

**Public Comments Received by the Adirondack Park Agency
Concerning the 2024-25 Proposed APSLMP Amendments Package
October 2 – December 2, 2024**

Introduction

The Accessibility Advisory Committee (Committee) is a group of individuals, organizations and representatives of people with disabilities, committed to advancing goals that raise awareness of access for people with disabilities. The Committee was formed to provide assistance, advice and guidance to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) on issues of relevance to persons with disabilities. The Committee promotes the principles of Universal Design to ensure access to services, programs and activities in the most inclusive setting.

The function of the Committee, in advising the DEC and APA, shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Evaluating the accessibility of services, programs and activities to ensure equal access for people with disabilities;
2. Providing advice on developing accessibility policy and guidance which supports the elimination of physical and attitudinal barriers;
3. Reviewing and providing advice on management plans, rules, regulations and policies during their development and periodic update processes;
4. Reviewing and providing advice on amendments to the Adirondack and Catskill Park State Land Master Plans, within the context of responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act and NYS Human Rights Law;
5. Providing advice and assistance with staff training through site visits and participation in training workshops.
6. Advising on outreach efforts to the public regarding outdoor recreation opportunities for people with disabilities.

This public comment is the result of the Committee exercising its duties under point 4 related to providing advice on amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP).

Response to Proposed Amendments

The Committee supports the proposed amendments to the APSLMP falling under the category of Accessibility. These proposed amendments appropriately require the APA and DEC to consider accessibility and access to and enjoyment of state lands by disabled people based on federal law and regulation.

The proposed amendments acknowledge that the State, as an entity subject to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, has an obligation to allow disabled people to use Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) as an accommodation. Fortunately, federal regulation provides guidance to the State on how to make these allowances and under what limited circumstances certain OPDMDs may not be permitted. The Committee will continue working with the State to ensure that its policies uphold individuals' civil rights under the law as it pertains to OPDMDs and that the assessments to determine whether an OPDMD can be accommodated are properly conducted.

Additional Considerations

The proposed amendments incorporate established definitions and obligations related to the use of Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) by people with mobility disabilities to access and enjoy state lands. The Committee has two initial recommendations for the implementation of these definitions and standards.

1. The APA and DEC should update Commissioner's Policy 3 Motor Vehicle Access for People with Disabilities for the Use of State Land (CP-3). The CP-3 currently only contemplates the use of motor vehicles, both with and without 4WD, and ATVs on CP-3 routes. The CP-3 should also contemplate the potential use of OPDMDs on CP-3 routes, in accordance with accepted standards for the use of OPDMDs. We recognize this might be accomplished in different ways (for example, by updating CP-3 or writing CP-3 into a statewide policy on OPDMDs) and will work with the agencies using the best method(s).
2. The use of certain mobility devices like OPDMDs is critical to physically disabled peoples' access and enjoyment. While the law guides states on accessibility and accommodations, the actual task of engaging with the disabled public to provide accommodations can be handled in different ways by state employees. We recognize that handling reasonable accommodations by communicating with each disabled individual seeking to use an OPDMD as an accommodation can be burdensome to State agencies and inherently create barriers to access to disabled people. Furthermore, the [U.S. Department of Justice recommends](#) that "covered entities are encouraged to develop written policies specifying which kinds of OPDMDs will be permitted and where and when they will be permitted, based on [specific] assessment factors." By way of example, the Department of Justice "expects that devices such as Segways® can be accommodated in most circumstances. The Department also expects that, in most circumstances, people with disabilities using ATVs and other combustion engine-driven devices may be prohibited indoors and in outdoor areas with heavy pedestrian traffic." Having written policies that address which kinds of OPDMDs will be permitted where and when can relieve burden on the State and reduce barriers for disabled people. Therefore, we urge the APA and DEC to develop a long-range plan for access using OPDMDs.

Closing

The Committee intends to continue providing advice to the DEC and APA on accessibility policy, especially the implementation of policies related to the use of OPDMDs. **We urge the DEC and APA to work with the Committee and others to craft statewide policy that protects our natural lands and also the rights of disabled people to access them.** We thank the agencies for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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Dear Adirondack Park Agency c/o Megan Phillips:

The Association on Aging in New York represents the 59 area agencies on aging across New York State. The mission of the Association is to support and enhance the capacity of New York's local Area Agencies on Aging and to work in collaboration with the aging network to promote independence, preserve dignity, and advocate on the behalf of aging New Yorkers and their families. As area agencies on aging operate at the county or tribal reservation level, a number of area agencies on aging serve people living in the Adirondack Park, and all of the area agencies on aging serve people who may want to visit the Adirondack Park.

We applaud the inclusion of all of the amendments related to Accessibility in the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. As our members are tasked with serving older adults and caregivers with disabilities, it is important to include accessibility in everything we do. Likewise, we believe other planning documents like the Master Plan for Aging should include priorities to ensure disabled older adults and caregivers can recreate and enjoy the outdoors. We recognize that accessibility extends to allowing people to use the mobility devices they need, and this includes Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices under the law. Area agencies on aging provide numerous services and encourage older adults and caregivers to make use of the resources in their community, which might include beautiful public lands that promote physical and mental well-being. Older adults and caregivers can only fully enjoy these resources if accessibility is a priority and proper policies to promote inclusion are in place.

Furthermore, the number of older New Yorkers is growing rapidly, and we know that while some people age with a disability, many people acquire disabilities later in life. So, more people overall will benefit from good planning going forward.

Thank you for accepting public comment on proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.

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Executive Director

Association on Aging in New York

Comments regarding 2024 Proposed Amendments to the APSLMP

I am writing to urge the APA to add an amendment to the SLMP to allow for the development of backcountry ski zones. The amendment should include a definition of “backcountry ski trail” for downhill travel and “skin track” for uphill travel. The Adirondack Powder Skier Association, spearheaded by Ron Konowitz, has been advocating for approval for open woods ski trails (a.k.a. glades) in the forest preserve since 2011. There has been little progress over the years, even though ski touring is listed as a compatible use on page 29. The excuse has been that approval would require an amendment to the SLMP, yet backcountry ski trails are omitted in the latest proposed amendment.

Ski touring in the backcountry has grown significantly in recent years. The ski industry has responded by developing skis, boots, bindings, and climbing skins specifically for accessing backcountry ski zones. Another reason for the increase in numbers is the high cost of lift tickets to ski at alpine resorts.

There is a long history of skiing in the Adirondacks. It is more popular than ever. Currently, there are few designated ski trails in the forest preserve. It is time to acknowledge that backcountry skiing is a conforming use and to allow for development of safe ski trails for winter-only use. This will provide skiers the option to ski in the woods instead of skiing slides which can be dangerous due to avalanche potential. When done correctly, very few trees are cut. Most of the cutting is to remove lateral branches in the lower canopy and removing blowdown hazards. None of the material is removed from the site, rather it is laid down on the forest floor.

The APSLMP states on page 1, “Human use and enjoyment of those lands should be permitted and encouraged, so long as the resources in their physical and biological context as well as their social or psychological aspects are not degraded.” I believe that backcountry ski trails meet this requirement. Planning is an on-going process. The APSLMP should adapt to changes in recreational uses and accommodate the public’s desire for improvements to allow for safe, well-designed ski trails on forest preserve lands.

Other northeastern states have embraced the creation of glades on public and private lands to accommodate backcountry skiers. Land managers have worked with organizations such as Ridgeline Outdoor Collective (a chapter of the Catamount Trail) in Vermont and Granite Land Alliance in New Hampshire and Maine to provide well-designed ski trails that are low impact. Sustainability of forest ecosystem is ensured using best practices under supervision of professional land managers. These efforts have been popular and are considered a success without negative impacts. There is no legitimate reason this model should not be duplicated in the Adirondack Park.

If the APA continues to ignore the need for backcountry ski touring trails, it will only encourage people to act on their own by creating unsanctioned trails without the proper oversight of forestland managers.

I applaud the APA for adding bicycle trails to the list of conforming structures and improvements in Wild Forest.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Hello Megan,

I am writing my comment letter as a private citizen. I should note that I served in your position as Deputy Director for Planning for ten years from 2002 to 2012. When I served in this position we only did technical updates to the State Land Master Plan which were focused on updates to area descriptions and similar revisions to correct dates. At no time did we engage in substantive changes. Another very important item that I was directly involved with were regular updates to Memorandum of Understanding on a variety of issues from steps needed to determining State Land Master Plan compliance to a range of other activities including non-native species management.

As the current review of the Master Plan is focused on proposed recent revisions, I am submitting my comments on the new proposed amendments only. My comments are as follows:

1. The Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan and the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement both state the following:

If there is a unifying theme to the classification system, it is that the protection and preservation of the natural resources of the State lands within the Park should be paramount. Human use and enjoyment of those lands should be permitted and encouraged, so long as the resources in their physical and biological context and their psychological aspects are not degraded.

The Programmatic EIS goes on to reiterate text found in the Temporary Study Commission Report on the Future of the Adirondacks, stating that: *Such a plan must ensure that day-to-day decisions do not allow for intrusions upon the wild forest character of the Adirondacks. In no case should any classification scheme for the Adirondack Forest Preserve allow for categories where the management of Forest Preserve land is less stringent than that allowed for in the Constitution.*

Both of these documents stress the need for protection and preservation of the natural resources of State lands within the Park and further that in no cases should

management of the Adirondack Forest Preserve be less stringent than that allowed in Article XIV of the State Constitution.

Therefore allowing increased motorized access within the Adirondack Park is contrary to both the Programmatic FEIS and the Stat Land Master Plan's provision. This is especially true when adequate provisions for People with Disabilities have already been made in various locations within the Park pursuant to the Galusha decision.

Furthermore, under the discussion of Wilderness classification, the FPEIS states:

Public use of motor vehicles, motorized equipment and aircraft is prohibited. Use of the above is allowable for specific major maintenance projects, the removal of non-conforming structures with the specific approval of the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation and in cases of actual and ongoing emergencies such as search and rescue operations, forest fires or large scale contamination of streams. The 748 Wilderness lakes and ponds of the Adirondack Forest Preserve amount to 19,000 acres of water surface. Adirondack lakes and ponds on which public motorized use is permitted total 110,000 acres of surface water, not including Lake Champlain. Thus, 83% of publicly-useable Adirondack lake/pond surface is open to motors, while only 17% is reserved for wilderness uses.

Thus the FPEIS stresses the need to preserve wilderness at the same time noting the large acreage that allows for motorized use within the Park. It also includes reference to the Wild, Scenic & Recreational Rivers Act of 1975 which provides additional motorized access to most of these riverine systems. It also emphasizes the ability of People with Disabilities to access areas by motorized use from water bodies as well as other motor vehicles where roads exist and provide easy access. Although the acreage available today may be lowered somewhat, it is still substantial and easily accessible.

The FPEIS states the following regarding Wild Forest lands. It notes that these lands allow for motorized use to close to 2,000,000 acres (at the time) to provide elderly & handicapped access recreational opportunities:

Resources which allow a somewhat higher level of human use which does not degrade resource quality while retaining a wild character are classified as Wild Forest. Snowmobiling, motor boating, motor vehicle use on existing public roads and use of aircraft are permitted where such use will not adversely impact the natural resources quality and wild forest character of the area. Ranger cabins and fire towers are also permitted within this classification . . . Wild Forest lands often

exhibit a character similar to Wilderness. Motorized access on designated trails and roads affords the elderly or handicapped the opportunity to enjoy remote recreational experiences on over 1,198,000 acres of land classified as Wild Forest.

2. Adequacy of EIS

The Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 has some peculiar language, seemingly trying to minimize, if not ignore, potential environmental impacts under the section on “Altering & Addition of Definitions”. The FPEIS is quoted there as follows “*Altering a definition is usually an insignificant action.*” FPEIS at 44”. This is followed by “*The proposed amendments include additional definitions for the following: beaver control structure, other power driven mobility device (OPDMD), and wheelchair. See Redline at 19, 21, 23 . . . The added definitions for OPDMDs and wheelchairs are consistent with applicable laws and regulations and necessary to integrate accessibility standards into Park planning and management . . . The proposed additions and clarifying changes to the existing definitions in the APSLMP are consistent with the guidelines of the FPEIS and serve to enhance the understanding of the APSLMP for both the public and land managers. **For these reasons, these proposed amendments will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.***”

Frankly, I do not agree in any way, shape or form with this nonsense. In trying to increase motorized access, the EIS tries to turn the State Land Master Plan upside-down and backwards. It is beyond ludicrous to determine that expanded motorized use within the Forest Preserver will not have any significant adverse environmental impact! In a phrase – you have got to be kidding? If anything, it underscores the absurdity in the text of the Conclusion of the FEIS which indicates how important it is for the SLMP to preserve & protect the natural resources of the Park. If the Agency believes that the FEIS “should serve to decrease the magnitude, importance, duration, and scale of any potential future adverse negative impacts that could result within the Park” or that the “2024 proposed amendments will increase environmental protection and improve resource management”, I simply ask where is the analysis? I saw nothing in the FEIS that even hints at any sort of negative impact.

3. Definition of Other Power Driven Mobility Devices

In the new section on “Accessibility”, it states “*The DEC is responsible for interpreting federal regulations and guidance to determine where the use of Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) may be appropriate.*”

I hope this is simply taken from the corresponding sections of Federal & State law and does not mean that DEC has the ability or responsibility to determine where any mobility devices are appropriate within the Adirondack Park. The Adirondack Park Agency has primary responsibility for interpreting the State Land Master Plan in consultation with DEC. Where disputes exist & are not easily solved then existing MOU's provide guidance on ways to resolve disagreements.

