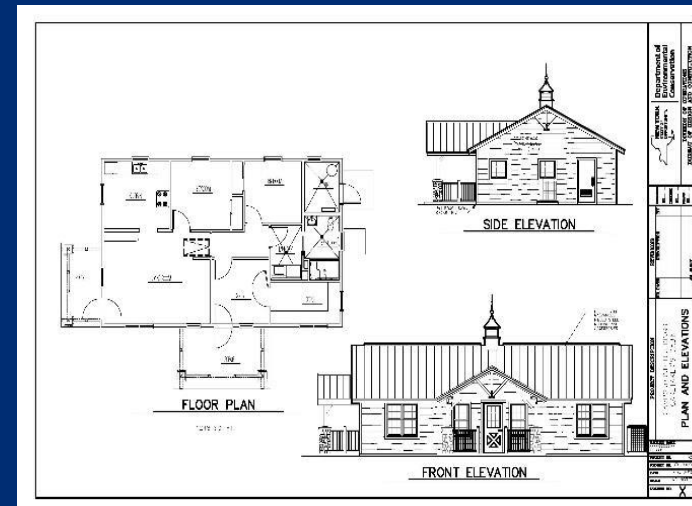
Caretaker cabin



Assistant caretaker cabin

This action would:

- Update existing buildings that were built in 1973 & 1950
- Accommodate staff and their families if required



Proposed Management Actions

Construct additional staff housing

Current situation:

- Difficult to staff campground facilities in remote locations without providing housing.

Proposal:

- A four-bedroom facility with shared kitchen and bathroom facilities

This action would:

- Help with the recruiting of qualified staff
- Provide additional oversight of the campground



Proposed Management Actions

Make improvements at the boat launch

Proposal:

- Replace the steel mat ramp with a single lane concrete push-in ramp
 - Integrate aluminum docks on both edges

This action would:

- Improve user safety and ease of access
- Reduce maintenance required by staff



Current boat launch



Proposed Management Actions

Construct additional vehicle parking

Current situation:

- Parking at campsites is limited to single vehicle with trailer
 - Many campers bring additional vehicles
- Parking along campground roads is prohibited

Proposal:

- Formalize parking areas by the Whey Pond access site as well as other appropriate, impacted areas.
- Add 3-5 parking spots at the proposed reconstructed restrooms



Informal parking area near Whey Pond



Proposed Management Actions

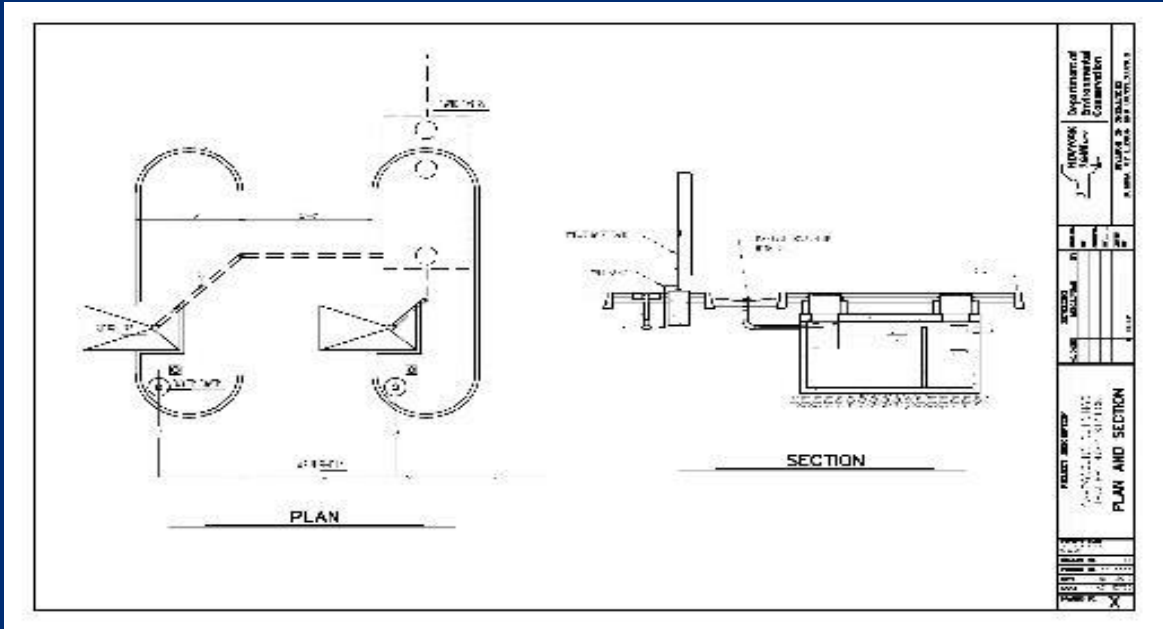
Replace trailer dump station

Proposal:

- Upgrade to a two-lane dumping station in the existing location
 - With an expanded septic system

This action would:

- Better accommodate modern camping trailers
- Meet current accessibility and design standards



Trailer Dumping Station

Facility Infrastructure Capacity Analysis				
Facility Description	Design Standard*	Calculated Need	Currently Available	Deficiency
Campsites (286)	1,250 sf/site	1,250 sf/site	1,250 sf/site	None
Trailer dumping station	1 for every 100 sites	3	1	2

Proposed Management Actions

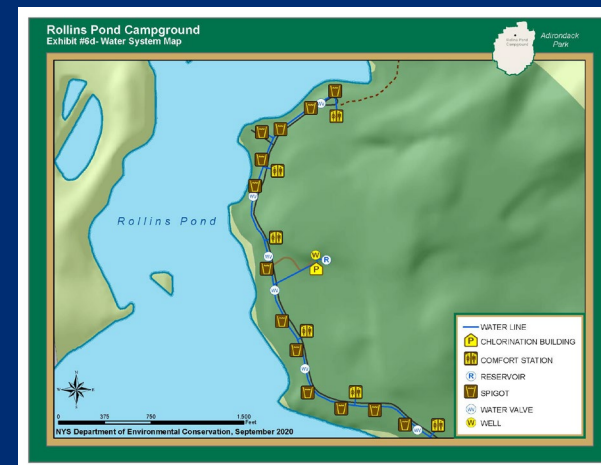
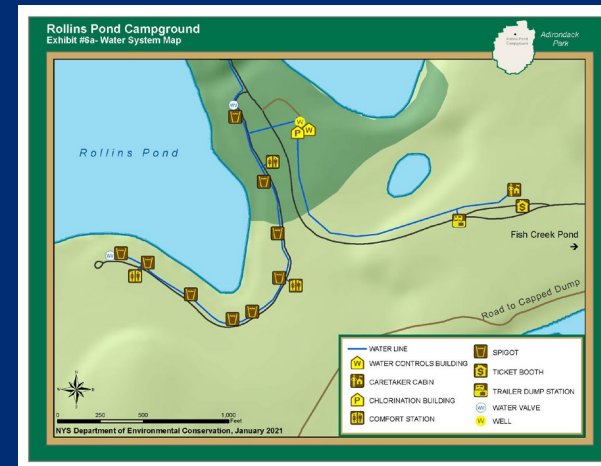
Rehabilitate water system

Current condition:

- System #1 is especially prone to failure.
- Systems 1,2 &3 tanks and wells are in poor condition
- Buried waterlines are in good condition

Proposal:

- Rehabilitate the three existing water systems to meet current design standards and Department of Health codes
- Install additional water spigots as necessary to meet health codes and current accessibility standards



Proposed Management Actions

Construct playground near the shower building

Current situation:

- There is no formal day-use area
- Visitors must travel to Fish Creek Pond Campground to utilize their day-use area

Proposal:

- Construct a playground near the shower building that will:
 - Meet modern design standards
 - Provide accessible elements
 - Be constructed of natural materials to blend into the surroundings

This action would:

- Increase the number of recreational opportunities within the facility for families
- Help reduce motor vehicle traffic between the Rollins Pond and Fish Creek facilities



Proposed Management Actions

Extend internet connection through Fish Creek Campground to Rollins Pond

Current situation:

- Fish Creek Campground has a high-speed internet connection
- Rollins Pond operates with a weaker and less stable satellite connection

Proposal:

- Extend the high-speed data wiring from Fish Creek to entrance of Rollins Pond
 - Since the campgrounds share an electrical meter, a separate meter should be installed at Rollins Pond to better calculate utility usage at each facility
 - This is for use by staff for administrative purposes, not for use by campers



Proposed Management Actions

Reclassify area between campground to Intensive Use Area

Current situation:

