NEW YORK STATE | Adirondack Park Agency

PERMIT WRITING FORM – P2026-0202

Assigned EPS: A Ziemann Reviewed by: Click or tap here to enter text.Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

APPLICANT

Project Sponsor(s): Lyme Timber Company
Landowner(s): Lyme Adirondack Timberlands II, LLC
Authorized Representative: Sean Ross

PROJECT SITE

Town/Village: Arietta County: Hamilton
Road and/or Water Body: Jessup River Road; Internal Company Roads
Tax Map #(s): 103.000-1-44.100
Deed Ref: book 237, page 832
Land Use Area(s): ☐H ☐MIU ☐LIU ☐RU ☒RM ☐IU
Project Site Size: 496± acres
☐Same as Tax Map #(s) identified above
☐Only the ☐H ☐MIU ☐LIU ☐RU ☐RM ☐IU portion of the Tax Map #(s) identified above
☒Other (describe):496± acre portion of a 3,157-acre parcel
Lawfully Created? ☒Y ☐N ☐Pre-existing subdivision: Click or tap here to enter text.
River Area: ☐Y ☒N If Yes: ☐Wild - ☐Scenic - ☐Recreational Name of River: Click or tap here to enter text.
CEAs (include all): ☒Wetland - ☐Fed Hwy - ☐State Hwy - ☐State Land - ☐Elevation - ☐Study River

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Timber harvest of 496 acres, consisting of the overstory removal phase of a shelterwood treatment, to release an existing vigorously growing young stand of northern hardwoods. The property is subject to a NYS DEC Sustainable Forestry Conservation Easement and is certified to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) third party monitoring programs.

JURISDICTION (including legal citation)

810(1)(e)(11); Timber harvesting that includes a proposed clearcutting of any single unit of land of more than twenty-five acres

PRIOR PERMITS / SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS BEING SUPERSEDED

Click or tap here to enter text.

FINDINGS OF FACT – ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

LAKES, PONDS, NAVIGABLE RIVERS & STREAMS **Check if none ☒**

Water Body Name:	Click or tap here to enter text.	
Length of Existing Shoreline (feet):	Click or tap here to enter text.	MHWM determ.: ☐Y ☐N
Minimum Lot Width:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Meets standard: ☐Y ☐N
Structure Setback (APA Act):	Click or tap here to enter text.	Meets standard: ☐Y ☐N

Structure Setback (River Regs): Click or tap here to enter text. Meets standard: ☐Y ☐N

☐Y ☐N Cutting proposed within 6 ft of MHWM? If Yes, < 30% vegetation? ☐Y ☐N

☐Y ☐N Cutting proposed within 35 ft of MHWM? If Yes, < 30% trees 6" dbh? ☐Y ☐N

☐Y ☐N Cutting proposed within 100 ft of river area? (If Yes, include under jurisdiction)

Non-Navigable Streams in proximity to development **Check if none** ☐

☒Permanent Stream ☒Intermittent Stream Classified? ☒Y ☐N

DEC Environmental Resource Mapper stream classification: Big Brook is C(t)

Wetlands

☒Y ☐N Jurisdictional wetland on property, or

☐Y ☒N Wetlands are a basis of development jurisdiction ☐ *If Yes, RASS biologist consulted*

→ If Y, covertype: Click or tap here to enter text.

→ If Y, value rating: Click or tap here to enter text.

☐Y ☒N Draining, dredging, excavation of wetland

Area of wetland loss: Click or tap here to enter text. Permanent? ☐Y ☐N

☐Y ☒N Fill/structure in wetlands

Fill/structure area: Click or tap here to enter text.

☐Y ☒N Shading of wetland

Area of shading: Click or tap here to enter text.

☐Y ☒N Clearcutting >3 acres of wetland **RASS forester consulted*

Clearcut area: Click or tap here to enter text.

☐Y ☒N Untreated stormwater discharge into wetland

☐Y ☒N Pollution discharge into wetland

Pollution type: Click or tap here to enter text.

☐Y ☒N Pesticide/Herbicide application in wetland

Pollution type: Click or tap here to enter text.