But why add this definition at all? There is major concern about the open-ended nature of the term "Other Power Driven Mobility Devices". Do they include vehicles such as electric scooters, golf carts, ATVs, and Segways. None of these devices would be suitable for any trails on Forest Preserve lands and some, if not all, are not suitable for Forest Preserve roads. The lack of thought put into such a far-ranging proposal is troubling at best. It also seems to conflict with Article XIV of the NYS Constitution since no litigation, or even AG opinion, has ever clarified the use of motor vehicles on Forest Preserve trails.

4. Carrying Capacity & Visitor Use Management - new text on page 11 of proposed revisions to SLMP

The revised text is helpful but also somewhat misleading. The phrase "*Levels of time and resources to fulfill this commitment should be proportional to the significance of impacts*" raises concerns that DEC will not be required to do carrying capacity assessments in all UMP's. Although there are some units which may be underutilized, planning and mitigation for any & all overused areas should be a priority. Carrying capacity and visitor use studies are not "rocket science". They have been used at the Federal level for many years and very successfully. The last thing that DEC needs is another excuse not to be proactive with UMP planning such as those already completed in Acadia National Park and Arches National Park.

I also think it is important for this section to mention direct techniques such as time/entry reservation systems & user separation techniques in overcrowded areas. Innovative approaches should be highlighted rather than ignored to provide readers with a broader understanding of Visitor Use Management.

5. Climate Change

I applaud the additions in the proposed revisions to SLMP on Climate Change. Adding requirements to UMP development is definitely a step in the right direction. There needs to be more attention to encouragement of small-scale energy sources throughout the Park. I note that the Citizens Guide produced by the Agency does not mention the important role of Energy efficiency for a sustainable future. Although it is definitely beyond the scope of SLMP comments, I would ask how project review staff incorporates Climate Change & Energy Efficiency into project review?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. As always, I appreciate the ongoing work and dedication of APA staff in working to preserve the resources of the Park.

Sincerely

Jim Connolly



November 25, 2024

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Re. Additional Comments, Proposed Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) amendments

Dear Ms. Phillips,

As we have re-read the Agency's proposed amendments pertaining to Unit Management Plan Development, we now wish to augment our earlier letter with additional concerns about **Unit Management Plan Development and carrying capacity assessments**.

Rather than strengthening the Master Plan's guidance for development of UMPs, the proposed additional two paragraphs on page 11 prescribing carrying capacity assessments add little in the way of better guidance protective of natural resources. In fact, the final sentence of paragraph 2 badly weakens the Master Plan's UMP carrying capacity requirements.

The two proposed new paragraphs on page 11 succeed in diverting attention away from existing Master Plan requirements for inventories, assessments, and management objectives in line with the Master Plan's unifying theme of protection of natural resources of the State Lands of the Park. For example,

- The APSLMP already requires **inventories** of resources and analysis of ecosystems; of existing facilities for use by the public and managers; of the extent and nature of public use; and of the extent and nature of projected public use.
- APSLMP already requires **assessments** of the impact of actual public use on such ecosystems, and on anticipated impacts on public enjoyment, as well as physical, biological, and social carrying capacity of projected future public use, with special attention on portions threatened by overuse.
- APSLMP already sets out **management objectives** to protect and rehabilitate above-described resources and ecosystems, and to plan for public use consistent with the assessed carrying capacities.

Adding prescriptive language of Visitor Use Management (VUM) in the SLMP amendments is not wise because the VUM framework, like the related frameworks of LAC and VERP before it, is not set in stone. It may need adjustment in the future. What should not change are the existing APSLMP requirements for what UMPs must contain to ensure management consistent with the APSLMP's unifying theme. Therefore, of great concern is the concluding sentence of paragraph 2 that **"levels of time and resources to fulfill this commitment (of carrying capacity assessments) should be proportionate to the significance of impacts."**

With this one sentence, the Agency invites future land managers and administrators the opportunity to sidestep carrying capacity assessment work - including necessary work to establish waterbody carrying capacity assessments - whenever anybody in authority judges that the work is out of proportion to alleged insignificant impacts, and therefore not required.

This single sentence undermines fifty years of professional judgements about the significance of impacts backed up by existing APSLMP requirements of what UMPs must contain. Rather than strengthen UMP development, this sentence weakens the entire structure. The sentence should be removed.

Additionally, the amended list of Visitor Use Management strategies concludes on page 11 with **"building facilities that can accommodate heavy use."** A strategy as unconditional as this is highly inappropriate for inclusion in the APSLMP. The APSLMP's unifying theme is protection of natural resources, not accommodating "heavy use." The Final Programmatic EIS (FPEIS) for Amending the APSLMP clearly prioritizes protection over accommodation of use. For example, on page 30 the FPEIS states "where an overuse problem exists, the creation of a special use zone allowing additional facilities in heavily used portions of Wilderness, Primitive, Canoe or Wild Forest areas should not be proposed. Dispersal or regulation of use would be a more appropriate response to such a problem."

Furthermore, the NYS Court of Appeals ruling in 2021 stopped DEC from making substantial changes to the Forest Preserve and interfering with its natural development more than may be necessary to accommodate hikers.

New APSLMP amendments ought to strive to strengthen – and not, as is the case here, weaken the APSLMP's most important directive regarding UMPs: that they should be based on assessments of the carrying capacities of each land and water resources, and they should prescribe management aimed at ensuring those carrying capacities are not exceeded; and rehabilitating any areas and waters whose resources – both natural and experiential – are suffering degradation due to overuse.

Thank you for including our additional comment letter in the comment record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Gibson".

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Re. Third Comment Letter, Proposed Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) amendments

Dear Ms. Phillips,

During the Agency's public comment period, Agency and Department staff have made the public statement that the proposed APSLMP amendments on Accessibility, including the Motor Vehicle definition's exclusion of Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD), are made necessary because the existing Master Plan "pigeonholes accessible opportunities into certain land classifications, and therefore is not reflective of the spirit of the ADA."

Behind this statement are two false assumptions. First, the agencies are assuming that accessible opportunities must be mechanized or motorized to be in the spirit of the ADA; second, they assume that the Master Plan's 52-year-old restrictions on motorized uses in Wilderness, Primitive, and Canoe areas violate the spirit of the ADA.

Neither assumption is true, as pointed out by Janet Zeller, a quadriplegic and former national accessibility program manager for the U.S. Forest Service. Ms. Zeller visited New York and advised NYS DEC, my organizations, and other Adirondack stakeholders during her time with the U.S. Forest Service. She wrote the following in 2008 concerning the National Wilderness Preservation System, but her statement applies equally to state-run Wilderness systems, inclusive of New York's Adirondack and Catskill Forest Preserve:

"The National Wilderness Preservation System (NWPS) ensures an opportunity for challenge, solitude, and self-renewal for each person who is willing to make the effort it will take to pursue those goals. Through the Wilderness Act we all have the right, regardless of ability, to enjoy a wilderness experience in an area untrammelled by modern motorized and mechanized civilization. The effort it takes each of us to visit a Wilderness area is an essential part of this experience. People with a wide range of significant disabilities value their right to that same opportunity to challenge

themselves and, thereby, to gain the unique experience wilderness offers, either on their own or with the assistance of family or friends."

Ms. Zeller's article goes on:

"There are devices that might make it easier for a person who has some limitations to their ability to walk long distances or over rough ground. However, the use of such mechanized devices would go beyond the minimum necessary requirement. A study by Lais et al. (1992) confirmed that the vast majority of people who have disabilities are not seeking to expand mechanized use to make access to Wilderness areas easier. Wilderness is not about what is easy, wilderness is about "solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation," as stated in the Wilderness Act, and the challenge it takes in order to experience those outcomes. If a person is seeking easier access, there are a wide range of other federally managed lands to choose from where motor vehicles are allowed, and yet the look and feel of the area may be the same as in the NWPS. The result of adhering to that tightly written ADA legal direction within the NWPS, and other areas not designated for motor vehicle use, is that the person who is dependent on a mobility device for locomotion is not denied the opportunity to enter those areas, and can do so without impinging on the challenge, solitude, and self-renewal that wilderness offers to each person seeking that more difficult NWPS recreational opportunity. People with disabilities go to wilderness for the same variety of reasons as do people without disabilities, including to challenge themselves."

Ms. Zeller went on to describe and quote a number of persons with disabilities who access Wilderness without motorized use:

"Wilderness Inquiry, an outfitter whose motto is bringing people together in the wilderness. All of their trips are inclusive, people with and without disabilities working together to reach a common goal. That made sense to Kris. She knew that although she couldn't carry gear, she could help with the camp cooking and in other ways. Kris says it takes more effort for a person with a disability to overcome the obstacles en route, but "I want to live life and have new experiences. With teamwork we all succeed." The assistance she needed served to bind the group together in a mutual effort to ensure they all reached their goal. It is the working together and sharing of the wilderness experience that is the highlight for Kris."

Finally, Ms. Zeller wrote this about the choice people of all abilities make in deciding to enter designated Wilderness areas or similar, adjacent areas that are not so designated:

"The different forms of access is the person's choice. Were he/she allowed to use a motor in the Wilderness area, that action would fundamentally alter the wilderness experience. The law (ADA) expressly prohibits any fundamental alteration to a program, solely because the participant has a disability."

Ms. Zeller's quotes are taken from her article "Wilderness and Accessibility," International Journal of Wilderness, April 2008, Volume 14, No. 1.

Thank you for including this additional comment letter in the comment record.

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Dear APA,

The Keene Diversity Advisory Committee advances initiatives and policies that promote inclusivity for both residents and visitors. We work to remove barriers for all under-represented people in order to enhance and market our welcoming spirit. We recognize this very spirit in the language regarding accessibility in the APA's 2024 Proposed Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. Everyone deserves the opportunity to enjoy the beauty and serenity of these precious lands, and we are deeply grateful that the APA is taking meaningful steps to increase accessibility. However, we believe that this complex issue calls for a comprehensive accessibility plan. Long-range planning, as the APA has done for 50 years, will ensure that trails and resources are protected while expanding access and simplifying existing accessibility processes and programs, which are unfair and cumbersome for the user and an administrative burden for state staff.

The Keene Diversity Advisory Committee is an advisory committee to the Keene Town Board and our membership consists of community leadership across the town.

Signed,

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Comments on APA's Proposed Revisions to SLMP

New York Beaver Coalition

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II. Classification System and Guidelines

DEFINITIONS

4. Beaver Control Structure – *a device that provides a non-lethal solution to resolve human-beaver conflict while preserving the environmental benefits of beaver wetlands. ~~used to reduce impacts to human infrastructure caused by beavers while maintaining suitable habitat for beavers.~~* Beaver control structures maintain water flow or regulate water levels.

WILDERNESS

Guidelines for Management and use Structures and improvements

1.

-- **beaver control structures** will be ~~permitted~~ *allowed* where beaver activity threatens to cause ~~damage to human-beaver conflict.~~ *The priority solution should be relocating the affected trails, bridges or other infrastructure. Where relocation is not feasible, beaver control structures (and correct-sized culverts, where applicable) should be used where beaver activity threatens to cause damage to:* (i) (ii) (iii)

PRIMITIVE

Guidelines for Management and use Structures and improvements

4. Beaver control structures will be ~~permitted~~ *allowed* where beaver activity threatens to cause damage to primitive recreational trails or infrastructure. *For trails, relocation should be the primary response to human-beaver conflict, and only where this is not feasible should beaver control structures be used.*

WILD FOREST

Structures and improvements

-- **Beaver control structures** will be ~~permitted~~ *allowed and prioritized* where beaver activity threatens to cause damage to trails, infrastructure or stream improvement structures for fisheries purposes.

Jason Thurston personal public comment 2024 Proposed Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan

I have always been in support of protecting wild lands, the sense of remoteness. Where man did not alter the earth. Something sacred. This is what brings me peace.

I grew up in Vermont and spent my formative years exploring.

It was in 1991 that I moved to the Adirondacks as a student at Paul College. I distinctly remember going home time and time again, only to find the woods that I grew up in full of houses

I was seventh generation on the same land in Waterbury Center. At one time my family had 350 acres going back to 1840. In the early 90s, Ben & Jerry's came to our town and not long after Green Mountain coffee roasters built a factory, the first large scale production for K cups.

This influx of businesses drove up the value of real estate. My grandmother had been holding onto land but could no longer afford to pay the high taxes. By the time I graduated in 1993. I was very aware of the term "forever wild" and decided that I would make the Adirondacks my home.

In 2004 I broke my neck and diving accident and became a quadriplegic. I do have limited use of my arms but rely on a power wheelchair to get around. When it was suggested that I moved to a more urban area that would be more accessible. My immediate reply was to make the Adirondacks, where I live, accessible.

I started this quest in 2006 while working at the Tri-Lakes Center for Independent Living. As a new organization, I implemented an extensive outreach program. I learned about the ADA and the specific guidelines to educate businesses about why it is important and, in many cases, how simple it can be

Jason Thurston personal public comment 2024 Proposed Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan

It did not take long for me to realize that basic hiking trails like the red dot trail, my old stomping grounds from my time at Paul Smith's, were no longer accessible to me. In 2015 I discovered John Dillon Park, and for the first time in 11 years I found myself in a truly wild environment. In 2019 I started working as Outreach Coordinator, and by 2021 was proud to be able to camp by myself.

People who use an everyday wheelchair to access the wilderness are limited to trails that are built to be accessible (firm and stable). There aren't very many. Allowing other power driven mobility devices would offer so much more of the Adirondacks accessible to people with disabilities. I believe that there is a way to limit the devices that are used and still protect the Adirondacks.

As chairman of the Accessibility Advisory Committee to the DEC and APA since 2020, I have had the opportunity to work closely with both organizations to increase accessibility throughout New York state. The committee has produced its own public comment, and this is my personal comment.

