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Lincoln Pond Campground Overview

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Lincoln Pond Management Actions

Construct 6-unit shower building.

Construct recycling building.

Pave main parking lot adjacent to Day-Use Area and 1.0 miles of road.

Construct new restroom.

Replace existing water system.

Rehabilitate existing sewage system.

Replace trailer dump station.

Tree and shrub plantings at specific sites.

Construction of boat wash.

Campsite Restoration.



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Lincoln Pond Campground Response to Comments

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Lincoln Pond Introduction

DEC held a public comment period from August 15 - September 15, 2025. During that time, 6 written comments and 7 survey responses were received for the Lincoln Pond Campground and Day-Use Area Unit Management Plan (UMP). Submission numbers can not be viewed as discrete individuals or weighed purely on numerical majority. Members of the public were not limited to one form of comment or from submitting multiple responses. In addition, some comments were submitted on behalf of organizations or user groups representing several members. All comments regardless of type have been reviewed and considered as the final UMP is prepared. In review, six common themes emerged. DEC's responses are grouped by each theme below.

Some comments overlapped with Luzerne Campground. The comments that overlapped will be discussed at the end of the presentation, after the individual discussions about Lincoln Pond and Luzerne Campgrounds.

Public comments regarding vehicle access to the northern boat launch:

DEC received one comment regarding the poor condition of the northern boat launch, which makes it difficult for vehicles to put boats in properly.

DEC Response:

DEC has amended the management action for the construction of a boat wash, which will now include the resurfacing of the northern boat launch.

Resurfacing of the northern launch will decrease shoreline impacts to the local environment of the pond. The desired conditions for this amended management action are to provide a safer, more durable launch for users, as well as to control erosion/sedimentation and any additional shoreline vegetation impacts. The parking and driving surfaces outside the water's edge will be resurfaced as part of this project. No improvements are being proposed on the pond bottom. With the launch area more formally defined, it will ensure impacts associated with the paved launch are contained entirely to the designated launch itself and do not permeate into adjacent areas.

Lincoln Pond Northern Launch



Public comments regarding the southern boat launch:

One comment adds that due to non-compliance with the SLMP as well as acreage limitations, the southern boat launch at Lincoln Pond campground should be eliminated and replaced with a hand launch. The comment also questions the thresholds set in the original UMP of a doubling of motorized boats, noting that the threshold should be reduced as it does not adequately protect the waterbody from overuse. This comment also questions the threshold of monitoring for invasive species, noting that it does not provide an adequate answer for management if a new invasive species is encountered.

DEC Response:

Regarding the southern boat launch, the designation of a trailered launch in the Intensive Use Area will be retained, and the launch will be folded into the campground-wide paving project. While Lincoln Pond is one impoundment, due to the causeway, the pond functionally exists as two independent waterbodies. This launch is currently the only publicly available launch for the southern portion of Lincoln Pond, and a mix of campground patrons and residents seeking access to private property use the launch regularly. Retaining and monitoring this launch will better allow for the management of erosion and invasive species monitoring. Discontinuing this launch will encourage private camps to create new independent launches which could introduce more shoreline erosion and invasive species into the lake.

Public comments regarding the southern boat launch: (cont.)

DEC Response: (cont.)

DEC developed revised desired conditions, indicators, and thresholds using the Visitor Use Management (VUM) framework in cooperation with the Agency to further address the public comments received and has added those items into the final draft. These items are intended to uphold the APSLMP requirement that boat launches located on waterbodies under approximately 1,000 acres in size will be “periodically reviewed” for potential conversion to hand launch sites. DEC is satisfied that the current condition of Lincoln Pond is consistent with the desired condition for this waterbody, and using the VUM framework as outlined in the plan will assure that the condition of Lincoln Pond is protected and its capacity to support visitor use is not exceeded.

The threshold for invasive species has been updated to allow for the potential to take action if a new invasive species is encountered, rather than just providing for monitoring.