☐Y ☒N OSWTS within 100 feet of a wetland

Distance to Wetland: Click or tap here to enter text.

Ecological / Wildlife

☒Y ☐N Natural Heritage Sites/listed species or habitat present, including bat

☒Y ☐N Forest management plan existing or proposed ☒ *If Yes, RASS forestry analyst consulted*

☐Y ☒N Biological Survey required by RASS Biologist 2 or Supervisor ☐*If Yes, completed*

NY Natural Heritage Program Significant Community: Beech Maple Mesic Forest.

- *"Beech-maple mesic forest communities are closed-canopy hardwood forests with co-dominating sugar maple and American beech."*
- *"This community is widespread throughout Upstate New York … It forms the matrix forest of the Northern Appalachian Ecoregion in the Adirondacks and Tug Hill."*
- *"The largest threat to the integrity of beech-maple mesic forests are activities that fragment the forest into smaller pieces. These activities, such as road building and other development, restrict the movement of species and seeds throughout the entire forest…"*
- *"Management should focus on activities that help maintain regeneration of the species associated with this community."*
- Proposed treatment impacts the age of the stand, but Beech-Maple Mesic Forest will remain

Special Districts
☐Y ☒N Agricultural District

Slopes ☐*RASS engineer consulted if structure proposed on >15%, driveway on >12%, or wwts on >8/15%*
Existing slope range: 0% - 40% Building area(s) if authorizing development: Click or tap here to enter text.

Soils
☐Y ☐N Deep-hole test pit completed? (Necessary for every building lot) *Check if N/A* ☒
☐ If Yes, soil data information determined or approved by RASS soil analyst?
NRCS Mapped Soil Series or Other Comments: Click or tap here to enter text.

Stormwater NA
☐Y ☐N Greater than 1 acre disturbance, or
☐Y ☐N Proposed ground disturbance < 100 feet from wetlands
☐ *If Yes, stormwater management reviewed and approved by RASS engineer*
Setback to wetlands: Click or tap here to enter text.

Character of Area
Nearby (include all): ☐Residential ☐Commercial ☐Industrial ☐Agricultural ☒Forested
Adjoining Land Uses / State Land: Jessup River Wild Forest
Is nearby development visible from road? ☐Y ☒N
→ If Y, name road and describe visible development: Click or tap here to enter text.

Additional Existing Development (ex: dam on site, etc.): Click or tap here to enter text.

***** Attach Individual Lot Development Worksheet (if a subdivision, attach one for each lot)**

FINDINGS OF FACT – COORDINATED REVIEW

☐Y	☒N	Archeologically Sensitive Area, according to OPRHP	☐*If Yes, APA APO / OPRHP consulted*
☐Y	☒N	Structures > 50 years old on or visible from site	☐*If Yes, APA AHPO / OPRHP consulted*
☐Y	☒N	Solar Project > 50 acres requiring ZVI & historic inventory	☐*If Yes, APA AHPO consulted*
☐Y	☒N	Within Lake George Park	☐*If Yes, LGPC consulted / application submitted*
☐Y	☒N	Public water supply	☐*If Yes, DEC / DOH application submitted*
☐Y	☒N	Greater than 1,000 gpd wastewater	☐*If Yes, DEC application submitted*
☐Y	☒N	Disturbing bed or bank of classified/navigable water body	☐*If Yes, DEC application submitted*
☐Y	☒N	Disturbing 300 LF or more of a stream (temp + perm)	☐*If Yes, DEC application submitted*
☐Y	☒N	Disturbing ¼ acre of Corps wetlands (temp + perm)	☐*If Yes, DEC application submitted*
☐Y	☒N	Creating 5 or more lots less than 5 acres each	☐*If Yes, DOH application submitted*
☐Y	☒N	Army Corps involvement *	☐*If Yes, ACOE consulted*
☒Y	☐N	Agency-approved Local Land Use Program	☒*If Yes, Town/Village consulted*

*- Review the Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) thresholds for the Buffalo District and the New York District to help determine if an application (PCN) needs to be submitted to the Corps. Additionally, review the Section 10 waters list to determine if a Section 10 Navigable Waters permit might be required from the Corps.