Over the years I have been a voice for other people with disabilities and been able to make a difference and raise awareness about outdoor accessibility. These amendments, by taking a closer look at the Federal Guidelines put forth in the Americans with disabilities act, is by far the most significant way to expand access for people with disabilities.

The law clearly says that every "entity" must allow people to use their preferred device to access indoor and outdoor spaces. And that it is up to each "entity" to set up guidelines based on evidence that some are a safety risk to people, or that they pose a risk to the environment.

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The APAs proposed changes to the ASLUMP. On page 13, the changes refer to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance regarding other power driven mobility devices (OPDMD)s

“Then keeping with the ADA title II regulations on mobility devices (CFR § 35.137)

[A public entity shall make reasonable modifications in its policies, practices, or procedures to permit the use of other power-driven mobility devices by individuals with mobility disabilities, unless the public entity can demonstrate that the class of other power-driven mobility devices cannot be operated in accordance with legitimate safety requirements that the public entity has adopted pursuant to § 35.130(h).]

The DEC is responsible for interpreting federal regulations and guidance to determine the use of other power driven mobility devices may be appropriate..”

Furthermore, on the ADA website it clearly breaks it down further and adds...

“Such safety requirements must be based on actual risks, not on speculation or stereotypes about a particular type of device or how it might be operated by people with disabilities using them.”

It is up to the DEC to interrupt the federal regulations about what types of devices are allowed and where. Also, that they must prove which devices are a safety risks or harm to the environment.

I would like to suggest that the DEC consider the guidelines used by state parks. There could be basic guidelines and further restrictions based on specific habitats or, decide what devices are allowed by land classification or travel corridor.

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The DEC's current policy is cumbersome and far from equal. It requires that a person apply for permission for a specific place, with a specific device, at a specific time, and requires proof of disability. The ADA clearly states that it is okay to ask for proof but that a verbal statement must be accepted as credible assurance. (1). This policy about a verbal statement as credible assurance needs to be honored and well known within the department.

In conclusion, I hope that the development of a policy is one that is well thought out and creates more opportunities for people with disabilities to access more of the beautiful Adirondack wilderness without altering protected land. I truly hope that people with disabilities like myself and the Accessibility Advisory Committee will be called upon to help.

Thank you,
Jason Thurston

“Credible Assurance

An entity that determines it can accommodate one or more types of OPDMDs in its facility is allowed to ask the person using the device to provide credible assurance that the device is used because of a disability.

If the person presents a valid, State-issued disability parking placard or card or a State-issued proof of disability, that must be accepted as credible assurance on its face. **If the person does not have this documentation, but states verbally that the OPDMD is being used because of a mobility disability, that also must be accepted as credible assurance, unless the person is observed doing something**

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that contradicts the assurance. For example, if a person is observed running and jumping, that may be evidence that contradicts the person's assertion of a mobility disability. However, it is very important for covered entities and their staff to understand that the fact that a person with a disability is able to walk for a short distance does not necessarily contradict a verbal assurance – many people with mobility disabilities can walk but need their mobility device for longer distances or uneven terrain. This is particularly true for people who lack stamina, have poor balance, or use mobility devices because of respiratory, cardiac, or neurological disabilities. A covered entity cannot ask people about their disabilities.”

Herein I comment on proposed changes to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (Master Plan or SLMP)., APSLMP2024

These comments are directed specifically toward the opening of wilderness, primitive and canoe areas to motor vehicle use for people with disabilities.

In the following text I set forth my rationale for my adamant opposition to this gratuitous and injurious proposal.

I submit these comments as a blind person, and as a strong advocate and lover of wilderness. I find it unfathomable that any person or government entity would consider proposals that would effectively disestablish one of the best ideas that has ever come out of America, an idea that has spread around the globe.

Allow me to explain, and document, my deep commitment to wilderness. This commitment to wilderness is, I believe, shared by uncounted thousands of wilderness visitors.

I was blinded just days before my 68th birthday in 2010 by an ophthalmologist-Surgeon who failed to adequately handle my glaucoma post-surgery. I am now effectively completely blind.

For more than half a century, wildlands and wilderness, have been an essential part of my life and has contributed massively to the person I am today.

I shared my love of wilderness with my family. As a result, my son was drawn to work in the outdoors and is now in his 14th year as a National Park Service employee, currently stationed in Rapid City, South Dakota. Where he is involved with native prairie restoration. One of our most memorable trips together was an attempted February ascent of Mount Marcy. A white out and gale force winds convinced us to retreat and abandon the attempt just a few hundred feet from the summit. The next February we returned to the Adirondacks from our Maryland home and successfully summited Marcy, in somewhat less demanding conditions.

I have personally had the great good fortune of exploring Alaska's Brooks Range Wilderness, above the Arctic Circle, the Wrangell Saint Elias Wilderness the largest in the

Continental United States. It was there, on a summit attempt on 16,000 foot mount Bono, that I fell through an invisible snow bridge into a crevasse and, for an instant, previewed my own death. The rope that connected me to my climbing team, saved my life, and was the means by which I was extracted from the crevasse without injury.

I have wandered the wilderness of the Wind River Mountains of Wyoming, ascended more than half of the 58 14,000 foot peaks of the Colorado Rocky Mountains, and traveled through a smorgasbord of wilderness areas in Arizona, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, and New Hampshire.

I thank the gods for the remaining wilderness which still can fulfill the human spirits need for adventure and exploration.

To be certain, wilderness supplies, much more than adventure . Wilderness is the home from which we were sent forth. Wilderness is the home to which we yearn to return. Wilderness can refresh, and lighten the human mind and soul. Wilderness can teach the connections between all living entities. Earth's wilderness can remind us of our need to be humble in the face of a pandemic of hubris. Preserving wilderness, protects, natural ecosystems, wild areas, and opportunities for solitude and primitive and unconfined recreation

Wilderness is a Smoky Mountain trail passing through a seemingly endless bower of profuse flowering rose-violet rhododendron, *rhododendron catawbiense* , so that the ambient light took on a rose- glow and the path was literally inundated in masses of pink-violet rhododendron flower petals.

Wilderness is the breath holding moment of encountering a human like figure behind a trailside screen of shrubs, somewhat stooped over, and apparently picking berries. she turned, and i realized. she was *ursulis americanus*, the black bear. She nodded to my presence and turned to resume her berry harvest. I backed down the trail and gave her space to finish her foraging.

Wilderness is the embrace of an evening serenade from a hermit thrush as a loon calls from a nearby lake.

Wilderness is the glen in a maple- oak forest filled with a single clone of dozens and dozens of flowering may apple (*Podophylum peltatum*), the ultimate origin of two critical anticancer drugs, that cured childhood leukemia.

Wilderness is a ramble in the early morning on a newly fallen snow covered trail where the return by your outgoing path is now punctuated by fresh cougar tracks paralleling yours.

Wilderness is a Wyoming wilderness camp guarded to the west by a bald eagle, (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) as the eastern approach is overseen by two magpies, the stillness of the night is interrupted by the cries of a lone coyote, and early morning light in the adjacent alpine meadow, reveals a bull elk exhaling clouds of warm, moist air as he trumpets his challenge to the world.

I don't offer the foregoing text as a resumé. I attempt to provide a glimpse of the sense of belonging when I walk in the woods in the mountains. Wilderness is a part of me, a part of my family, and a part of the lived experience of those who came before me. I mourn the loss of the smallest sanctuary of the wild. The death of a wilderness is to me akin to the death of a loved one. When I was blinded and realized my days of travel and appreciation of the wilderness, had suddenly almost instantly, disappeared, I fell into massive depression with suicidal ideation. Such grief and mourning, notwithstanding, my love, for the wild drove me to the realization that I could still advocate for wilderness to the best of my present ability. That is why I have written and submitted these comments on this threat to wilderness.

There are many who would feed the wilderness into the great industrial hopper and use it to turn out more wealth and more powerfulness, just as we have done since our arrival on this continent more than 500 years ago. That is another reason this proposed amendment to the master plan is a threat, that places wilderness protection on a slippery slope that will be exploited by others to degrade, wilderness. Protection, thereby bringing about the death of wilderness. Surely, New York state does not wish to be in the vanguard of those who would be the wreckers and destroyers.

So here I bring a hypothetical question. As a blind person, I cannot operate any form of transport. I also have an enormous difficulty, to the point of impossibility, to travel on wilderness trails. I walk using a white cane and the tactile response that cane and my feet to navigate my environment. Trails, however, are not sidewalks. The natural occurrence of rocks, roots, uneven surfaces, and the occasional fallen branch make wilderness travel. At least problematical, if not dangerous. You may say a guide dog should make walking possible for a blind person. That proposition is dependent on the dog, the dog's training, the specific challenges of the environment, and the dog's master. In my case, since I live in a rural agricultural area of New York, and there are no sidewalks or safe areas to walk, guide dog organizations will not provide a guide dog in those circumstances. Therefore, I have no guide dog to try out in the wilderness. So why should I not ask the APA to cover the trails with asphalt so that I can easily navigate with my white cane. That would be an insane proposition, as I would rather die, never entering any wilderness again, the rest of my life. Moreover, such a modification would kill the wilderness, thereby ruining the experience for

many others who wish to visit wilderness. The outcome would be equivalent to the idea of permitting power-driven vehicles in the wilderness.

A few sentences ago, I, listed a half dozen scenes in wilderness. I'll ask you to imagine what these scenes would become with a dirt bike, an all-terrain vehicle, or so-called OPMD passing through?

As both a handicapped individual, as well as a passionate lover and advocate of wilderness, I was both chagrined and angered at the modifications to the master plan that would make possible the use of motorized vehicles within Adirondack Wilderness areas. In contrast to the authors of these proposed amendments, I do not have a need to penalize Non-handicapped members of society in order to pursue personal grievances.

The framers of these amendments have no idea of what they are asking for or doing. This assertion is unequivocally, proven by the APA opinion that this proposal requires no Environmental Impact Statement, because there is "no significant environmental impact."

Really? I wonder what thousands of wilderness visitors will have to say about the loss of tranquility and sense of wilderness. Perhaps they may choose to spend their tourist dollars someplace other than the Adirondacks?

By simply entering a wilderness area using a motorized or mechanically advantaged transport, the wilderness area is being violated and is no longer a wilderness. They are killing the wilderness. The selfsame wilderness that they wish to visit and presumably appreciate. In reality, this area is being converted into a wild forest area by the singular mechanism of redefining the meaning of a motor vehicle or other such mechanical transport.

In truth, this entire scheme reminds me very much of the words of David Brower in the campaign to save Glen Canyon from damn construction: "should we flood the Sistine Chapel so the tourists can get closer to the ceiling?"

To place matters in some perspective, today there are 1,184,894 acres classified as wilderness or canoe (which is also a largely motorless forest preserve unit) and 1,298,209 acres classified as wild forest.

Across the 2.6 million acre Adirondack Forest Preserve, in other words, there are nearly 100,000 acres more wild forest lands, where motor vehicle use is allowed, than designated wilderness lands, where motorized uses are prohibited.

The implications of these statistics are clear: there are more opportunities, by far, for the use of motorized or power driven vehicle's in the wild forest areas than there are in the

designated wilderness areas. this in no way means that there should be unregulated use of a motorized vehicles or OPMDs within wild forest areas.

Since, wild forest areas already allow motorized and mechanical advantage operated vehicles, it is clear that the proposed amendments to the master plan revolve about a “sturm im wisserglas” or “tempest in a teapot” born of a misunderstanding amongst the supporters of this amendment, concerning what is met when we say or write the word “wilderness.” Considerable acreages of land within the wild forest designation are worthy of being classified as “Wilderness”. if the roads were removed, a wild forest could be declared a wilderness, in other words, much of the land in wild forest is what can be called defacto wilderness: by their nature, they define themselves as wilderness with a small w. When humans finally decide to classify Wilderness, land, under a set of legal and administrative standards, the classification of land as Wilderness wildern it is possible to switch back-and-forth between wild forest and Wilderness. If we build a road in Wilderness, it becomes a wild forest with a small w wilderness. on the other hand, if we remove a road or convert a road to a trail in a wild forest, the classification may change to *Wilderness*.

It is as clear as the running water, in a trout filled Adirondack stream that visiting a wild forest, can be, the except for the motor vehicle, to which one attaches oneself, as moving as a hike, in a Wilderness.

The federal government administers nearly 113 million acres of Wilderness through application of the Wilderness Act in the National Wilderness Preservation System. Four different government agencies administer all of the Wilderness areas on federal land throughout the United States. They include the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The 1964 Wilderness Act specifically states as follows, thereby disallowing the use of motorized or mechanized vehicles within the wilderness areas of the United States, except those of Alaska: “Except as specifically provided for in this Act, and subject to existing private rights, there shall be no commercial enterprise and no permanent road within any wilderness area designated by this Act and except as necessary to meet minimum requirements for the administration of the area for the purpose of this Act (including measures required in emergencies involving the health and safety of persons within the area), there shall be no temporary road, no use of motor vehicles, motorized equipment or motorboats, no landing of aircraft, no other form of mechanical transport, and no structure or installation within any such area.”

The above quoted 1964 Wilderness Act is the foundation and gold standard of all Wilderness area designations not only on a federal level, but a state level throughout the United States.

The federal government, which manages all Federal Wilderness in the United States, has thoroughly dealt with the issue of disabled persons access to Wilderness areas. Power driven, and mechanically advantaged vehicles of transport are not permitted in any wilderness area in the lower 48 states. They are in Alaska because Alaska is such a massively large area with many very large Wilderness areas. Below I have outlined briefly the administrative and legislative background on this issue.