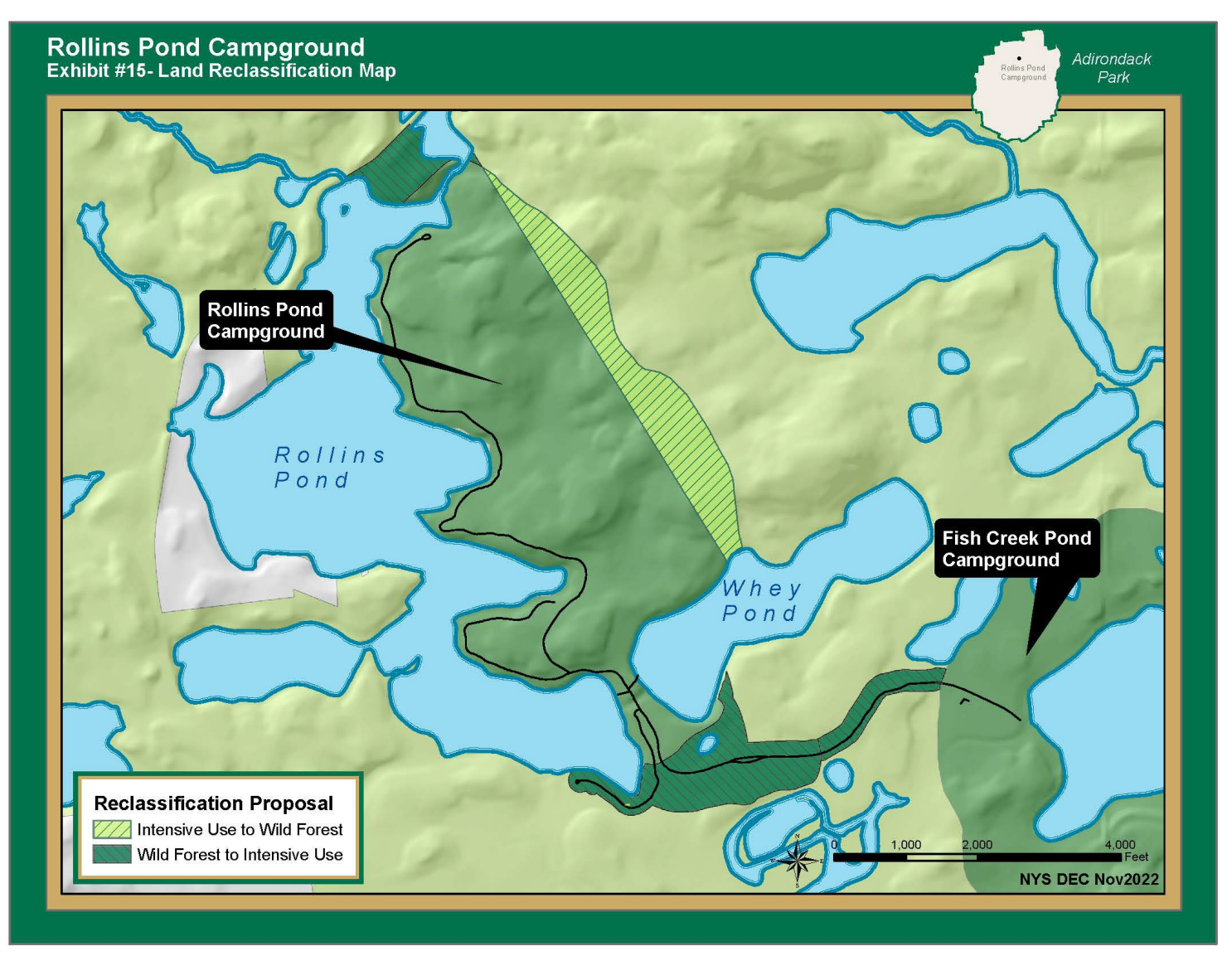
- APSLMP classification error around the entrance to the campground.
- As a result, access to and parts of the pre-existing campground were classified as Wild Forest.

Proposal:

- A correction is needed to accurately delineate the Intensive Use Area to include:
 - All pre-existing infrastructure, campsites, registration booth, dump station, caretaker's cabin, and old sand pit
 - The utility corridor and road connecting Rollins Pond to Fish Creek
- This reclassification will allow for the continued maintenance and operation of existing infrastructure
- No new infrastructure or amenities are proposed for the affected area currently.



Proposed Management Actions



Land Reclassification Map

Proposed Management Actions

Construct accessible foot trail between Fish Creek and Rollins Pond

Proposal:

- Construct an accessible foot trail that will:
 - Highlight the forest, water and wetland landscape
 - Offer a safe off-road connecting route between the two campgrounds.
 - Trail will be in the vicinity of the road connection between two campgrounds.
- Site manager may allow other compatible non-motorized modes of travel such as bikes and snowshoeing
- Snowmobile use will not be permitted on this trail but will continue to be allowed on roadways



Proposed Management Actions

Construct an accessible foot trail to connect to Adirondack Rail Trail

Current situation:

- An accessible foot trail is proposed in the Saranac Lake Wild Forest Unit Management Plan
 - Intended to connect the Adirondack Rail Trail Corridor to the Northern end of Rollins Pond campground
- The connection will:
 - Be roughly $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ mi total
 - Leave from the Otter Hollow Trail at the north end of the campground (trail surface rehabilitation)
 - Require an accessible bridge to be constructed over the outlet of Rollins Pond
 - Possibly construct a registration booth and parking lot near the beginning of the trail in Rollins Pond campground (may require up to 3 campsites be relocated)



Proposed Management Actions

Make extended camping permits available to campers

Current situation:

- Strong demand for longer camping stays
- Campers limited to a 14-night stay through the reservation system during core season
- Rollins Pond had an average occupancy of 64% during the 2022 camping season
 - Indicating ability to administer extended permits without creating an inequitable situation for other campers

Proposal:

- Formalize the process for issuing extended camping permits as defined in Title 6 NYCRR Part 190
- Make information available to campers in the reservation system



Proposed Management Actions (common)

Rehabilitate roads and include bike lane (bike lane only at Rollins CG)

Proposal:

Repave the 4.2 miles of campground roads that are in poor condition (2.25 miles at Golden Beach CG)

- Areas of concern:
 - A-Loop turn-around (Rollins CG)
 - Two-way approach to the shower building (Rollins CG)
- Design would incorporate an addition of a bike lane (Rollins CG)

This action would:

- Improve vehicular and pedestrian safety
- Assist in reducing impacts to wetlands
- Help alleviate stormwater erosion and sedimentation issues



Proposed Management Actions (common)

Add utility sinks to all restrooms

Current condition:

- Deficient utility sinks at all restrooms in the camping area
- With no alternative for disposing of gray water, campers often toss wash and rinse water to the edge of the campsites, leaving soap, food, and grease on the ground

Proposal:

- Install new utility sinks outside each restroom in the camping area
- This action would provide a place for campers to wash dishes dispose of gray water

Facility Infrastructure Capacity Analysis (Golden Beach CG)				
Facility Description	Design Standard*	Calculated Need	Currently Available	Deficiency
Campsites (204)	1,250 sf/site	1,250 sf/site	1,250 sf/site	None
Utility sinks	Conveniently located	8	2	6

Facility Infrastructure Capacity Analysis (Rollins CG)				
Facility Description	Design Standard*	Calculated Need	Currently Available	Deficiency
Campsites (204)	1,250 sf/site	1,250 sf/site	1,250 sf/site	None
Utility sinks	Conveniently located	15	0	15

Proposed Management Actions (common)

Tree and shrub plantings

Proposal:

- New trees and shrubs are required to:
 - Replace those lost to hazardous tree removal
 - Establish trees in high-traffic areas where natural regeneration is unlikely to occur
- Species will be selected that:
 - Are natural to the area
 - Will provide the needed shading and screening
- This is an ongoing process and the work identified will be conducted over the life of the plan



Proposed Management Actions (common)

Campsite restoration

- Each year at Rollins Pond, a minimum of seven campsites are selected for restoration work
 - Sites will be temporarily closed during this time
- Restoration work may include:
 - Replacement of lost soil
 - Surface grading
 - Drainage improvements
 - Replacement of fireplaces and picnic tables
- Work to upgrade sites to meet current accessibility standards will be given priority
- This is an ongoing process and the work identified will be conducted over the life of the Plan
- For more information on the Campsite Restoration project at Rollins Pond Campground please visit:

➤ <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/100146.html>





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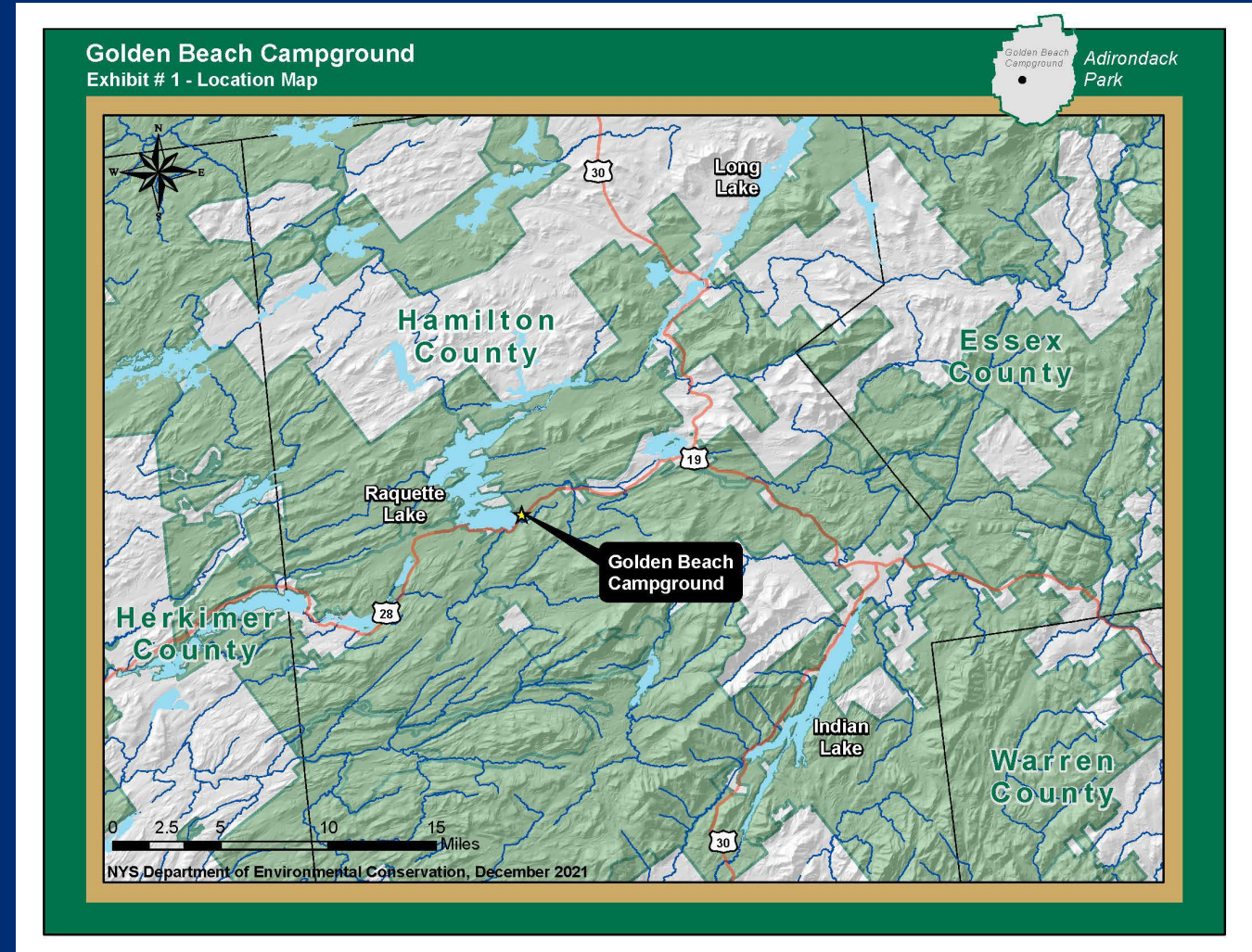
Golden Beach Campground & Day Use Area

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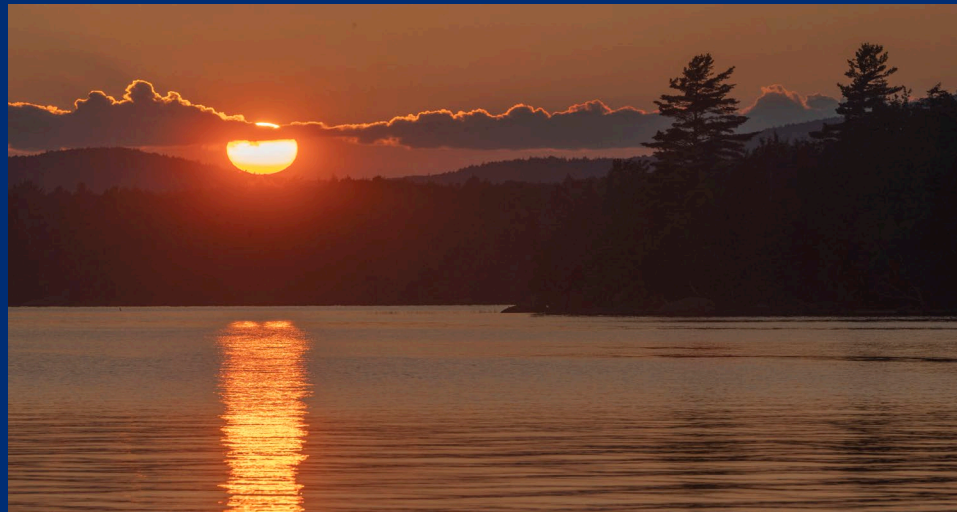
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Campground Location Overview

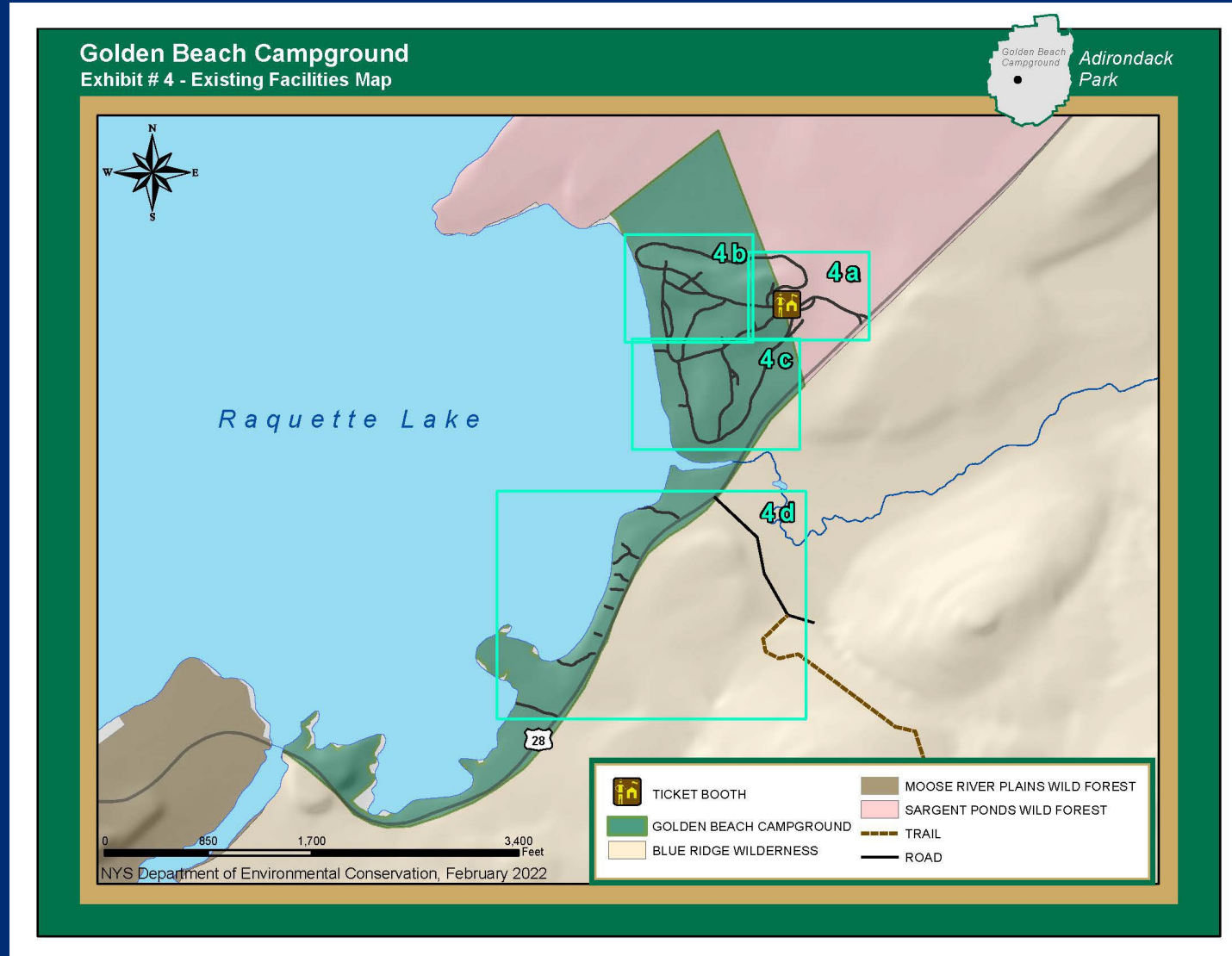
- Hamlet of Raquette Lake, Hamilton County
- Opened in 1931
- 204 Campsites
- Camping capacity: 1,224 persons
- Day use area capacity: 48 persons
- 106-acre Intensive Use Area
- ~50 acres Developed
- On the shores of the 5,935-acre Raquette Lake