PERMIT CONDITIONS AND IMPACT ANALYSIS

Merger *Check if N/A* ☒
Justification if merger required: Click or tap here to enter text.

Deed Covenant
Non-building lot being created? ☐ Y ☒N
If Yes and lot is not being merged by condition, no PBs? Or no structures at all? Justification: Click or tap here to enter text.

Easement
Easement proposed or required? ☐Y ☒N
If Y, consult with Legal for conditions. Justification: Click or tap here to enter text.

Construction Location and Size (may be different for each subdivision lot) NA
Is new development (other than oswts) being authorized without further Agency review? ☐Y ☐N
→ If Y: Structure height limit and justification: Click or tap here to enter text.

Structure footprint limit and justification: Click or tap here to enter text.

→ If N:
→ Acceptable development sites identified for all subdivision lots with PB allocation? ☐Y ☐N
→ Review of future development required? ☐Y ☒N
→ If Y, justification: Click or tap here to enter text.

Guest Cottages (if authorizing a dwelling) *Check if N/A* ☒
Proposed and reviewed? ☐Y ☐N
If N, guest cottages potentially allowed? ☐Y ☐N
→ Justification for any conditions: Click or tap here to enter text.

Boathouses (if project site contains shoreline) *Check if N/A* ☒
Proposed and reviewed? ☐Y ☐N
If N, boathouses potentially allowed? ☐Y ☐N
→ If N, justification: Click or tap here to enter text.
→ If Y, review required (beyond definition limits)? ☐Y ☐N
→ If Y, justification: Click or tap here to enter text.

Docks (if project site contains shoreline) *Check if N/A* ☒
Proposed and reviewed? ☐Y ☐N
If N, docks potentially allowed? ☐Y ☐N
→ If N, justification: Click or tap here to enter text.
→ If Y, review required (beyond definition limits)? ☐Y ☐N
→ If Y, justification: Click or tap here to enter text.

Outdoor Lighting (if authorizing development) *Check if N/A* ☒
Plan proposed and reviewed? ☐Y ☐N

Building Color (if authorizing development) *Check if N/A* ☒

If color condition required, justification: Click or tap here to enter text.

Tree Cutting / Vegetation Removal
Town with Northern Long-Eared Bat occurrences? ☐Y ☒N
Indiana Bat habitat indicated on Lookup? ☐Y ☒N

Vegetative cutting restrictions required? ☒Y ☐N
If Y, restrictions required (choose all that apply):
☐within Click or tap here to enter text. feet of limits of clearing
☐within Click or tap here to enter text. feet of road
☐within Click or tap here to enter text. feet of river/lake/etc
☐within Click or tap here to enter text. feet of wetlands
☒Other: Pursuant to Forest Management Plan, Timber Harvest Plan & Timber Harvest Plan Map
OR ☐on entire site outside limits of clearing

Extent of cutting restriction necessary within the area noted above:
☐Cutting of all vegetation prohibited
☐Cutting of trees of Click or tap here to enter text. diameter dbh prohibited
☒Other: Pursuant to Forest Management Plan, Timber Harvest Plan and Timber Harvest Plan Map
Justification: Vegetative cutting will be undertaken in compliance with the approved Timber Harvest Plan, incorporating standards of the Forest Management Plan and NYS Best Management Practices for water quality. The project site is situated within Lyme Adirondack Timberlands 14,379-acre Perkins Clearing Tract, actively managed industrial timberlands. Visibility from offsite publicly accessible locations to the north is possible, but will be mitigated by the presence of an existing young forest following the overstory removal. Further, potential visual impacts will be consistent with the property's greater than 100-year harvest history. The retention of snag and den trees will provide habitat for nesting birds, small mammals and insects. Riparian management zone buffers adjacent to wetlands, waterbodies and vernal pools as described in the Forest Management Plan, will ensure that a minimally disturbed zone for wildlife access is maintained. Potential erosion impacts will be mitigated by application of the NYS Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality. The proposed winter harvest will provide frozen ground conditions to further mitigate potential erosion impacts. Extensive rutting from machinery activity is unlikely given the generally well-drained soils on the project site and avoidance of wetland areas in establishment of the harvest boundary and buffer zones. The stumps of removed trees will remain in place, providing soil retention and runoff protection.