PROTECT THE ADFIRONDACKS. “The proposed amendments have the potential to vastly expand the use of motor vehicles in the Forest Preserve and would be particularly devastating for Wilderness, Primitive, and Canoe areas. This would be a major step backwards in Forest Preserve management. APA argues that it needs to do these things under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and federal regulations.

This is a misreading of federal law.

Title II of the ADA applies to State and local government entities and protects qualified individuals with disabilities from discrimination on the basis of disability in services, programs, and activities provided by State and local government entities. 42 USC § 12132. The ADA and the Department of Justice’s implementing regulations do not require a state agency to make modifications that would fundamentally alter an existing program.

The ADA provides:

Nothing in this chapter alters the provision of section 12182(b)(2)(A)(ii), specifying that reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures shall be required, unless an entity can demonstrate that making such modifications in policies, practices, or procedures, including academic requirements in postsecondary education, would fundamentally alter the nature of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations involved.

42 USC § 12201(f); (emphasis added).

The DOJ regulations echo this crucial statutory provision:

A public entity shall make reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures when the modifications are necessary to avoid discrimination on the basis of disability, unless the public entity can demonstrate that making the modifications would fundamentally alter the nature of the service, program, or activity.

28 CFR § 35.130(b)(7)(i); (emphasis added). [DOJ analysis of its regulations](#) reiterates that “an [OPDMD] can be excluded if a public entity can demonstrate that its use is unreasonable or will result in a fundamental alteration of the entity’s service, program, or activity” because “this exception is covered by the general reasonable modification requirement contained in § 35.130(b)(7)”.

There is no question that allowing OPDMDs to be used in Wilderness, Primitive or Canoe areas would fundamentally alter the recreational program offered because public motor vehicle use has been prohibited in those areas since their inception. See APA, Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (Aug. 2019) (“Master Plan”) at 25, 31, 33. As recognized in the [Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Master Plan](#) (“Master Plan EIS”) governing amendments to the Master Plan, “Article XIV of the State Constitution places severe limitations on uses allowable in Forest Preserve.” Adirondack Park Agency, Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines for Amending the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (Feb. 1979) at 33.

The Master Plan EIS also recognizes that:

The very foundation of Wilderness is the guideline which prohibits motorized access by the public and severely restricts such access by the Department of Environmental Conservation. Alteration of this guideline to permit generalized use of motor vehicles or aircraft would destroy the character of wilderness, a cornerstone of the Master Plan.

Id. at 31.

The Master Plan EIS also makes clear that the prohibition of motor vehicles is crucial to the fundamental nature of Primitive and Canoe areas as well:

The Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe classifications generally prohibit the use of motor vehicles, motorized equipment and aircraft. Any amendment to the Plan which would sanction such uses in these areas would severely diminish the Primitive character of those lands and should not be proposed. Noise intrusion is only one component of an area’s character. The mere knowledge that motorized access is permissible diminishes an area’s sense of remoteness.

Id. at 35.

Notably, the ADA also recognizes the incompatibility of motor vehicle use in [Federal wilderness areas](#):

Congress reaffirms that nothing in the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) is to be construed as prohibiting the use of a wheelchair in a wilderness area by an individual whose disability requires use of a wheelchair, and consistent with the Wilderness Act no

agency is required to provide any form of special treatment or accommodation, or to construct any facilities or modify any conditions of lands within a wilderness area in order to facilitate such use.

42 USC § 122207(c)(1); (emphasis added). Also, the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service, Accessibility Guidebook for Outdoor Recreation and Trails (Aug. 2012) at page 6 states that “[a]n example of a fundamental alteration to a program would be allowing use of a motor vehicle in an area not designated for motorized-vehicle use”, and at page 8 recognizes that “[\[a\]llowing motor vehicles in a nonmotorized area would be a fundamental alteration of the recreation program for that area](#)” and is not required.

It is therefore evident that allowing use of OPDMDs in Wilderness, Primitive or Canoe areas would fundamentally alter the recreational programs offered in these areas and is therefore not required by either the ADA or the DOJ implementing regulations.

To the extent that the use of OPDMDs for persons with disabilities may be allowable or appropriate in Forest Preserve land use classifications other than Wilderness, Primitive or Canoe, the appropriateness of such use should be addressed by DEC, in consultation with APA, modifying CP-3 to address OPDMDs and not by amending the Master Plan. CP-3 already provides an ADA-compliant framework for limited operation by persons with disabilities of motor vehicles on Forest Preserve lands, and that is the appropriate method for addressing this issue. CP-3 should be amended to make clear that OPDMDs may only be used by persons with disabilities and that such use will not be allowed in Wilderness, Primitive or Canoe areas, and to address and evaluate the appropriateness of OPDMD use by persons with disabilities in other Forest Preserve land use classifications. Providing DEC with unfettered discretion to determine where OPDMDs may be used, as proposed in the Master Plan amendments, needlessly creates an open-ended and obscure process for addressing this issue, particularly since the proposed amendments fail to identify the factors that the ADA regulations require be evaluated by a state agency in determining whether to permit OPDMD use. See 28 CFR § 35.137(b)(2) (setting forth five factors to be used in determining whether to permit OPDMD use, including whether such use “creates a substantial risk of serious harm to the immediate environment or natural or cultural resources”).

The Adirondack Park Agency is proposing to dismantle its framework and, for the first time in 52 years, significantly weaken the State Land Master Plan by amendment.

For vague reasons of accessibility, APA is now proposing to amend the Master Plan’s Motor Vehicle definition to exclude devices known as other power-driven mobility devices

powered by batteries, fuel, or other engines. These excluded devices include a wide array of motorized conveyances including modified ATVs and golf carts.

Under the proposed change, use of these so-called OPDMDs would be deemed “conforming” in any land use classification, including Wilderness. Under the proposal, NYS DEC would have the exclusive right to determine where OPDMDs may drive by permit, including on Wilderness and Wild Forest trails.

Conclusions and summary

I have documented the reasons for my intense opposition to this proposal in the foregoing text. I do not think governor. Hochul I see this as a major embarrassment for New York State to be the first government entity to bring about a degradation of Wilderness protection by admitting motorized vehicles to the Wilderness areas of the forest preserve. I cannot believe that Governor Hochul Would want this Millstone hung about her neck. Moreover, it may well be that once

Wilderness visitors find the tranquil Wilderness diminished by motorized vehicles, visitors may choose to spend their tourist dollars elsewhere. This proposal reveals a great ignorance, or willful ignorance of the legacy, cultural context, public benefits, and understanding of wilderness protection, and how motor vehicle use massively degrades Wilderness. In addition, it is shocking how an individual organization entrusted with protection of natural resources could be so incredibly ignorant of the laws that are applicable, including the ADA and relevant wilderness legislation from the US Congress and opinion of the US Justice Department.

This proposal must be committed to the dustbin of history, and never revived again.

I say this, as an American, with disability, and one who could never consider compromising the value of Wilderness for my personal benefit.

The author is indebted to the websites of both [“Protect, the Adirondacks”](#) [“and Adirondacks Wild”](#) for relevant information, some of which is quoted above.

December 1, 2024

Ms. Megan Phillips
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Dear Ms. Phillips:

I am a life member and board trustee of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the not-for-profit "friends group" that supports and promotes the preservation of one of America's most hallowed grounds.

I am also an historian of the 18th century who has written about the French & Indian War and the American Revolution—two conflicts in America's history which are represented in the Lake George Battlefield Park. In addition, I am president of America's History LLC, a history tour and conference company. Over the years, my company has brought groups of history enthusiasts to see firsthand the importance of this site. Most recently, I brought a bus tour to the LGBP to see Fort George and its connection to Henry Knox's "Noble Train of Artillery" when Knox transported cannon from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston in December 1775. Dozens of important historical figures, including George Washington, tread these sacred grounds.

My interest is to ensure that the integrity of the history associated with this site is maintained for future generations. For the most part, the LGBP is not well represented under its current designation as a recreation property of the NYSDEC.

I believe it would be much better if the APA insert an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of State-owned facilities classified as "Historic" properties within the Adirondack Park. Surely, the LGBP is one of the most historic sites in the Lake George region.

I believe that a Historic classification will help protect these properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, and open space attributes. The change in classification would also facilitate the State's enhanced stewardship of the property to reflect a prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation. The location is a National Register of Historic Places-listed property referenced as the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District, and clearly meets eligibility requirements for the APA's Historic classification.

The sites in the LGBP reflect key events during the French & Indian War and the American Revolution. They are important elements of our national heritage, and are deserving of the additional protections that the Historic designation will afford. But even more importantly, the LGBP is where soldiers and civilians died. Some are still buried there in unmarked graves. It behooves us as Americans to protect the sanctity of this ground for future generations. Changing the designation of the LGBP will show that the APA understands and endorses the importance of this hallowed ground.

Sincerely,

Bruce M. Venter

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December 2, 2024

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Re. Proposed Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) amendments

Dear Ms. Phillips,

It is both contemplated and necessary to amend the Master Plan over time and I commend the Executive, the Board and both APA and DEC staffs for entering into this difficult and important work. I am however surprised and very concerned about the lack of transparency and analysis being applied to the review of two fundamental principles of the Master Plan: the use of motor vehicles in Wilderness and carrying capacity assessment. The proposed amendments are not minor. The actions as proposed could significantly diminish the character of areas managed as Wilderness and limit the overall scope of carrying capacity analysis, a primary tool used to ensure the preservation and protection of the resources of state lands in the park.

Given the significance of these actions, a detailed staff analysis of relevant legal requirements, the potential impacts to resources, and the consideration of alternatives should be provided to the Board and public in order to inform the Agency's decision making. This, I believe, is required as part of the Agency's SEQR obligations as well as being good practice.

After reviewing the materials provided to the Agency at the September, 2024 meeting, I submitted a FOIL request for the memos related to the preparation of the draft amendment package (see slide 5 of 9/12/24 presentation to State Land Committee). Though I was not surprised by the denial of access to the requested records, I was surprised how far this package had progressed without a stated rationale and analysis.

I do appreciate that, in the early stages of any issue discussion, it may be important to protect candid staff deliberations while ideas are being formulated. However, by the time a redline version of an amendment package comes before the Board for discussion, a well-developed staff analysis to support the proposal should be made available. Staff's basis and logic for the current proposal have not yet been made clear.

The Board should request staff prepare a detailed analysis of the amendment proposals including a completion of Part II EAF, with expanded narrative, to evaluate the potential impacts and any alternatives to minimize impacts to the state lands of the park. In addition, an analysis of the legal requirements of the ADA as it relates to wilderness management should be part of the public record. Once the amendment package has been supplemented with this analysis, the Agency should consider extending the public comment period and providing another opportunity for public hearings.

It is generally understood that, under the ADA, local and state agencies may choose not to accommodate OPDMDs if they can demonstrate their use would fundamentally alter a service, program, or activity. Clearly the use of OPDMDs in Wilderness Areas would fundamentally conflict with the Master Plan's management guidance and criteria, where public use of motor vehicles is prohibited. At the federal level, the impact of OPDMDs in wilderness is fully recognized and their use within the federal system is not permitted. The Agency should seek the same recognition at the state level.

I fully support the goal of increasing access to recreational opportunities on state lands for persons with disabilities, including in Wilderness. Many ADA advocacy groups are developing access opportunities in Wilderness that are equivalent in experience and challenge to those of the general public. The experience of quiet, solitude and the sense of remoteness can be the same for everyone. To achieve this, organizations such as Wilderness Inquiry have been providing guided group trips into wilderness areas, starting with canoe trips in the mid-1970s, and expanding to provide similar group trips on land across the country and abroad. This approach could provide a meaningful alternative to the reliance on motor vehicle use in wilderness and provide true wilderness travel experiences. It would be helpful for the State Land Committee to explore the potential of this approach by bringing, in-person or via video conference, members of Wilderness Inquiry or a similar group to discuss their programs.

The proposed Master Plan amendment appears to overlook the established two-tiered system for state land management in the park. According to the September 12, 2024 slide presentation at the State Land Committee meeting, the proposed amendment would, in effect, permit the use of a new class of vehicle in all area classifications without any specific guidelines or criteria to control their use. Staff then further state that the DEC is responsible for interpreting federal regulations and guidance to determine where the use of OPDMDs may be appropriate. While acknowledging that the DEC has the care, custody and control responsibility for the Forest Preserve, the approach seems to completely ignore the prescribed relationship between the two agencies. The APA, in consultation with DEC, is the agency to determine the appropriateness of, or criteria and guidelines for a given use in each of the state land classifications. The APA should not relinquish its role in this very important matter.

It is important to remember the Agency's legislative mandate. The Board's decisions and subsequent recommendations to the Governor should be derived from an appreciation of wilderness resources and the legislative history of the Adirondack Park, the Forest Preserve and the Master Plan. In this chain of distinct legal concepts, the Agency is uniquely responsible for interpreting and amending the Master Plan, in consultation with the DEC.

My comments are primarily directed to process and the roles of the DEC and APA. Respectfully, I urge the Board to consider taking a step back in the process, to provide greater transparency, more analysis and to extend the public comment period.

Please accept my gratitude for the opportunity to share my comments on the proposed amendments to the Master Plan.

Sincerely,

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Adirondack Park Agency



November 22, 2024

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Dear Ms. Phillips,

The Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation (ACLC) would like to present this comment on the APA's proposed amendment to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) to include Species of Special Concern in the definition of a Wildlife Management Structure (page 23 and definition #48 in Proposed2024APSLMPAmendmentsRedline.pdf). The common loon (*Gavia immer*), currently listed as a Species of Special Concern in New York, would greatly benefit from this proposed amendment, which would enable the use of nest rafts on state-owned waters to better manage the Adirondack loon population.