In addition, signage will be added at the new boat launching area to promote Clean, Drain, Dry messaging and notify users that boat decontamination is necessary to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species to the lake.

DEC staff will continue to educate and provide guidance to the public on this important effort.

Lincoln Pond Southern Launch



Public comments regarding the planting of trees and shrubs:

DEC received a comment supporting the UMP's proposal to plant native trees and shrubs at sites 1-15, as well as continuing to support DEC Rehabilitation efforts to update sites and bring them to modern construction / layouts.

DEC Response:

DEC plans to continue its sustained efforts to plant native trees and shrubs as part of the rehabilitation program. In addition, efforts to decrease mowing and install pollinator gardens are being evaluated in many Campground and Day Use Areas as part DEC's sustainability efforts.

Lincoln Pond Management Action Changes

Pave Main Parking Lot Adjacent to Day-Use Area and Road:

This paving project will also include the southern boat launch, as well as the northern launch as a way to control erosion. No improvements are proposed outside of the shoreline of the pond.

Construction of a Boat Wash Station:

As part of this project, the parking lot will be paved and the launch resurfaced to ensure that erosion, runoff, and degradation of the surrounding area are controlled. Tree and shrub plantings will also be placed around the northern launch to control erosion and ensure that the shoreline remains stable. No improvements are proposed outside of the shoreline of the pond.

Indicators & Thresholds:

The southern launch will now be included in the surveying, as campground staff will provide a tally of boats and their size / number of party members coming into the campground. The management action also now allows for the mechanisms to exist to take action on invasive species management if deemed necessary.



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Luzerne Campground Management Actions

Replace Restrooms #00, #1, #8, #9, and #10

Rehabilitate Campground Roads

Rehabilitate Kiosks, Trails, and Barn in the Equestrian Area

Rehabilitate Water System

Replace Overhead Lines with Underground System

Add Utility Sinks to All Restrooms

Tree and Shrub Plantings

Remove Boat Launch Northeast of Day Use Area

Remove Volleyball Court and replace with Playground and Pavilion

Bridge Reconstruction

Campsite Restoration

No changes have been made to this UMP based on received comments.



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Luzerne Campground Response to Comments

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Luzerne Introduction

DEC held a public comment period from August 15 - September 15, 2025. During that time, 2 written comments and 3 survey responses were received for Luzerne Campground and Day-Use Area Unit Management Plans (UMP). Submission numbers can not be viewed as discrete individuals or weighed purely on numerical majority. Members of the public were not limited to one form of comment or from submitting multiple responses. In addition, some comments were submitted on behalf of organizations or user groups representing several members. All comments regardless of type will be reviewed and considered as the final UMP is prepared. In review, several common themes emerged. DEC's responses are grouped by each theme below.

Some comments overlapped with Lincoln Pond Campground. The comments that overlapped will be discussed at the end of the presentation, after the individual discussions about Lincoln Pond and Luzerne Campgrounds.

Public comments regarding invasive species monitoring and waterbody impacts:

The threat of invasive species, both aquatic and terrestrial were noted. Requests for access to boat washing stations, signage, and enhanced mitigation efforts are some of the issues related to aquatic invasive species voiced by the public.

DEC Response:

DEC currently has no plans to include a boat wash at this facility. While the threat of invasive species does exist, they are monitored consistently throughout the year and mitigated when necessary. Motorboats, the primary vector of aquatic invasive species, are also not allowed at Fourth Lake, and will continue to not be allowed at Fourth Lake. DEC has no plans to allow the use of motorboats in the future at this facility.

DEC's designation of sites for decontamination stations is dependent upon the presence of small-bodied AIS and boater traffic patterns. The risk of AIS introduction and spread at Fourth Lake will be reviewed for future contracts.

In addition, signage will be added at the new boat launching area to promote Clean, Drain, Dry messaging and notify users that boat decontamination is necessary to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species to the lake.