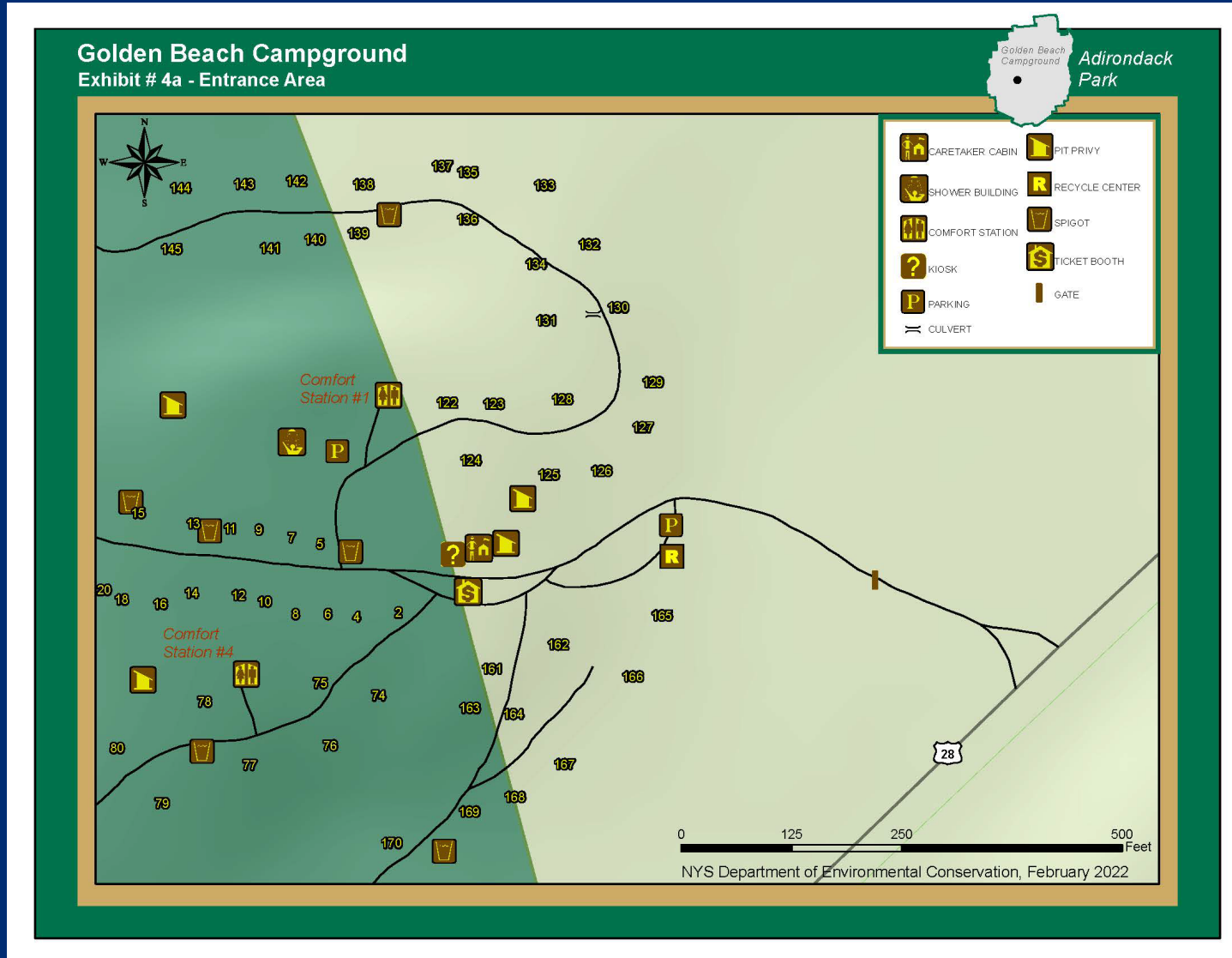
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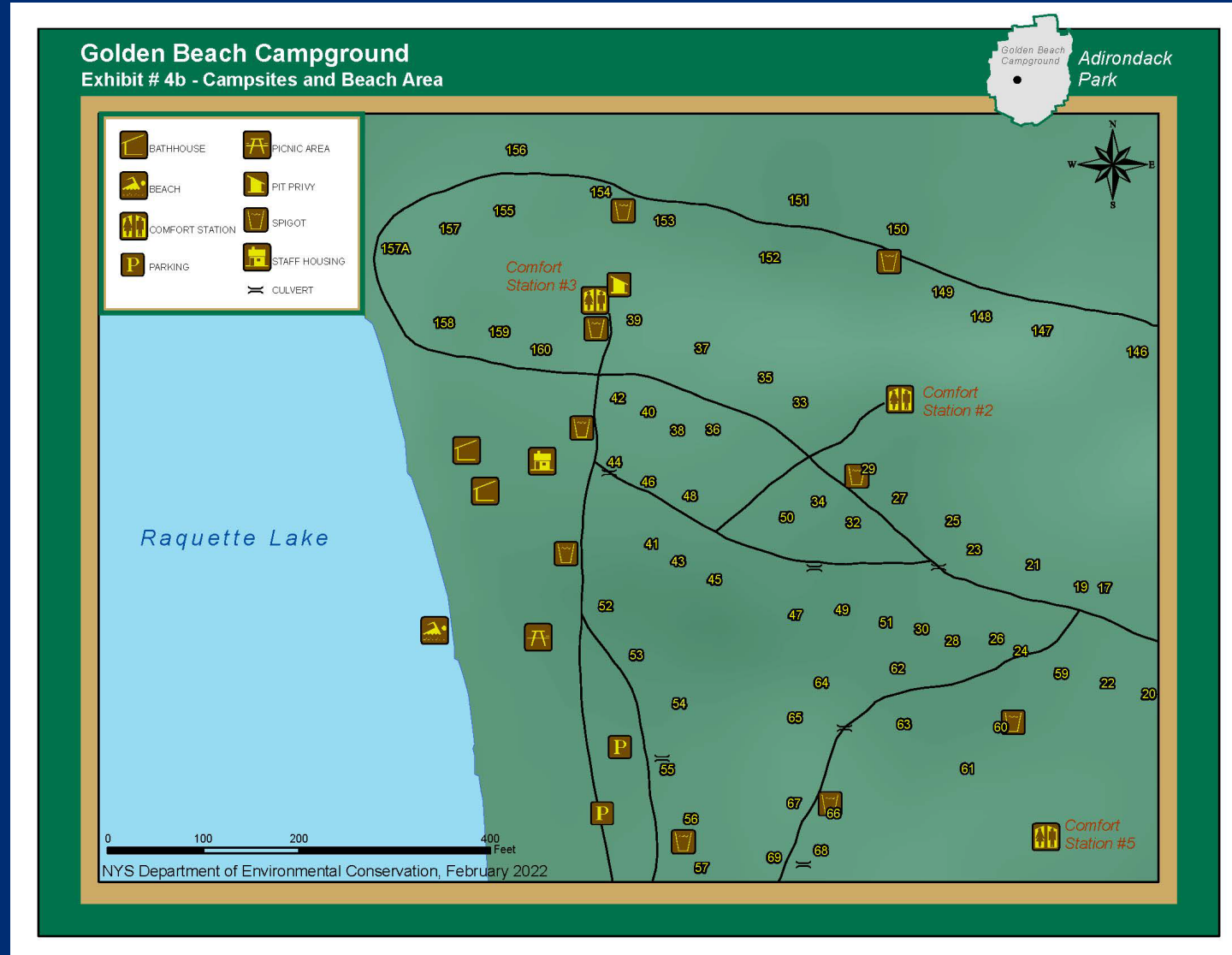
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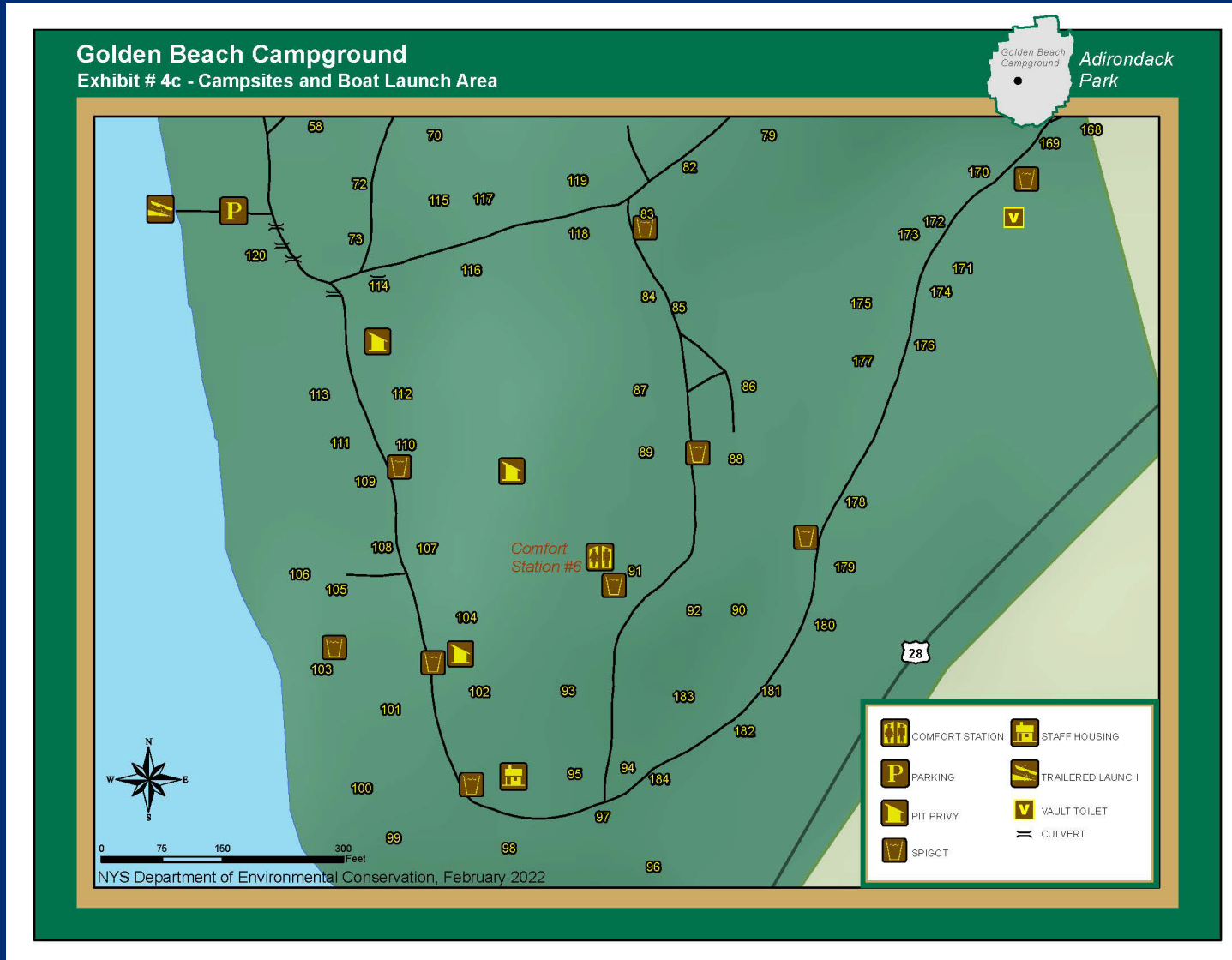