The common loon is a K-selected species that is long-lived (30-40 years) and has a low reproductive rate. They are highly specialized piscivores, with physical adaptations that allow them to be efficient and maneuverable underwater. However, because of their specialized anatomy, loons are virtually unable to walk on land and must nest right on the water's edge. As a result, their nests are extremely susceptible to threats such as nest flooding, predation, and human disturbance (e.g., boaters closely approaching a loon nest or waves from a wake boat washing out a nest; McIntyre 1988, Paruk et al. 2021). Although loons can adapt to some level of disturbance, the increasing rate of anthropogenic disturbances is now markedly impacting loon productivity across the species' range.

Long-term monitoring of loons is required to accurately assess population trends because of their life history (Hammond et al. 2012). Over the last 26 years, the ACLC has monitored Adirondack loon productivity and has documented hundreds of nest attempts at a fine scale using a subset of study lakes (e.g., Buxton et al. 2019), as well as at a coarse scale using the NY Annual Loon Census (ACLC 2022). The number of loon nests failing due to water level rise secondary to torrential rain events and predation has substantially increased during this time frame (ACLC, unpublished data). On a Park-wide scale, the percentage of lakes with only adult loons present has increased, while the percentage of lakes with immature loons has decreased, further indicating that loon reproductive success across the Park is declining (ACLC, unpublished data).

Climate change is causing an increased frequency and intensity of extreme precipitation events during Adirondack summers, which is when loons are nesting (Stager et al. 2022). Although loons attempt to add nest material when water levels rise, rapid changes can easily overwhelm a nest (Gutreuter et al. 2013). The rate, amount, and frequency that water levels are fluctuating causes the regular failure of many Adirondack loon nests annually. It is expected that such precipitation trends will continue in the Adirondacks (Stager et al. 2022), and so, the ACLC anticipates that the increasing trend in the number of loon nests failing due to rising water levels will continue, potentially affecting the population as a whole.

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Successfully mitigating the impacts of climate change is heavily dependent on correctly focusing conservation efforts where they are needed most and will be most effective (Bateman et al. 2020). For wildlife populations at the edge of their geographical range, such as Adirondack loons, mitigating these impacts is essential to preventing range retraction, as these populations are likely to experience latitudinal or climatic effects on productivity (Saunders et al. 2021).

Nest rafts are well documented as an effective management strategy to reduce loon nest failure from flooding, predation, human disturbance, and other causes (e.g., DeSorbo et al. 2007, Piper et al. 2002). For lakes that experience fluctuating water levels sufficient to flood loon nests, natural nesting habitat may serve as an “ecological trap”, where loons find suitable habitat to initiate a nest but are unable to consistently hatch chicks because of nest flooding (DeSorbo et al. 2007).

It is also important to identify loon territories that are suitable for raft placement to minimize intraspecific competition where loons are already successfully nesting (Mager et al. 2008). The ACLC recommends the use of nest rafts only in cases where there is documented nest failure due to factors that a raft can mitigate. Currently, locations where nest rafts can be utilized are limited by requirements that they must be along private shoreline with landowner permission and there must be a documented loon pair in need of a raft in that location.

Preliminary analysis suggests that Adirondack loon reproductive success is now below the established threshold of 0.48 chicks fledged per territorial pair per year that is required to maintain a viable loon population over time (ACLC, unpublished data; Evers 2007). The Adirondack loon population likely needs an increased number of fledged offspring to maintain a viable population. The implementation of nest rafts on state-owned waters would greatly contribute to the ability of loons to increase the number of chicks fledged annually.

The ecological and economic value of loons in the Adirondack Park have been well-documented (Tuttle and Heintzelman 2015). Loons are a highly charismatic species and an established indicator of healthy ecosystems, and the presence of loons nearby is a consideration for home buyers in the Park (Tuttle and Heintzelman 2015). Thus, conserving Adirondack loons will greatly benefit both Adirondack ecosystems and local Adirondack economies.

In summary, the ACLC recommends that the proposed amendment to the definition of Wildlife Management Structures – specifically, the addition of Species of Special Concern to the definition – be incorporated into the revised Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. Reproductive success of Adirondack loons has been documented as declining, and thus, there is a legitimate need for nest rafts on state-owned waters. The authorization and implementation of these rafts will enhance loon nesting success across the Park and therefore will help mitigate the effects of climate change and other threats to Adirondack loon reproductive success. With the acceptance of this proposed amendment, we look forward to the emblematic calls of loons echoing across Adirondack lakes for years to come. Thank you very much for your time and consideration of our comment.



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## Re: Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan Proposed Amendments

Dear Deputy Director of Planning Megan Phillips,

The Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (SLMP) is the guiding policy for the management of state lands within the Adirondack Park. Since the SLMP was adopted more than 50 years ago, it has protected the Adirondack Forest Preserve from incompatible uses, guided appropriate management and recreation, and defined the Adirondacks as a world-class landscape.

The Adirondack Park Agency (APA) is proposing major revisions to the SLMP, including new language for accessibility, carrying capacity, and climate change. The Council agrees in principle that modern day challenges and opportunities to the Adirondack Forest Preserve must be addressed in periodic and meaningful updates to the Master Plan. However, we raise concerns that a number of important proposed changes fail to uphold the most basic mandate of the SLMP, "the protection and preservation of the natural resources of the state lands within the Park must be paramount."

**Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) should conform to the "Forever Wild" provisions of the New York State Constitution and respect science-based, landscape-scale stewardship of State lands and waters.** Protection of the ecological integrity and wild character of the Adirondack Park is paramount. Permitted uses should be consistent with preserving the unique natural quality of Park lands and waters.

In reviewing the proposed changes, the Council does not find that all of the proposed changes are consistent with the Constitution, the SLMP itself, or demonstrate science-based need. In addition, the Council finds that many of the proposed language changes are responsive to the moment and do not consider long-term State land impacts, the potential for negative precedent, and could pose significant legal challenges.

## Adirondack Council's SLMP Amendment Policy Review Criteria

The Council seeks to provide comments that analyze changes to the SLMP with the understanding that specific words can have wide-ranging impacts. The

proposed changes were reviewed in concert with the Council's *Considerations Regarding Proposed Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan* (2015) board-approved policy (see attached). The primary elements of that policy require that SLMP amendments consider and/or meet the following criteria:

1. Protection of natural resources continues to be paramount, for ecological and economic reasons.
2. Science should support any amendment as enhancing the protection of natural resources.
3. The state should commit to science-based, landscape-scale or "complex" planning.
4. No net expansion of snowmobile or motorized recreation in the Forest Preserve.
5. Better management of diverse recreational uses.
6. Support expansion of Wilderness.
7. Balance is important.
8. The amendment process is important.

In reviewing the SLMP amendment package with these criteria, the Council finds that many of the recommendations fail to fulfill these criteria. As such, the Council outlines comments focused below with rationale and with suggested updated language, as appropriate, in italics. General comments on the proposed changes are provided first, and then language-specific comments are provided based on the order in which they appear in the redline version of the SLMP.

#### **General Comments**

- Weakening of Agency Oversight: The APA serves as a critical counterbalance to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) by upholding the integrity of the SLMP. The Agency should seek to hold DEC accountable in complying with the SLMP rather than taking away or weakening those accountability measures.
- Negative Declaration: It is unclear how the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process has yielded a negative declaration for proposed SLMP amendments. The following exemplify significant environmental impacts for the proposed changes; 1) Not requiring the removal of buildings (some of which have harmful materials such as asbestos) by a given date and allowing them to molder, 2) removing the requirement to revegetate closed roads that alter hydrology, and 3) allowing for the use of Beaver Control Structures (BCS) which impact beaver behavior and ecosystem hydrology.
- Listening Sessions: The Council is disappointed that the APA has not hosted listening sessions as in past SLMP amendment processes. While outside the formal scope of SEQR, it engages stakeholders in a more meaningful way and allows for flow of information before formal verbal or written comments are produced. This makes for a more robust public engagement process and creates more targeted comments. As it stands, a single 60-day comment period does not allow for workshopping the amendments as it is unclear if a second comment period will be provided.

In addition, prior to the release of the proposed language for public comment by the APA, Agency staff held meetings with select stakeholders to discuss changes for the SLMP. The Council feels that the APA could have held those conversations with more stakeholders in advance.

- Oren Lyons Quote: The Council is pleased to see the removal of the William Chapman White quote at the beginning of the SLMP. In addition, it is unclear if any Indigenous land management principles have been incorporated into the proposed amendments to move beyond simply an acknowledgement into an engagement with Indigenous sciences and land management practices.

- Gender Neutral Language: The Council supports the use of gender-neutral language in the contemporary references to the Governor.
- Numbering: There were a number of non-consequential numbering errors within the redlined SLMP document. The Council suggests carefully reviewing all enumerated sections once amendments are finalized.
- Need for Guidance Documents: In order to implement the proposed changes consistently and clearly, the APA will need to work with DEC to create guidance documents expanding on the proposed package, including the climate recommendations.

## I. INTRODUCTION

### Unit Management Plan Development

- Climate Change Inventory and Management Actions: The updates to the unit management plan (UMP) development section would benefit from strengthened climate language. First, there is a missed opportunity to include a carbon inventory within all updated UMPs. Second, the structure and improvement inventory must only apply to conforming structures to ensure wise allotment of DEC resources while climate change damages structures. Third, management actions that expand use must be in line with land classification restrictions and the natural resources present on the land. Fourth, nature-based mitigation actions must be described to move beyond the reactionary approach of Park management.

Suggested Language (*italics capture Council-suggested language*):

... an inventory, at a level of detail appropriate to the area, of the natural, scenic, cultural, fish and other wildlife (including game and non-game species), *carbon (including soil carbon)* and other appropriate resources of the area and an analysis of the area's ecosystems;

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an inventory of existing, *conforming* structures and improvements that are consistent with the applicable federal accessibility standards for buildings, sites, and outdoor recreation facilities;

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the identification of management actions *consistent with the land classification and qualities* to improve access to and enjoyment of the unit's lands and waters by persons with disabilities; and

a description of how the proposed management actions and alternatives, when considered together, assess and plan for climate change vulnerabilities *and mitigative action, such as maximizing carbon stocks or preventing erosion with retaining vegetative cover*, specific to the unit.

- Elimination of UMP Development Dates: The elimination of the dates with no new dates or updated timeframes dissolves the ability of the APA to hold the DEC accountable for completing UMPs. This is unacceptable. The APA must retain its accountability and ability to enforce breaches of the Memorandum of Understanding of 2010 (MOU) with the DEC. The Council suggests keeping much of the text that was proposed to be deleted, merely deleting the outdated reference to 1989 and 1990, and relating UMP completion to review of the SLMP.

Suggested Language:

The Department of Environmental Conservation has made significant progress in unit management planning. This progress should be continued, *so that all unit management plans will be completed before the next five-year review of the master plan*, and the Department of Environmental Conservation should commit the necessary resources so that all unit management plans are completed.

- Carrying Capacity: The Council appreciates the Agency's intent to incorporate some federal Visitor Use Management Framework (VUMF) components into the SLMP. VUMF is an iterative, 14-step process that relies on data, transparency and adaptive action to guide visitor use management on public lands to protect natural resources, and to foster a good user experience. The Council would like to see the framework better captured in the amendment by referring to the VUMF directly and incorporating additional elements like the review of laws and policies, stakeholder engagement, data informed management, etc.

We understand that the Agency is hesitant to name a framework that may phase out in relevancy, but given that the SLMP should be updated regularly, we see that is an easy point to navigate around through periodic changes. In addition, there is an opportunity for the Agency to clarify how VUMF and carrying capacities must work together to protect state lands to ensure the SLMP is correctly interpreted and applied. The VUMF has resources designed to work specifically with carrying capacities.

The proposed amendments to the SLMP are focused on user experience, not on natural resource protection and preservation. If the APA is suggesting metrics other than the number of visitors to assess the level of impacts, then that must be clearly acknowledged in the SLMP and the APA must set the metric(s) within a guiding document – outside of the 2021 *Visitor Use Management Wildlands Monitoring of Forest Preserve Lands in the Adirondack Park*.

The Council suggests reviewing the *Six Best Practices for Wildlands Management* by Chad P. Dawson and John C. Hendee for developing in such a document. These include: 1) comprehensive planning with all agencies, 2) expanded outreach and education for visitors, changing visitor behavior, modifying where and when use occurs, 3) building front country facilities that can accommodate heavy use without degrading the natural resources, 4) building back country facilities that do not impinge on the protection of natural resources and wild character, 5) limits on use at various times and locations when education, outreach, and infrastructure management fail to address carrying capacity, and 6) ensuring adequate funding and personnel for state land stewardship. These elements should be incorporated to the carrying capacity section.

Furthermore, it is important to note that while the number of visitors is one method for assessing impacts, the APA cannot separate out the biological, physical or social portions of a carrying capacity study as they are intimately related and inform one another. Therefore, the language should make it clear that the carrying capacities of the resource are intended to be reviewed together to inform appropriate management actions. They should not to be segmented out so that only one – such as social capacity – is informing management actions.

The guiding mandate of the SLMP should be reiterated to remind the APA and DEC that natural resource protection of state land is paramount over all else. The proposed language currently focuses on the human use aspect VUMF while de-prioritizing natural resource protection.

The proposed language should also reiterate that carrying capacity assessments are for both lands and waters; not just lands.

## Accessibility

- Federal Compliance: The Council applauds the APA for the acknowledgement and inclusion of accessibility language, including the recognition of federal laws and regulations, for the management of state lands within the Adirondacks. Multiple forms of recreation and access opportunities for humans of all abilities is important and should be encouraged.

