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Date Issued: September 10, 2025

In the Matter of the Application of

NEW LAND TRUST, INC. & SARANAC SPIRIT GROUND Permittees

for a permit pursuant to § 809 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act

To the County Clerk: Please index this permit in the grantor index under the following name(s):

- 1. New Land Trust, Inc.
- 2. Saranac Spirit Ground

## **SUMMARY AND AUTHORIZATION**

This permit authorizes a subdivision by lease and a new cemetery in an area classified Resource Management on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map in the Town of Saranac, Clinton County.

This authorization shall expire unless recorded in the Clinton County Clerk's Office within 60 days of issuance of a signed and notarized permit. The signed and notarized permit shall be recorded in the names of all persons listed above and in the names of all owners of record of any portion of the project site on the recordation date.

The project shall not be undertaken or continued unless the project authorized herein is in existence within five years of the date the permit is recorded in the County Clerk's Office. The Agency will consider the project in existence when the subdivision by lease has been executed.

The project shall be undertaken in compliance with all conditions stated herein. Failure to comply with this permit is a violation and may subject the permittee, successors, and assigns to civil penalties and other legal proceedings.

This permit does not convey any right to trespass upon the lands or interfere with the riparian rights of others in order to undertake the authorized project, nor does it authorize the impairment of any easement, right, title or interest in real or personal property.

Nothing contained in this permit shall be construed to satisfy any legal obligations of the permittee to comply with all applicable laws and regulations or to obtain any governmental approval or permit from any entity other than the Agency, whether federal, State, regional, or local.

## **PROJECT SITE**

The project site is a 281.5±-acre parcel of land located on Plumadore Road in the Town of Saranac, Clinton County, in an area classified Resource Management on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map. The site is identified as Tax Map Section 225, Block 1, Parcel 4.3, and is described in a deed from Fred Saur, Joseph Licari, Wendy Licari, Judy Williams, Michael Bender, and Harold Moore to the New Land Trust, Inc., dated December 8, 1993 and recorded April 21, 1994 in the Clinton County Clerk's Office at Book 912, Page 334.

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project as conditionally approved herein involves establishment of a new green cemetery for natural burials without embalming chemicals using biodegradable caskets or shrouds. The 3.39±-acre cemetery area will be leased to Saranac Spirit Ground by the New Land Trust, Inc. No new land use or development is proposed on the remaining 278.11± acres.

The project is shown on a map titled "Proposed Burial Grounds 3.39 acres," dated June 29, 2025, and received by the Agency on July 15, 2025 (Site Plan).

A reduced-scale copy of the Site Plan is attached as a part of this permit for reference.

# **AGENCY JURISDICTION**

Pursuant to Section 809(2)(a) of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, a permit is required from the Adirondack Park Agency prior to the establishment of any cemetary on Resource Management lands in the Adirondack Park.

Pursuant to Section 809(2)(a) of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, a permit is required from the Adirondack Park Agency prior to any subdivision (including a subdivision by lease) in a Resource Management land use area in the Adirondack Park.

#### **CONDITIONS**

#### THE PROJECT IS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- 1. The project shall not be undertaken until this permit has been recorded in the Clinton County Clerk's Office.
- 2. This permit is binding on the permittee, all present and future owners or lessees of the project site, and all persons undertaking all or a portion of the project, for as long as the cemetery use continues on the site. Copies of this permit and the Site Plan shall be furnished by the permittee to all subsequent owners or lessees of the project site prior to sale or lease, and by the permittee and/or any subsequent owner or lessee to all persons undertaking any development activities authorized herein.
- 3. In addition to complying with all terms and conditions of this permit, all future activities on the project site shall be undertaken in compliance with the requirements of New

- York State's Adirondack Park Agency Act, Freshwater Wetlands Act, and the Adirondack Park Agency's implementing regulations [9 NYCRR §§ 570-588].
- 4. All deeds conveying all or a portion of the lands subject to this permit shall contain references to this permit as follows: "The lands conveyed are subject to Adirondack Park Agency Permit 2024-0340, issued September 10, 2025, the conditions of which are binding upon the heirs, successors and assigns of the grantors and all subsequent grantees."
- 5. This permit authorizes the establishment of a new cemetery in the location shown on the Site Plan. Any change to the location, dimensions, or other aspect of the cemetery shall require prior written Agency authorization.
- 6. Subject to the conditions stated herein, this permit authorizes a two-lot subdivision by lease as depicted on the Site Plan. Any subdivision not depicted on the Site Plan shall require a new or amended permit.
- 7. Pursuant to Section 809(2)(a) of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the construction of any dwelling or other principal building on the project site shall require a new or amended permit.
- 8. When brought from off-site, all equipment, including but not limited to trucks, excavators, tractors, etc., and hand excavation tools such as shovels, rakes, and picks, to be used on the project site shall be clean and free of soil, mud, or other similar material. If washed on the project site, equipment shall be washed in one location to prevent the distribution of propagules among different wash sites.
- All signs associated with the cemetery on the project site shall comply with the Agency's "Standards for Signs Associated with Projects" [9 NYCRR Part 570, Appendix Q-3].
- 10. The undertaking of any activity involving wetlands shall require a new or amended permit.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Agency has considered all statutory and regulatory criteria for project approval set forth in the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Freshwater Wetlands Act and 9 NYCRR Part 578, and 9 NYCRR Part 574. The Agency hereby finds that the project authorized as conditioned herein:

- a. will be consistent with the land use and development plan;
- b. will be compatible with the character description and purposes, policies, and objectives of the Resource Management land use area;
- c. will be consistent with the overall intensity guidelines for the Resource Management land use area;
- d. will comply with the shoreline restrictions of § 806 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act; and
- e. will not have an undue adverse impact upon the natural, scenic, aesthetic, ecological, wildlife, historic, recreational or open space resources of the Park or upon the ability of the public to provide supporting facilities and services made necessary by the project.

PERMIT issued this loth day of Soptember, 2025.

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

John M. Burth

Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ESSEX

On the of day of September in the year 2025, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared John M. Burth, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their capacity, and that by their signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

STEPHANIE PETITH
Notary Public, State of New York
Reg. No. 01PE6279890
Qualified in Essex County
Commission Expires April 15, 20

Notary Public

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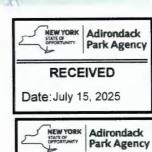
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