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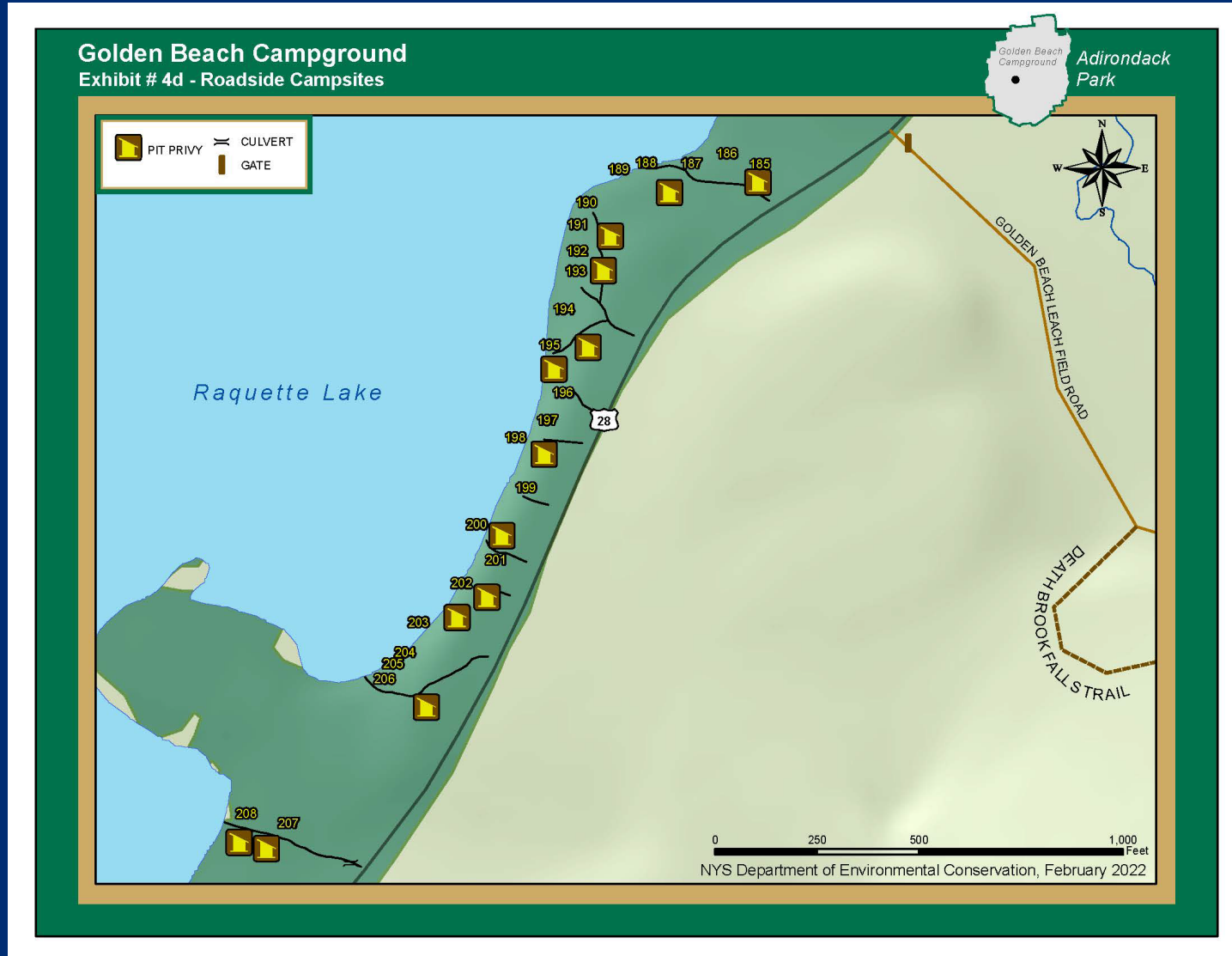
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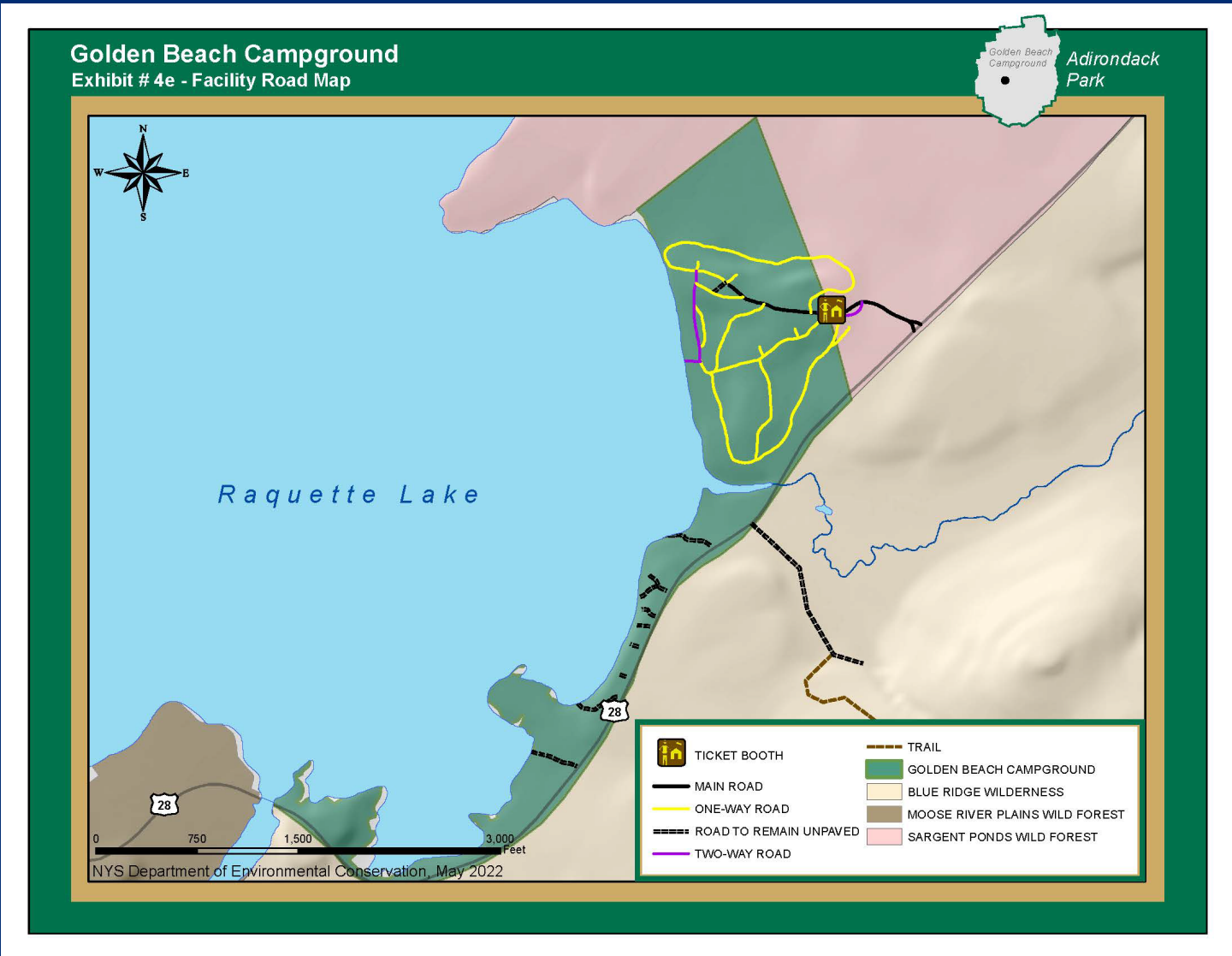
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Golden Beach Attendance & Revenue