In reviewing the proposed accessibility language, the newly added other power driven mobility device definition (OPDMD) and the amendment to the Motor Vehicle definition, **the Council requests that the APA redact the OPDMD definition and its reference in the document be removed.** This policy recommendation is inappropriate for the SLMP and fails to achieve the intended goal of increased transparency since the APA does not manage state lands. It is currently under the DEC's authority to approve reasonable accommodations for OPDMD use on a case-by-case basis. Without an OPDMD policy from the DEC, this is an opaque process that is not accessible, fair, nor consistent across state land classifications.

Given the Council's position on the need to remove the OPDMD definition from the SLMP language, we will not spend much time on dissecting the proposed definition. However, any future state policy should mirror the federal OPDMD definition and other federal regulations, summarized below.

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) outlines statutory requirements to ensure peoples with disabilities are not discriminated against. 42 U.S.C. § 12101(b). Following the passage of this law, the Department of Justice (DOJ) developed implementing regulations in 1991 and updated them in 2011 to include requirements for OPDMDs. Below is a brief review of the legal elements and definitions that inform the Council's stance on the inclusion of OPDMDs in the SLMP.

- According to the ADA, a disability is defined as "actual or perceived physical or mental impairment whether or not the impairment limits or is perceived to limit a major life activity." 42 U.S.C. § 12102. In Title II regulations, it is further clarified that any claims brought against a state or local government will be about the discrimination itself, and little time should be spent on if/whether someone actually meets the disability definition. 42 U.S.C. § 12131 et seq.
- The ADA is intended to provide protective and enforceable standards for programs, services, policies, facilities, etc., including those offered by state and local governments. In order to meet these standards, the law requires that "reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures" be made "unless the public accommodation can demonstrate that making the modifications would fundamentally alter the nature of the goods, services, facilities privileges, advantages, or accommodations." 28 CFR 36.302.
- In the 2011 updates, DOJ defined OPDMDs as "any mobility device powered by batteries, fuel, or other engines— whether or not designed primarily for use by individuals with mobility disabilities—that is used by individuals with mobility disabilities for the purpose of locomotion, including golf cars, electronic personal assistance mobility devices (EPAMDs), such as the Segway® PT, or any mobility device designed to operate in areas without defined pedestrian routes, but that is not a wheelchair within the meaning of this section." 28 CFR § 35.104.
- Additionally, OPDMDs are expressly excluded from federal Wilderness areas within the ADA, citing that "consistent with the [Wilderness Act](#) no agency is required to provide any form of special

treatment or accommodation, or to construct any facilities or modify any conditions of lands within a wilderness area in order to facilitate such use.” 508(c)(1) of the ADA, 42 U.S.C. 12207(c)(1). The Wilderness Act does not prohibit the use of wheelchairs, however, and wheelchairs are legally allowable wherever a hiking boot may go.

- Title II of ADA regulations outlines criteria that the state and local governments must be aware of when developing policies, practices or procedures, as noted above. The DOJ rules on OPDMDs further outline, “a public entity that has determined that reasonable modifications can be made in its policies, practices, or procedures to allow the use of other power-driven mobility devices should develop a policy that clearly states the circumstances under which the use of such devices will be permitted. It should also include specific rules governing their operation and provide individuals with disabilities who use such devices with advanced notice of these policies and rules.” 28 CFR § 35.137.

In reviewing these legal elements, it is clear that the DEC retains the authority to develop and review proposed OPDMD policies that can contemplate the needs of different types of public land classes across the state, including the Adirondack Forest Preserve. Therefore, **we request that the DEC develop an OPDMD-specific policy to define land classes where reasonable accommodations for such mobility devices would and would not be appropriate.** Areas where OPDMDs would not be appropriate should include Wilderness, Primitive, and Canoe areas since public motorized recreation is not allowed in those areas per the SLMP. As proposed in the SLMP, without a prior assessment nor state-wide policy, OPDMDs of any kind are permitted to go anywhere within the Park that is open to the public without restriction (outside of CP-3). The APA’s inclusion of an OPDMD definition does not address this concern, it merely maintains the ineffective and inequitable status quo of reviewing all requests and determining suitability in all land classes on a case-by-case basis.

A state-wide policy should include or contemplate the following:

- **Clear definitions**, including *Other Power Driven Mobility Devices* and *Wheelchair*, reflecting the federal definition.
- **Process** for receiving a reasonable accommodation for an OPDMD including expectations for providing credible assurance (such as a government-issued parking pass) that an OPDMD is required and expected timeframes for when the reasonable accommodation may be finalized. If land classification standards are met for the desired OPDMD, an individual will not need to request access.
- **Assessment factors** of mobility devices allowed within each land classifications (e.g. Wild Forest vs. Campground or Day Use Areas) based off of the DOJ criteria including device size, weight, and speed, facility design, safety concerns, as well as risks to ecological integrity or cultural resources, and compliance with other local and state regulations.
- **Standards** for uses on different paths, trails, and in pedestrian areas.
- **Guidance** that acknowledges the applicability to traditional and newer technologies, including those not yet developed, and any exemptions and prohibitions.

### Climate Change

- Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act: The Council is pleased to see Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) language in the SLMP. Recognizing a need for “maintaining intact forests and wetlands as carbon sinks and ensuring resilient and connected landscapes for species whose ranges are shifting” is a critical piece of maintaining the ecological integrity of the Adirondack Park. Because these are broad goals, the Council requests the development of guidance documents, such as the one that

the DEC has created for the Division of Air Resources (DAR-21), to describe how to achieve maximizing nature-based greenhouse gas (GHG) sequestration, storage, and climate resiliency. GHG emissions of snowmobiles and other motorized vehicles utilized on Forest Preserve must be assessed and mitigated, cutting of trees, movement of forest pests and pathogens across the landscape, and other climate-exacerbated threats should be considered in addition to what is captured here. Lastly, the National Park Service has a number of policies and guidance documents for how to address climate change, including a *Resist-Adapt-Direct (RAD) framework* to make informed, strategic management decisions. The order of this framework is important, noting that we must attempt the first two approaches before considering more permanent interventions such as permanent infrastructure.

Suggested Language:

In the 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act), New York State committed to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and ultimately achieving net zero emissions in the state by 2050. The Climate Act requires all state agencies to consider whether the issuance of permits or other approvals are “inconsistent with or will interfere with the attainment of the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits established in Article 75 of the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL).” CLCPA, Ch. 106, Laws of 2019 §7(2).

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Unit management plans should describe how the proposed management actions and alternatives analyses assess, plan for, and *mitigate* climate change vulnerabilities. *Management actions should be presented using the National Park Service’s “Resist-Adapt-Direct” approach with prioritization of the first two approaches. An example of a “Direct” action is right-sizing bridges and culverts and sustainable trail construction which can help to safeguard investments in recreational infrastructure and prevent future environmental degradation. Green infrastructure and appropriate storm water management improvements can help to mitigate onsite flooding at public facilities as well as protect water quality.*

## II. CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM AND GUIDELINES

### Basis and Purpose of Classification

#### Definitions

- Aircraft: The Council notes that aircraft does not appear to be able to include drones which are considered “unmanned aircrafts” under federal law and are illegal to use on or above Forest Preserve. This must be addressed within the SLMP.

Suggested Language:

... a device for transporting people or material *or for capturing photos or videos* that travels through the air and is propelled by a non-living power source contained on or within the device.

- Wildlife Management & Beaver Control Structures: The Council looks to the aforementioned Council policy on reviewing SLMP amendments when considering the proposed language for the wildlife management structures (WMS) definition change and the addition of a beaver control structures (BCS) definition that would be allowed on Forest Preserve lands. Therefore, the Council would like to see how science informed the inclusion of the WMS and BCS language. In reviewing the SLMP amendment package, including the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, the APA provides no scientific basis for their inclusion. In

general, the Adirondack Council supports coexistence with beavers and supports the use of BCS to prevent flooding of roads. For trails in Wilderness and Primitive, however, stricter standards are needed.

For BCS, such as flow devices, the Council is concerned that in allowing such use in Wilderness and Primitive areas, the APA would be promoting human recreation over natural resource protection. In these wilderness settings, where nature— including beavers— has the most right and ability to function without human interference, wild conditions should be maintained. Where beavers flood trails, a trail reroute or closure should be explored. On Wild Forest lands, more liberal use of structures to prevent beaver/human conflicts may be appropriate.

For WMS, the addition of species of special concern (SSC) language in this definition makes sense on the surface. With rising water levels, climate change serves as the largest threat to loon population health in the Adirondacks. This change could allow DEC to manage for species like loons, and could consider siting artificial loon nesting platforms, to help loons navigate the impacts of climate change. However, we request that the Agency demonstrate site-specific scientific data, such as the New York Loon Census data provided by the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation, to motivate this definition change. Again, Adirondack Council urges that Wilderness, Canoe, and Primitive lands be most strictly conserved, with interventions being minimized. Implementation of the WMS must be backed by waterbody-specific data such as productivity in the number of six-week-old chicks per pair, nest failure for three consecutive years, and flood height or evidence of chronic predation, as suggested by the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey. Wild Forest units may be more appropriate for WMS, but sound ecological science must still be followed.

- Motor Vehicle: The definition should be updated to recognize off-road vehicles (ORV) which includes off-highway vehicles such as side by sides and utility vehicles. In addition, OPDMD must be removed. Again, the DEC must create a state-wide OPDMD policy to improve access, transparency, and environmental concerns for these devices.

Suggested Language:

... a device for transporting people, supplies or material, incorporating a motor or an engine of any type for propulsion and with wheels, tracks, skids, skis, air cushion or other contrivance for traveling on or adjacent to land and water or through water. The term includes such vehicles as automobiles, trucks, jeeps, motorbikes, dirt or trail bikes, any type of all-terrain *or off-road* vehicles, duffle carriers, snowmobiles, snowcats, bulldozers and other earth-moving equipment and motorboats, but does not include *electric-assisted bicycles, or wheelchairs, or other power-driven mobility devices.*

- Wetlands: In recognition of the 2022 update to the Freshwater Wetland Act, one of the three guiding statutes of the APA, the Agency is advised to recognize the subsequent regulations that will go into effect in January of 2025. The Council suggests a thorough review of the wetland definition for consistency once final regulations are in place. The inclusion of wetlands of unusual importance, vernal pools, vernal pool complexes, significant flooding, floodways, and local or regional significance definitions all have impacts to the APA's definition of wetlands.
- Wheelchair: The Council commends the integration of federal law language within the SLMP definitions.
- Additional Wildlife Management Structure Comments: The addition of "species of special concern" is admirable. The Council also suggests adding rare species, species of greatest conservation need, and species of potential conservation need for consistency with the State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP).



Suggested Language:

... a structure or device designed for inventory or research purposes or for the protection or restoration of *rare, threatened, or endangered species or species of special concern, species of greatest conservation need, and species of potential conservation need* including but not limited to animal enclosures or exclosures, traps, bat mine or cave gates, raptor hacking towers, nesting towers or boxes, that does not materially alter the natural character or resource quality of the land and that is made of natural materials whenever possible.

## Wilderness

- Removal of Dates for Non-Conforming Structures: The consolidation of language to "will be removed" and removal of dates for when non-conforming uses must be removed is unacceptable. The DEC has had nearly 50 years to remove these structures and their remnants. Without new dates, the APA relinquishes oversight of all non-conforming structures on state lands after the three-year removal window. At this juncture, the APA should issue a compliance agreement pursuant to the MOU between the APA and the DEC concerning the implementation of the SLMP. This action, and subsequent actions, serves to draw attention to the under-resourced Department and provide grounds for budget increases in legislative and governor budgets. The Council again suggests largely retaining the existing language and retaining accountability for the APA and DEC to execute the provisions of the SLMP for decades.

Suggested Language:

... any remaining non-conforming uses *that were not removed by the December 31, 1975 deadline provided for in the original version of the master plan* will be removed by December 31, 2030;

... All other structures and improvements, except for interior ranger stations themselves (guidelines for which are specified below), will be considered non-conforming and will be removed. *Any remaining non-conforming structures that were to have been removed by the December 31, 1975 deadline but have not yet been removed, will be removed by December 31, 2030.*

- Added Motorized Access for DEC: The APA is proposing to grant the DEC administrative motor vehicle access to Wilderness Areas on an as-needed basis. The SLMP is clear that Wilderness is intended to be motor-free except for extenuating circumstances, like life-saving search and rescue operations. Allowing this level of access for routine maintenance would diminish the APA's ability to protect and enforce the SLMP's Wilderness standards. The Council does not support this proposed language because it is inconsistent with Wilderness; number 7 under "Roads, snowmobile trails and administrative roads" must be removed for SLMP compliance.
- Beaver Control Structures: The Council finds that the notion of managing for beaver activity within Wilderness designations is generally inappropriate. This setting is where essential behaviors exhibited by beavers and other wildlife should not be infringed upon. However, persistent conflict between well-sited, Wilderness-compatible infrastructure and beaver activity may be remedied by the addition of beaver control structures such as pond levelers and beaver deceivers when within the 500-foot buffer of a public highway.

Suggested Language:

... beaver control structures will be permitted where beaver activity ~~threatens to~~ causes *permanent, multi-seasonal damage to wetland vegetation and to existing, ecologically-appropriately sited:*

- (i) ~~Trailheads, parking areas, fishing and waterway access sites, picnic areas, ranger stations or other facilities for peripheral control of public use;~~
- (ii) ~~adjoining roads, railroad corridors;~~

- (iii) ~~adjoining private lands or private right-of-way;~~
- (iv) ~~trails within 500 feet of a public highway right-of-way; or~~
- (v) ~~fish barrier dams.~~

Right-sized *upgrades to existing culverts, or bridges and trail relocations* should be a priority solution for management of beavers *before consideration of beaver control structures*. *Infrastructure such as trail relocations must be sited for resilience to climate exacerbated storms and distanced from active beaver activity.*

- Roads: See other comments regarding the removal of dates. The Council again requests largely retaining the existing language and retaining accountability for the APA and DEC to execute the provisions of the SLMP that have been in place for decades. In addition, the removal of the revegetation requirement is concerning as this may allow for roads to be closed in “name only” and not support restoration of the wild character of the Forest Preserve.