DEC currently contracts with the Adirondack Watershed Institute to provide boat inspection and decontamination services for aquatic invasive species at numerous locations throughout the Adirondack Park. Mitigation efforts, if needed, are expected if the size and scale of the invasives are deemed necessary for mitigation.

Luzerne Boat Launch



Public comments regarding the planting of trees and shrubs:

DEC received a comment supporting the UMP's proposal to plant native trees and shrubs throughout the campground, as well as in the Field of Dreams area as part of a rewilding effort.

DEC Response:

DEC plans to continue its sustained efforts to plant native trees and shrubs as part of the rehabilitation program. In addition, efforts to decrease mowing and install pollinator gardens are being evaluated in many Campground and Day Use Areas as part of DEC's sustainability efforts.



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Overlapping Comments for Lincoln Pond and Luzerne Campgrounds

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Public comments regarding the composting of food waste:

One comment advocated for the recycling center to include a means of collecting food waste separate from regular solid waste, to allow the transportation of food waste to a compost facility.

DEC Response:

Composting at DEC Campground facilities is on a facility-by-facility basis. Currently, only one campground facility has a contract for composting. Proximity to a permitted composting facility, hauling services and seasonality of the waste stream have been some of the impediments to wider implementation of a composting program at all DEC campground facilities. If in the future these challenges are overcome at Lincoln Pond or Luzerne Campgrounds, DEC believes the infrastructure proposed in the UMP management plan will accommodate the inclusion of a compost program.

Public comments regarding the addition of EV Charging Stations:

Lincoln Pond & Luzerne Campgrounds should add an EV charger to the facility with the underground electric replacement.

DEC Response:

At this time, DEC has not established Lincoln Pond or Luzerne Campground as priorities for public-facing EV chargers.

Public comments regarding the resurfacing of campground roads:

Two comments were received related to potential impacts of the proposed paving and resurfacing at Lincoln Pond Campground, and one at Luzerne Campground. More specifically, comments questioned the overall need for resurfacing, negative impacts from the paving such as the potential for an increase in speeding, runoff, and increased light / heat reflectivity and suitability of alternative types of material that could be used for campground roads.

DEC Response:

DEC's Goal with roadway rehabilitation is to minimize environmental impacts, provide for user safety, and efficiently operate the facility. Much of the road system rehabilitation will be within the existing footprint or within the existing impacted road shoulders, requiring little additional vegetative clearing and limited topographic alterations. This will also assist with addressing stormwater management through road crowning to maintain sheet flow to appropriate sites to avoid resource impacts, adding check dams where needed to existing cross drainage, providing adequate road and shoulder surface to limit adjacent soil compaction, supplying permeable granular shoulders, adding vegetation, and continuing shoreline stabilization.

Public comments regarding the resurfacing of campground roads: (cont.)

DEC Response: (cont.)

Additionally, widening the road will occur in areas identified as the greatest concern to user safety. Widening the road will allow for two-way travel at the most congested area of the roadway. Traffic speed limits will continue to be enforced by campground staff and signage and there is not expected to be any increase in speeding as a result of campground road rehabilitation. Paving the facility with asphalt, which meets ADA standards for surface stability will further DEC's obligations for patron access to amenities under the ADA.

When reviewing alternative material for road resurfacing, asphalt has been chosen as the preferred alternative. Loose aggregate surfaces such as gravel, stone dust or tailings are considered impervious surfaces in terms of storm water pollution prevention, the same as asphalt. Although some asphalt alternatives can meet accessibility standards initially, many have proven too costly to maintain to an accessible surface standard. In addition, it has been DEC's experience that asphalt alternatives result in higher rates of erosion/sedimentation, dust and surface degradation under intensive use are campground roadway use patterns especially when coupled with the hilly topography of a facility like Lincoln Pond. Loose aggregate mixes have proven to be much more suitable as an alternative to asphalt in trail applications when applied in appropriate settings when site constraints and use patterns, such as vehicle weight, topography and number/type of users are controlled for.



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