Five-Year Revenue Totals for Golden Beach					
Year	Camping	Day Use	Ice	Firewood	Total
2021	\$209,525	\$3,734	\$9,250	\$8,826	\$231,335
2020	\$162,465	\$3,716	\$6,870	\$0*	\$173,051
2019	\$188,105	\$2,982	\$9,277	\$8,565	\$208,929
2018	\$194,155	\$4,320	\$11,294	\$4,094	\$213,863
2017	\$191,220	\$1,262	\$8,072	\$4,364	\$204,918
Avg	\$189,094	\$3,202	\$8,952	\$6,462	\$206,419

Golden Beach Attendance			
Year	Camping	Day Use	Total
2021	33,276	1,632	33,977
2020	29,571	1,505	31,076
2019	27,122	1,186	28,308
2018	31,501	1,796	33,297
2017	27,849	682	28,531
Avg	29,864	1,360	31,038



Golden Beach Attendance & Revenue

- Overall site utilization rate 46%
 - Weekend 56%
 - Range 1% - 87%
- Average Length of stay: 4.3 nights
- Camper Satisfaction Rate of 95%
- Occupancy rate of 25%
(Actual occupancy x total sites rented)
- 87% NYS residents
- Most NYS campers from Capital District, Central New York/Mohawk Valley, Western New York area



Golden Beach Invasive Species

Garlic Mustard:

- 1,238 plants were mapped and removed from 21 sites and the bathroom near site 119

Bush honeysuckle:

- Widespread throughout facility

Reed canary grass:

- Between sites 182 and 184

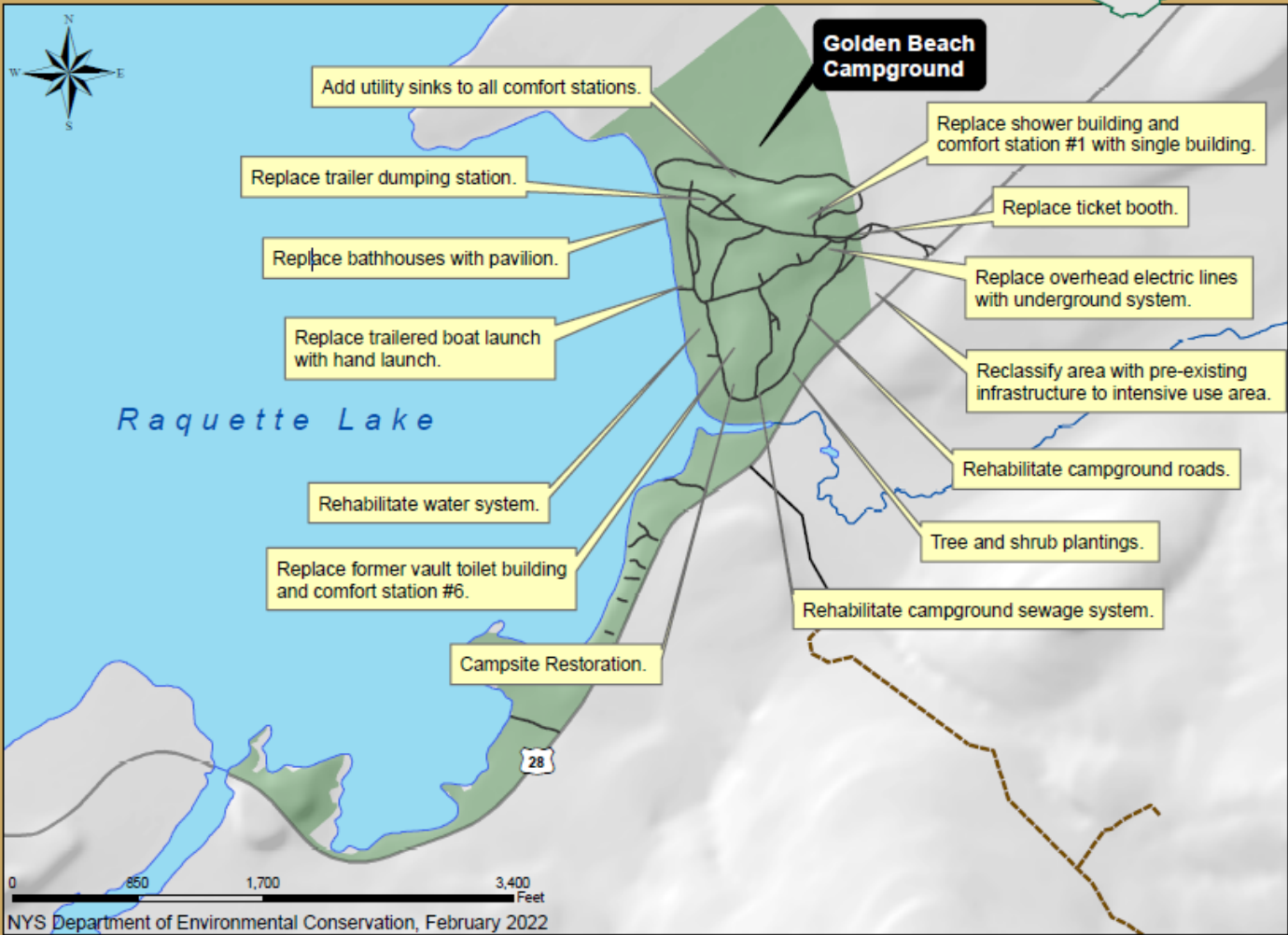
Variable leaf milfoil



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Golden Beach Campground

Exhibit # 12 - Proposed Management Actions Map



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Golden Beach Public Campground Mgt. Actions



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Proposed Management Actions

Replace former vault toilet building and restroom #6

Proposal:

- Replace the two buildings with new restrooms which include:
 1. Showers
 2. Wash sinks for dishes/gray water disposal
 3. ADA accessibility
- Associated wastewater treatment systems will be evaluated



Vault Toilet Building #7



Restroom #6



Restroom with Shower

Proposed Management Actions

Replace shower building and restroom #1 with a single building

Proposal:

- Replace the two buildings with a new restroom which will include:
 1. Showers
 2. A wash sink for dishes/gray water disposal
 3. ADA accessibility (including parking)

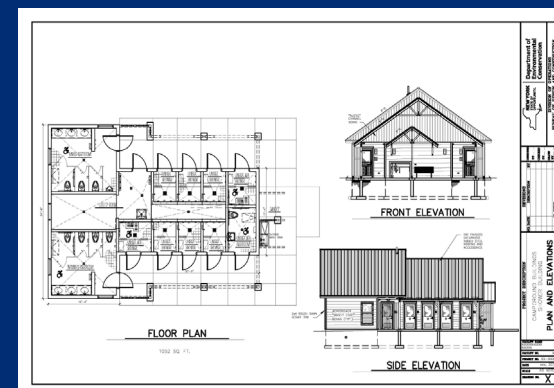
- Associated wastewater treatment system will be evaluated as well