Plantings
Plan proposed and reviewed? ☐Y ☒N
If N, plantings required? ☐Y ☒N
→ If Y, species, number, location, and time of year: Click or tap here to enter text.
Justification: Click or tap here to enter text.

Density (may be different for each subdivision lot)
Located in Town with ALLUP? ☒Y ☐N (If Y, STOP, Town oversees density.)
Authorizing PB on substandard-sized lot created pre-2000 with no permit? ☐Y ☐N
If N and N, list existing PBs, including whether they are pre-existing/year built: Click or tap here to enter text.

Mathematically available # of new PBs (in addition to existing or replacement):
Extinguishing PBs? ☐Y ☒N If Y, number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Wastewater (if authorizing construction of a new PB without further review) *Check if N/A* ☒

Municipal system connection approved?	☐Y ☐N
Community system connection approved by RASS?	☐Y ☐N
Proposed on-site system designed by engineer and approved by RASS?	☐Y ☐N
If N, has RASS field-verified location for conventional standard trench system?	☐Y ☐N
If N, has RASS field-verified location for conventional shallow trench system?	☐Y ☐N
Suitable 100% replacement area confirmed for existing / proposed system?	☐Y ☐N

Consult with RASS for additional conditions.

Stormwater Management (if authorizing development) *Check if N/A* ☒
Consult with RASS for conditions. Condition required if authorizing development within 100 feet of wetlands or greater than 1 acre disturbance; condition possibly required in other circumstances too.
Justification: Click or tap here to enter text.

Erosion and Sediment Control (if authorizing development) *Check if N/A* ☒
Consult with RASS for conditions. Condition required if authorizing development within 100 feet of wetlands or greater than 1 acre disturbance; condition possibly required in other circumstances too.
Justification: Click or tap here to enter text.

Infrastructure Construction (if authorizing development) *Check if N/A* ☒
Construction necessary before lot conveyance: Click or tap here to enter text.
Justification: Click or tap here to enter text.

For permits that will not include conditions related to Building Color, Vegetation Removal, or Plantings
Explain why no condition is needed: No development proposed. Visual impacts of the harvest will be limited by the existing presence of a young forest.

Additional Site / Project-Specific Concerns / Conditions Needed
4. Authorization for the proposal described herein shall only remain valid so long as the permittee maintains a current Forest Stewardship Council or Sustainable Forestry Initiative Certification.

5. This permit authorizes the timber harvest described in the Timber Harvest Plan. Any change to the harvest shall require prior written Agency authorization.

6. The timber harvest shall comply with the standards contained within the Forest Management Plan and the “New York State Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality.” The harvest shall be supervised by a professional forester.

7. Upon completion of the timber harvesting project authorized herein, the permittee shall submit to the Agency a post-harvest assessment form documenting compliance with the Timber Harvest Plan, Forest Management Plan and best management practices.

Justification: The Agency recognizes that compliance with the Forest Stewardship Council and Sustainable Forestry Initiative certification programs requires landowners to meet strict standards for forest management that include assured regeneration of harvested areas, establishment and maintenance of sustainable harvest yields, protection of soils and water resources including establishment of riparian buffers, attention to aesthetic impacts, conservation of biological diversity and protection of species and habitats of concern. The NYS DEC Sustainable Forestry Conservation Easement allows for recreational use by leaseholders, but clearly establishes sustainable forestry as the primary use of the encumbered lands, allowing for compatible private recreation so long as those uses do not interfere with forest management activities.

☒**Y** ☐**N** **Public comments received** **If Yes, #:** 3
☐**Y** ☐**N** **Applicant submitted response** **(notes, if any)** Click or tap here to enter text.