Suggested Language:

*Existing roads and administrative roads that were to have been closed by the December 31, 1975 deadline but have not yet been removed will be closed by December 31, 2030. Any non-conforming roads or snowmobile trails or resulting from newly classified wilderness areas will also be phased out as rapidly as possible and in any case will be closed by the end of the third calendar year following classification.*

*... and maintenance of such roads and trails will be curtailed with efforts made to encourage revegetation and restoration of the wild character of the site.*

## Primitive

- Removal of Dates for Non-Conforming Structures: See other comments regarding the removal of dates. The Council again suggests largely retaining the existing language and retaining accountability for the APA and DEC to execute the provisions of the SLMP in place for decades.

Suggested Language:

Any remaining non-conforming uses that were to have been removed by the original December 31, 1975 deadline but have not been removed will be removed by *December 31, 2030*.

... Non-conforming uses, other than those that meet the criteria in section 2 above, will be removed by *December 31, 2030*.

- Beaver Control Structures: See previous comments regarding beaver control structures. Similar concerns exist for Primitive area designations which are largely intended for Wilderness upgrades once non-conforming structures are removed.

## Wild Forest

- Bicycle Trails: The Council supports the inclusion of bicycles as an allowable use in Wild Forest, per Appendix H of the SLMP.
- Beaver Control Structures: The Council is concerned that allowing unregulated implementation of beaver control structures on Wild Forest lands will create ongoing issues. This could lock agencies in a vicious cycle

of maintaining roads that disrupt the Forest Preserve's hydrology and ecological integrity while managing for the beaver activity deemed a "threat."

Suggested Language:

Beaver control structures will be permitted where beaver activity ~~threatens to~~ causes *permanent, multi-seasonal* damage to *wetland vegetation or to stream improvement structures for fisheries purposes*, or to prevent the introduction of invasive species.

## Historic

- Historic Definition: The Council is concerned that with the addition of "preservation" weakens Agency oversight for any preservation activity. The Council suggests requiring that activities are listed in the UMPs.

Suggested Language:

... properties listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places, and National Historic Landmarks, and;

~~properties determined eligible for State/National Register listing by the New York State Board for Historic Preservation Office;~~ and that are of a scale, character and location appropriate for designation as an historic area under this master plan and the state has committed resources to manage such areas primarily for historic objectives. *The designation does not preclude the Department of Environmental Conservation from determining whether buildings are structurally unsound and should be removed, nor does it preclude the DEC from relocating buildings to another location consistent with their historic setting.*

... Construction, development, and preservation activities in historic areas will *be listed in the unit management plan and:*

- avoid ~~material~~ alteration of wetlands;
- minimize ~~extensive~~ topographical alterations;
- limit vegetative clearing; and,
- preserve the scenic, natural and open space resources of the historic area.

## State Administrative

- State Administrative Definition: The state administrative definition, while extensive, is not exhaustive. A large oversight is the absence of the Hudson River Black River Regulating District which controls up to 3% of the Forest Preserve for reservoirs, as delineated in Article XIV Section 2 of the New York State Constitution.

Suggested Language:

... It includes... Camp Gabriels, several sewage treatment plants operated by the Environmental Facilities Corporation, *and lands administered by the Hudson River Black River Regulating District for the purposes of regulating the flow of waters into neighboring watersheds.*

## III. AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND DELINEATIONS

### Wilmington Wild Forest

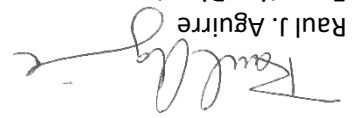
- Wilmington Wild Forest Description: APA staff have updated the description of the Wilmington Wild Forest to highlight its diverse biological assets as opposed to the recreational opportunities. While the recreational aspects of the unit are valuable, the Council applauds the recognition that the primary objective of state land management is for its natural resources and not human-centric activities which are secondary benefits of the Forest Preserve.

- Four Peaks: The Council is supportive of the addition of the Four Peaks tracts into the Wilmington Wild Forest. Four Peaks is bordered by the Wilmington Wild Forest and lies between the towns of Jay and Wilmington and meets the criteria for designation as a Wild Forest.

**APPENDIX II**

- State-held Conservation Easements within the Adirondack Park Updates: The Council appreciates the clarification and clean up provided in this section.

In closing, the Adirondack Council values the efforts to reinvestigate regular review of the Adirondack State Land Master Plan and bring issues of carrying capacity, accessibility, and climate change to the forefront. However, we continue to remind the Agency that upholding the natural resource protection of the Adirondack Forest Preserve is critical to the continued ecological health of its lands and waters. We appreciate the staff for the opportunity to engage and comment through public hearings and written response. We look forward to the consideration of our comments in the final amendment.

Sincerely,  
  
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 Executive Director

Enclosure(s): *Considerations Regarding Proposed Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan*

**CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
THE ADIRONDACK PARK STATE LAND MASTER PLAN (APSLMP)  
02/05/2015**

Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) should conform to the “Forever Wild” provisions of the Constitution and respect science based landscape scale stewardship of State lands and waters. Protection of the ecological integrity and wild character of the Adirondack Park is paramount. Permitted uses should be consistent with preserving the unique natural quality of Park lands and waters.

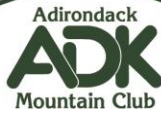
The current APSLMP, except for minor technical amendments and land classifications, has remained unchanged since it was developed and approved in the 1970s. Diverse stakeholders have suggested that, after over 40 years of experience, it may be time for a review of its provisions. Opportunities to strengthen the plan were highlighted during the recent state classification and reclassification of over 40,000 acres including the Essex Chain of Lakes, Hudson Gorge, and adjoining Blue Mountain and Vanderwhacker Wild Forests involving many of these stakeholders. These issues may come up again in connection with the Boreas tract and subsequent additions to the Forest Preserve. Private and public stakeholders should work together and attempt to develop and further a set of changes that reflect advances in the scientific understanding of forested and aquatic ecosystems, changes in the nature of outdoor recreation and eco-tourism, and changes in the uses of adjacent private lands, including the impacts of conservation easements. A properly updated APSLMP could further enhance the economy for the communities of the Adirondack Park while enhancing preservation of the Park’s wild character.

Proposed changes to the APSLMP should be judged against the following considerations. We expect to support initiatives that satisfy all of these criteria. We expect to oppose those that do not.

1. **Protection of Natural Resources Continues to be Paramount, for Ecological and Economic Reasons:** The existing APSLMP sets as the highest priority “protection and preservation of the natural resources of the State lands within the Park,” and that should not change. Protection of natural resources and the ecological integrity and wild character of the Adirondack Park is paramount.
2. **Science should support any Amendment as Enhancing the Protection of Natural Resources:** Science should support any amendment as enhancing the current and future protection of the natural resources of the state lands and waters. Any proposed changes to an existing classification, a classification process, or new classification alternatives for future additions to the Forest Preserve, new technologies, or consideration of new science related to subjects such as climate change and invasive species, should be made based on science that reasonably confirms that the net results will enhance or not significantly degrade or impair any natural resources or opportunities for solitude.
3. **The State should commit to Science-based Landscape-scale or “complex” planning.** Proposed changes should secure a State commitment to science-based landscape-scale planning for all state owned interests, including easements, for large cohesive areas including the Bob Marshall Oswegatchie Wild Lands, the Wild Rivers Hudson River Essex Lakes, the Great South Woods, the High Peaks/Dix/Giant complex, and the Boreal Forest. Changes, including the use of isolated Unit Management Plan processes in a vacuum, which fail to consider lands or waters as a part of the natural systems of which they are a part, are inconsistent with this principle.

4. **No Net Expansion of Snowmobile or Motorized Recreation in the Forest Preserve:** Proposed changes must secure improved public land management policies that prevent the degradation of natural resources from intensive human uses including motorized vehicle operation, and other uses that require more than minimal vegetative clearing, terrain alteration or construction. There should be no net expansion of snowmobile or motorized recreation in the Forest Preserve, and no off-road, ATV, UTV, or similar use on Forest Preserve Lands in the Adirondack Park.
5. **Better Management of Diverse Recreational Uses:** Where proposed changes identify opportunities to better promote and manage diverse local and regional recreational uses that are currently permitted on State Forest Preserve lands and waters, such changes should strengthen and improve the protection of sensitive natural resources, the ecological viability of the impacted areas, and the resiliency of the affected ecosystem. Recreational uses should not degrade or interfere with the restoration of public resources that enhance sustainable economic opportunities in the Park.
6. **Support Expansion of Wilderness.** The existing Wilderness classification should not be withdrawn or weakened for any lands and waters currently classified as Wilderness. Where Wilderness criteria are met, including existing or potential opportunities for solitude, classifications should be extended and not precluded by considerations unrelated to landscape scale planning, stewardship, enhancing ecological integrity and wilderness land continuity.
7. **Balance is Important:** Taken as a whole, proposed changes must maintain or improve the ecological integrity, wild character and resiliency of the Park, benefit the people and communities of the Park, and the people of the State in general.
8. **The Amendment Process is Important:** The process of developing and considering adoption of any proposed changes shall be: a) open and inclusive with opportunity for input, engagement and collaboration from diverse interests from all regions of our state; and b) true to “Common Ground” principles of mutual respect, recognizing the legitimacy of different points of view, and the goal of achieving consensus without sacrificing basic principles.

The current APSLMP has helped elevate the Park to a national treasure and international model of conservation success. The APSLMP has not met its full potential because the State has lacked resources to better manage certain areas or the ability to resist harmful change. Nevertheless, there is always the potential for plan revisions to support improved stewardship and management of state-owned and managed lands and waters in the Adirondack Park, benefiting all who care about future generations inheriting a strong and vibrant Park. We are open to working with all stakeholders to develop such revisions to the extent they are supportive of the above considerations.



27 November 2024

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Dear Megan,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the 2024 Proposed Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. ADK represents approximately 27,000 recreationists and land stewardship advocates across the country who are passionate about protection of the public lands and waters of the Adirondack Park.

#### Accessibility

We greatly appreciate the agency's updates to address accessibility. We support ensuring access to the Forest Preserve for all people. We also recognize that the proposed amendments update definitions to match federal definitions and reflect current practices. However, we are very concerned about the changes involving *Other Power Driven Mobility Devices* (OPDMDs).

#### **OPDMDs**

On page 20, we agree with the inclusion of wheelchair exemption in the definition of Motor Vehicle, but are very concerned that OPDMDs are exempted from the Motor Vehicle definition. OPDMDs are motor vehicles that can be used by anyone and, by definition, are not specifically designed for use by people with mobility impairments. **OPDMDs should not be exempted from the definition of Motor Vehicle in the APSLMP.**

The Americans with Disabilities Act specifies that OPDMDs are not considered a reasonable accommodation where permitting them fundamentally alters the nature of the program, as it would for Wilderness, Primitive, and Canoe areas.

ADA Title II, Section 35.130 (b)(7)(i) under General Prohibitions Against Discrimination, states,  
"A public entity shall make reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures when the modifications are necessary to avoid discrimination on the basis of disability, unless the public entity can demonstrate that **making the modifications would fundamentally alter the nature of the service, program, or activity**"<sup>1</sup> (emphasis added)

OPDMD use in Wilderness and other sensitive land classes would fundamentally destroy the pristine nature of these places and the purpose for their classification. This certainly meets the ADA definition of fundamental alteration. OPDMDs should be excluded from land classifications of the Forest Preserve that currently do not permit motorized use.

Many classes of OPDMDs, as motor vehicles, will also impact trails and resources.

The ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) regulations state in Title II, Section 35.137 (b)(2)(v) under Mobility Devices, that "In determining whether a particular other power-driven mobility device can be allowed in a specific facility as a reasonable modification," a public entity assesses if the use would "create[s] a substantial risk of serious harm to the immediate environment or natural or cultural resources."<sup>2</sup>

ADA regulations also exempt compliance when there is a direct threat to the health and safety of the user or others.<sup>3</sup> The use of some classes of OPDMDs can impose a direct safety threat to those using them and to other users on trails and in areas not specifically designed for all-season motorized use (e.g., natural surface hiking, biking, equestrian, and snowmobile trails). **There must be an OPDMD policy to help determine when and where different classes of OPDMDs can be used on the Forest Preserve.**

## **Accessibility Policy**

The Adirondack Park needs a comprehensive plan for accessibility and accessible features. This is right and responsible, both for all people and for the natural resources and wilderness values of the Adirondack Park. The current practice of determining OPDMD on a case-by-case basis must not continue. An OPDMD policy must be created.

Not providing information upfront to those looking for accessible opportunities creates a barrier to access. A OPDMD policy would remove that barrier. An OPDMD policy should also reevaluate the CP-3 program to be updated and incorporated following ADA guidance.