Shower Building



Restroom #1



Proposed Management Actions

Replace bathhouses with a pavilion

Proposal:

- This management action proposes to demolish both bathhouses and construct a pavilion in the same location which will:
 1. Have views of Raquette Lake, and the natural sand beach
 2. Be constructed to meet current accessibility standards



Women's Bathhouse



Men's Bathhouse



Pavilion

Proposed Management Actions

Replace ticket booth

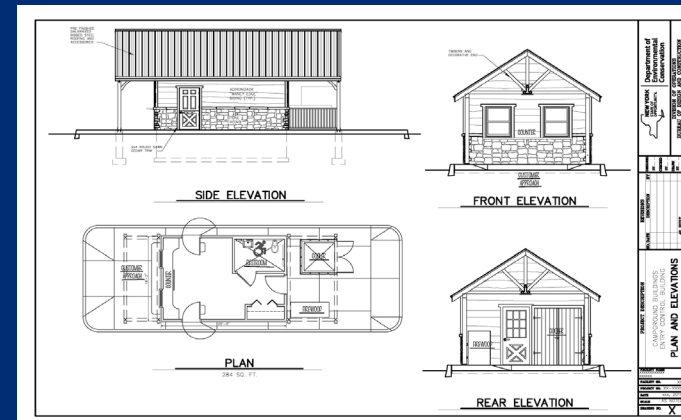
Proposal:

- Construct a new ticket booth in the existing location that will:
 1. Meet current facility needs and accessibility standards
 2. Relieve congestion at the entrance area
 3. Improve customer service
 4. Incorporate space for firewood and ice sales

Current Ticket Booth



New Ticket Booth



Proposed Management Actions

Replace trailered boat launch with hand launch

Proposal:

- Replace current trailered boat launch with a hand launch for canoes and kayaks

This action would:

1. Reduce the amount of environmental disturbance
 2. Improve user safety
 3. Ease access while reducing required maintenance
 4. Be designed to meet current accessibility standards
- Hand launch parking will utilize the existing boat launch parking and may be resurfaced



Trailered Boat Launch

Proposed Management Actions

Replace trailer dump station

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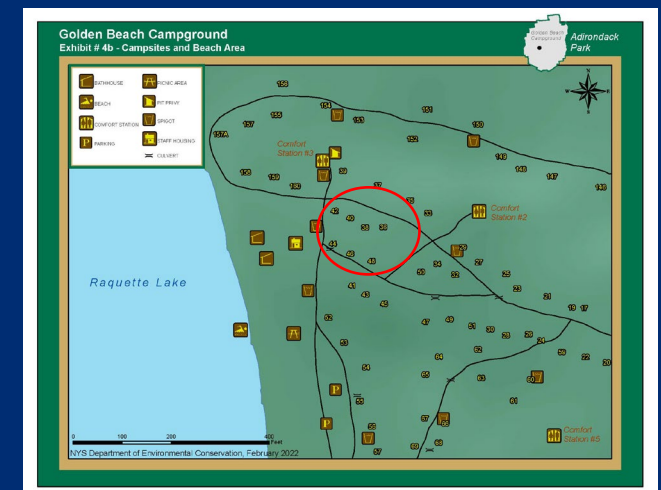
- Replace the existing single-lane trailer dumping station with a two-lane dumping station with an improved septic system near existing campsite #38

This action would:

1. Better accommodate two-way traffic of camping trailers due to location
 2. Meet current accessibility and design standards
 3. Result in the closure or relocation of up to 10 campsites
- Minimal tree clearing (proposed location has already been impacted by camping use)



Existing Trailer Dumping Station



Proposed Management Actions

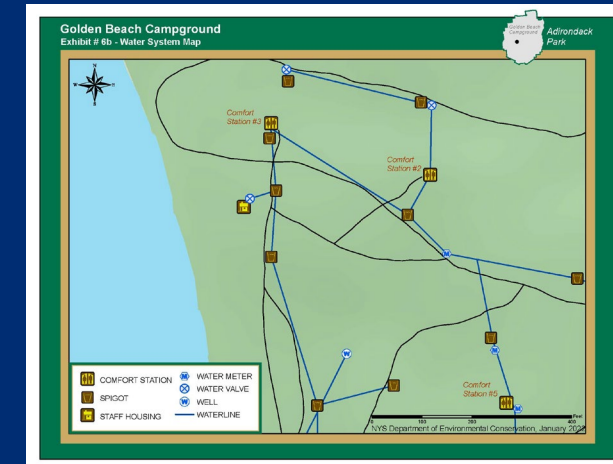
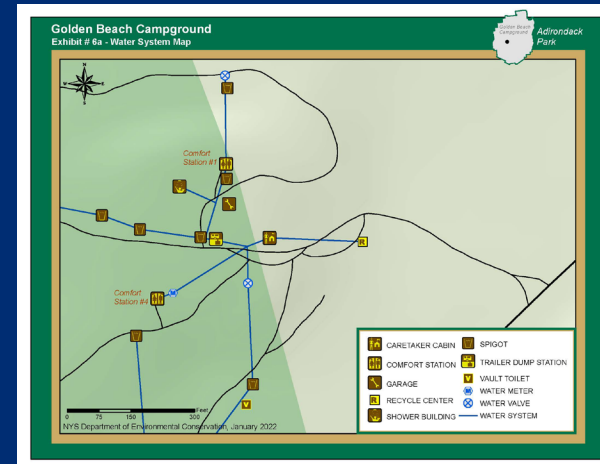
Rehabilitate water system

Current condition:

- Staff rely on one system to meet all campground and camper needs
- Storage tanks are new
- Waterlines and other system components are old, in poor condition and should be replaced

Proposal:

- Rehabilitate the existing water system to meet current design standards and Department of Health codes
- Install additional water spigots as necessary to meet health codes and current accessibility standards



Proposed Management Actions

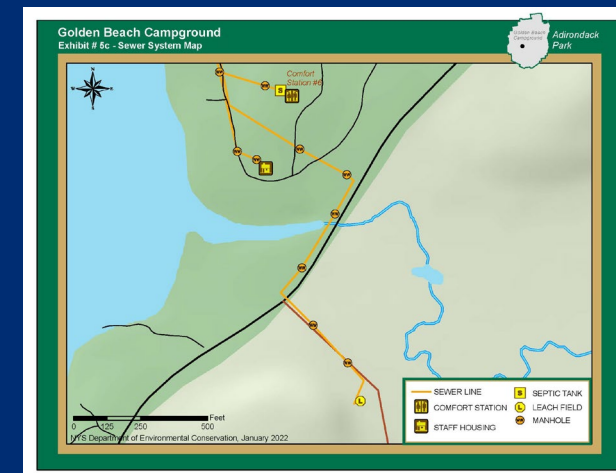
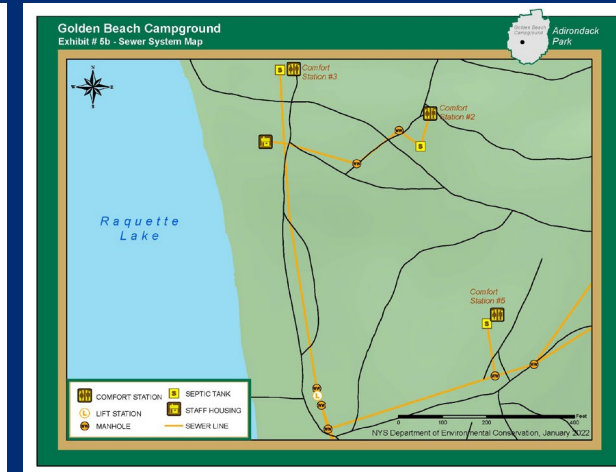
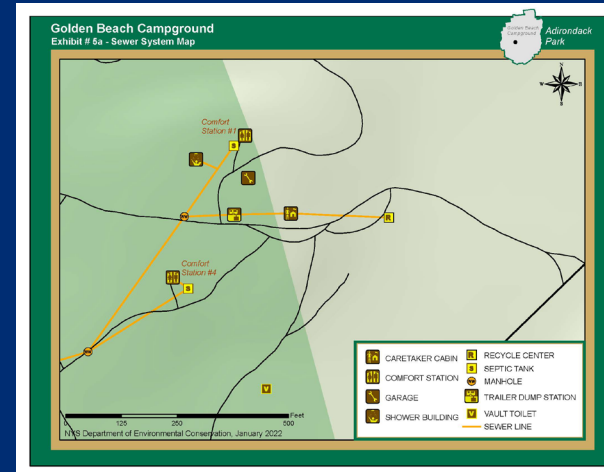
Rehabilitate campground sewage system

Current condition:

- Constructed in the 1960's

Proposal:

- Rehabilitate 1.2 mi line and associated sewage system to meet current standards
- Due to logistics and proximity to both the water distribution system and road network, this project may be done in conjunction with those rehabilitation projects



Proposed Management Actions

Replace overhead lines with underground system

Current condition:

- There are 1.1 mile of overhead power lines running through the facility
- Both the water and sewer systems require electric power for pumps to operate
- The lines are in constant need of maintenance and have required emergency repairs resulting in the power being off in the facility for extended periods

Proposal:

- Bury the overhead power lines
- Move pole transformers to a ground pad location

Proposed Management Actions

Reclassify areas with existing infrastructure to intensive use

Current condition:

- Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan has a classification error around the entrance to the campground
- As a result, access to and parts of the pre-existing campground were classified as Wild Forest

A correction is needed to accurately delineate the Intensive Use Area to include:

- All pre-existing infrastructure, campsites, registration booth, and caretaker's cabin
- The Golden Beach Campground septic system, which is within the borders of the Blue Ridge Wilderness
- This reclassification will allow for the continued maintenance and operation of existing infrastructure

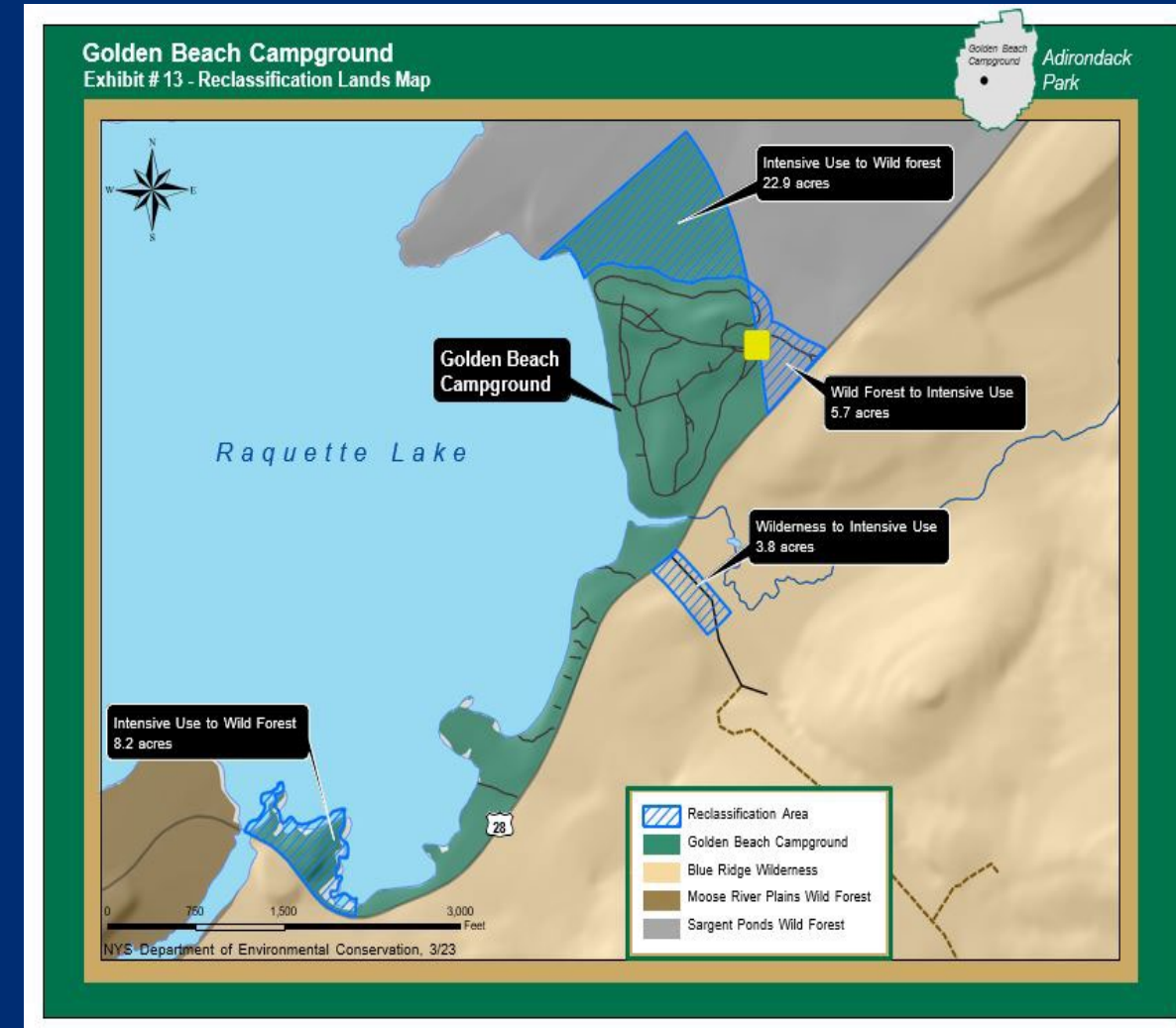


Proposed Management Actions

Reclassify areas with existing infrastructure to intensive use

Proposal:

- Reclassification of the aforementioned areas would result in:
 1. Approximately 5.7 acres of Sargent Pond Wild Forest being classified as part of the Golden Beach Intensive Use Area
 2. Approximately 3.8 acres of the Blue Ridge Wilderness being classified as part of the Golden Beach Intensive Use Area
 3. 31.1 acres of the Golden Beach IUA being classified as Wild Forest as depicted in Exhibit 13





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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



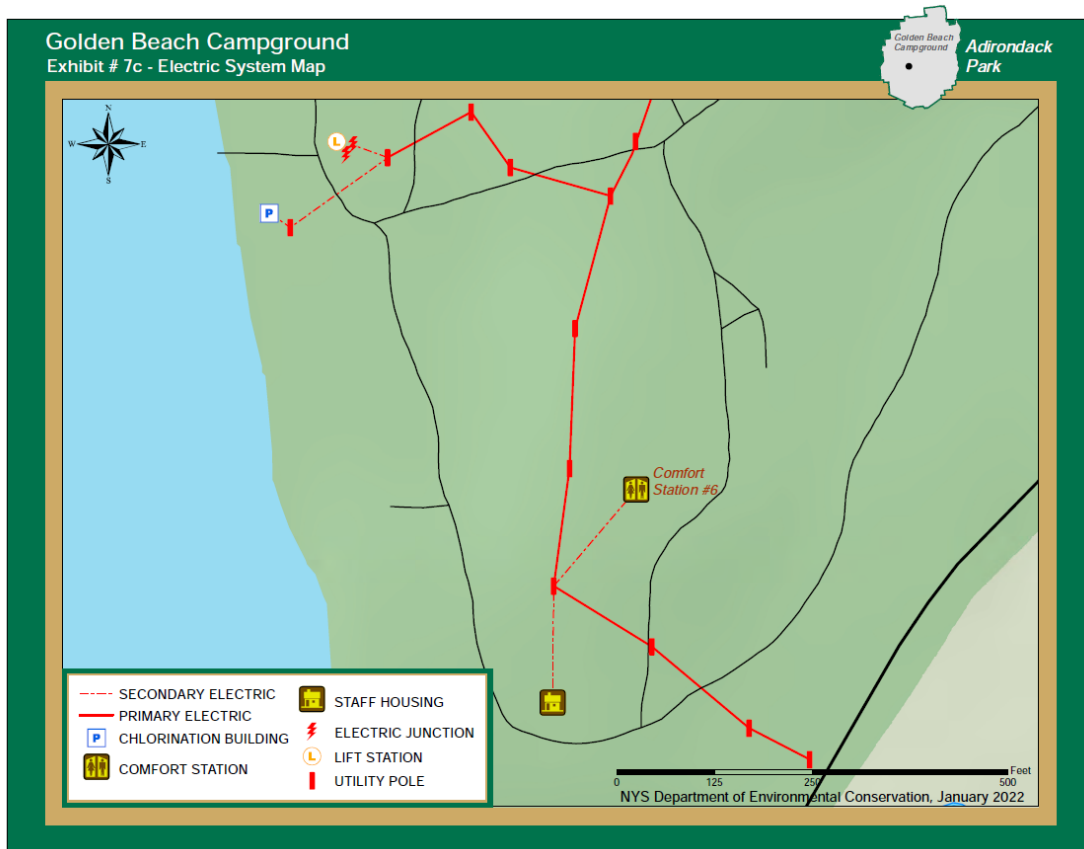
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DEC & APA Joint Public Comment Period

DEC and APA will be accepting comments until **September 18, 2023** regarding the public drafts of Rollins Pond and Golden Beach Public Campground UMPs.

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