Long-range, comprehensive planning is the responsibility of the Adirondack Park Agency, not the Department of Environmental Conservation. On page 13, it is not appropriate for the APA to abdicate its responsibility for this planning to the Department. APA must do the planning and develop the documents to provide guidance so that the use of OPDMDs on the Forest Preserve is in keeping both with the language of the ADA and the intent of the SLMP. The Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) provides clear, written guidance which can serve as a model. Language from the OPRHP policy is shown below,

“In accordance with the OPRHP guidance documents, use of other power-driven mobility devices (“OPDMD”) by individuals with mobility disabilities will be allowed in all appropriate locations in state parks and historic sites, unless they: a) present a safety hazard to the user or other members of the public using the facility; or b) will result in an adverse impact to natural or historic resources. Permits issued at the facility will be required for certain devices and registration may be required upon arrival at the facility. Reasonable speed limits and other safety related requirements may be established and shall be posted and/or included in permits. In some instances, OPDMD may be allowed during some periods, but excluded during high use periods. For example, they may be allowed on a specific path during weekdays, but excluded on weekends when high visitation would make operation on the path unsafe.”<sup>4</sup>

## Visitor Use Management

ADK is also concerned with the proposed language revisions regarding carrying capacity and Visitor Use Management (VUM). We support the use of the Visitor Use Management Framework as the preferred tool for determining the amount and types of use suitable for a unit, but only if that tool explicitly includes ecological, physical, and social components, measurements, and metrics. Any study that does not include all aspects is fundamentally incomplete.

Currently, the State Land Master Plan requires carrying capacity assessments as part of the unit management planning process. The proposed APSLMP amendments identify that carrying capacity is a component of the broader VUM process but incorrectly equate establishing carrying capacity with management actions such as changing visitor behavior.

The federal Interagency Council on Visitor Use Management defines carrying capacity as “a component of visitor use management and is the maximum amounts and types of visitor use that an area can accommodate while achieving and maintaining desired resource conditions and visitor experiences that are consistent with the purposes for which the area was established.”

A visitor use management process can only be a complete process when it includes ecological monitoring and indicators that assess the desired, current, and future conditions of the natural resources.



Currently, the Department of Environmental Conservation is undertaking an incomplete VUM process by focusing only on the social dimensions of visitor use management. It is NOT a visitor use management study and cannot currently be considered a model for the future. However, the DEC has invested in a tool that could complete the VUM for the High Peaks and provide the needed information on resource conditions. Incorporating monitoring such as SUNY ESF's ecological scorecard would provide the necessary ecological assessment to inform management recommendations and demonstrate an appropriate application of a Visitor Use Management process.

#### Beavers

We appreciate the additional language added to the APSLMP to assist Beavers and their important work to protect watersheds,<sup>5</sup> create wetlands and habitat,<sup>6</sup> increase biodiversity, slow the flow of excess water to decrease runoff, erosion, and flooding;<sup>7</sup> and combat climate change by carbon sequestration in beaver ponds and wetland meadows.<sup>8</sup> Any changes to the APSMP should be with the recognition of the critical role Beavers play in making the wildlands and waters of the Adirondack Park more resilient to climate change. The phrase "right-sized culverts" is confusing since changing the size of a culvert is unlikely to deter beavers. Instead, you could say,

"Use of appropriate flow devices at culverts, and starter dams, bridges and trail relocations should be a priority solution for management of beavers."<sup>9</sup>

#### APSLMP Deadlines

The deadlines for removing non-conforming structures should not be simply removed even though the deadlines are long past. Removing an important mandate that was intended to establish accountability for the APA and DEC and provide integrity to the land classification system must be preserved in the APSLMP. Outlining new deadlines or a process for conformance that meets the original intent of the deadlines should be developed and included in the APSLMP.

#### Bundling and Timing

The bundling of these significant changes to the APSLMP with the Four Peaks Land Classification Package is not appropriate. These two processes should be separated. The changes proposed to the APSLMP deserve more conversation, explanation, and careful consideration. There is no need to rush the process.

#### Climate

We appreciate and applaud APA and DEC for the inclusion of planning and analysis related to climate change vulnerabilities in Unit Management Plans. This is an essential change that should be implemented immediately.

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<sup>1</sup> ADA Title II Regulations, §35.130 (b)(7)(i) under General Prohibitions Against Discrimination

[Americans with Disabilities Act Title II Regulations | ADA.gov](#)

<sup>2</sup> ADA Title II Regulations, §35.137 (b)(2)(v) under Mobility devices

[Americans with Disabilities Act Title II Regulations | ADA.gov](#)

<sup>3</sup> ADA Title II Regulations, §35.139 Direct Threat

[Americans with Disabilities Act Title II Regulations | ADA.gov](#)

<sup>4</sup> <https://parks.ny.gov/documents/inside-our-agency/PublicDocuments/GuidancePolicies/AccessibilityPolicyEnglish.pdf>  
[AccessibilityPolicyEnglish.pdf](#)

<sup>5</sup> [How beavers are reviving wetlands](#)

<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-64502365>

<sup>6</sup> [Why Beavers?](#)

<https://www.beaverinstitute.org/learn-about-beavers/whybeavers/>

<sup>7</sup> [Beavers offer lessons about managing water in a changing climate, whether the challenge is drought or floods](#)

<https://theconversation.com/beavers-offer-lessons-about-managing-water-in-a-changing-climate-whether-the-challenge-is-drought-or-floods-168545>

<sup>8</sup> [What Role Do Beavers Play in Climate Change? | Science | AAAS](#)

<https://www.science.org/content/article/what-role-do-beavers-play-climate-change>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.beaverinstitute.org/get-beaver-help/blocked-road-culverts-and-drains/>  
[Blocked Road Culverts and Drains](#)

**Additional Note:** The APA and DEC have indicated in their presentation on the proposed changes to the APSLMP that DEC follows both the ADA and ABA (Architectural Barriers Act) in design, construction, and alteration of recreation facilities. Although the ABA is focused on federally funded constructed infrastructure, it is worth noting here since it is related to use and ADA compliance.

The ABA (Architectural Barriers Act) provides exemptions<sup>9</sup> for Outdoor Constructed Features, Tent Pads and Tent Platforms, Camp Shelters, Viewing Areas, Outdoor Recreation Access Routes, Trails, and Beach Access Routes, if

- Compliance is not practicable due to terrain.
- Compliance cannot be accomplished with the prevailing construction practices.
- Compliance would fundamentally alter the function or purpose of the facility or the setting.

Or if compliance is limited or precluded by any of the following laws, or by decisions or opinions issued or agreements executed pursuant to any of the following laws:

- Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 et seq.);
- National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 et seq.);
- National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 470 et seq.);
- Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 1131 et seq.); or
- Other federal, state, or local law the purpose of which is to preserve threatened or endangered species; the environment; or archaeological, cultural, historical, or other significant natural features.

Permitting motorized vehicles in wilderness and other non-motorized areas would “fundamentally alter the function or purpose of the facility or the setting,” and would conflict with “federal, state, or local law the purpose of which is to preserve threatened or endangered species; the environment; or archaeological, cultural, historical, or other significant natural features.”

Clearly, OPDMDs should not be exempted from the definition of Motor Vehicles.



## **Adirondack Wilderness Advocates**

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Dear Deputy Director Phillips:

Adirondack Wilderness Advocates (AWA) is pleased to present our official comments on the proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (SLMP). We thank the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) for the opportunity to submit these comments as well as the opportunity to testify at public hearings.

AWA would like to compliment Agency staff on what we believe are a thoughtful set of changes and additions overall. Climate change, equitable access and smarter management of the Forest Preserve are all laudable goals. However, we have identified three specific areas of concern in the proposed changes, each of which we believe has the potential to weaken the SLMP's paramount purpose: protection of the wild character of the Forest Preserve. Below we describe these concerns in more detail. We also offer a comment on Visitor User Management (VUM).

In addition, we are attaching to this comment letter more than two hundred petition signatures from our supporters, opposing motors in Wilderness.

### Proposed Language on Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices

We must recognize that people with disabilities constitute a protected class and deserve accommodations to affirm and secure their civil rights. But we must recognize that land classified as Wilderness also constitutes a protected class and likewise deserves accommodations to protect it. In New York State, we have long acknowledged both of these imperatives for protection. Those who want to improve access in the Adirondack Park for people with disabilities are right to do so. Those who want to protect Wilderness from motorized access are right to do so. The right thing is to do both. Our reading of both the SLMP and the ADA shows us that we can.

The SLMP secures the rights of Wilderness to exist on its own terms: untrammelled, where humans are visitors who do not remain. As such, the SLMP's protections are central to the vast number of Americans, with and without disabilities, who cherish Wilderness. The majority of land on the globe has been modified to serve human interests. In New York State, Wilderness is the only land which *reverses that relationship*: human beings are expected to modify their behaviors to serve its interests. This hardly qualifies as an onerous imbalance: less than 4% of the land in New York is protected as Wilderness and it's much less if one considers the Northeast as a whole. By any reasonable standard, Wilderness is a scarce and precious resource.

One of the sacred tenets of Wilderness is that it must remain free of motorized access. Considering that motor vehicles have reshaped the planet, the fundamental characteristic of Wilderness as untrammelled makes that condition a no-brainer. Indeed, the SLMP explicitly forbids public use of motorized vehicles in Wilderness.

Herein lies the potential issue with some of the APA's proposed new language. In order to address accommodation for people with disabilities, the APA is proposing changes to the SLMP that would allow motors in Wilderness.

There are three parts to the potential changes in question. First, a proposed new paragraph states:

*In keeping with ADA Title II regulations on mobility devices (CFR § 35.137), wheelchairs are allowed on state lands anywhere that pedestrian access is permitted. The DEC is responsible for interpreting federal regulations and guidance to determine where the use of Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) may be appropriate.*

There is no argument about the first sentence. It is Federal law, State law and a fundamental civil right that an individual in a wheelchair be allowed to go anywhere a pedestrian on foot is allowed to go. Furthermore, wheelchairs are formally defined in law in a way that mitigates any concern that a device able to significantly impact Wilderness would be defined as a "wheelchair." Wheelchairs may be powered, but they must be designed for individual use and be appropriate for indoor use. That means gasoline-driven devices or those as wide as 3 feet are out.

The problem is with the second sentence and with the formal definition of an OPDMD, which is given in another proposed paragraph:

*Other Power Driven Mobility Device – consistent with applicable law and regulation, an OPDMD is currently defined as any mobility device powered by batteries, fuel, or other engines—whether or not designed primarily for use by individuals with mobility disabilities—that is used by individuals with mobility disabilities for the purpose of*

*locomotion, or any mobility device designed to operate in areas without defined pedestrian routes, but that is not a wheelchair.*

That definition obviously includes a wide range of devices, including golf carts, ATVs, UTV's, powered wagons and motorized bicycles, all of which are prohibited in Wilderness. Yet, the first paragraph above grants the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) discretion to interpret the guidelines to allow use of OPDMD's.

Furthermore, and most concerning, the APA also proposes to amend the definition of "Motor Vehicle" in the SLMP to exclude not just powered wheelchairs, but OPDMD's as well. That means anything definable as an OPDMD could, at the DEC's discretion, be used in Wilderness. This is a direct violation of the letter and spirit of the SLMP and of Wilderness in particular. Thus, we apparently have different sets of rights in conflict.

Fortunately, we can find a model for solving this conflict in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) itself. Those who crafted and amended the ADA recognized the value of Wilderness as something different from all other lands. The Act explicitly exempts Federal Wilderness (which has the same definition as Adirondack Wilderness, almost word-for-word): powered wheelchairs are allowed (although trails are not required to be modified to accommodate them), but the same allowance is not granted to OPDMD's. In their wisdom, the designers of the ADA understood what many disability advocates have also voiced: Wilderness is for everyone, just the way it is, and as a precious and scarce resource, its right to exist in a natural state must be accommodated.

This gives us the opportunity for a simple bottom line: if the Federal Government can exempt Federal Wilderness from the ADA requirements for OPDMD's, then the State of New York can do the same for Adirondack Wilderness. The APA can accomplish this by removing the proposed language excluding OPDMD's from the definition of "Motor Vehicle." New York State must keep Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices out of Wilderness.

No matter what the final adopted language looks like, this issue will continue to bear close scrutiny. Electric Vehicle (EV) technology is fantastic and incredibly beneficial for our climate, but the nature of the electric motors, batteries and intelligent software that comprise the state of the art in EVs allows for the design of vehicles with unprecedented abilities to navigate wild terrain. Vehicles that can operate on trails the average hiker would never imagine could be traversed by a motorized device will become widely available. Electric motors operating independently on each wheel and automatic adjustments of balance points and ground clearances using sophisticated real-time software make current off-road vehicles primitive in comparison. This new generation of devices must be carefully assessed. Adopting too broad a definition of approved motorized devices in the SLMP now could prove to be disastrous.

## Beaver Control Structures

Beavers positively affect natural ecosystems, increasing biodiversity. They are one of the few animals who change their habitat and do so for the better, in contrast with human beings who usually change their habitat at the severe detriment of other species. Beavers are important for wetland species, fish habitat restoration, and climate change mitigation, something that the APA is trying to address in these SLMP changes.

Wilderness areas are those where “the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man,” meaning that the flora and fauna should be unrestricted by humans. This is where humans are a visitor, and the area is “affected primarily by the forces of nature.” Beavers are a force of nature and should be left to their own devices, especially in a wilderness area. The primary guideline for Wilderness management states is that man’s influence is not apparent.

The APA’s proposed language lists many instances where the use of beaver control structures are allowed including adjoining roads and private property. How far upstream will DEC be allowed to go to affect beavers’ behavior and ecosystem services if it impacts adjoining private property or roads?

It is unclear on what to do if beavers impact trails. The proposed language does say, and we agree, that “right-sized culverts, bridges and trail relocations should be a priority solution for management of beavers.” It also says in regard to a Wilderness area that the use of beaver control structures can be used with “trails within 500 feet of a public highway right-of way” with no explanation as to why one should protect those trails and not others.

In regard to primitive areas, it says that “beaver control structures will be permitted where beaver activity threatens to cause damage to primitive recreational trails.” Why protect primitive recreational trails and not others? Could it be because the DEC utilizes primitive recreational trails for UTV and motor vehicle use? We have a hard time grappling with affecting the flora and fauna and making changes to the ecosystem because DEC wants to drive UTVs and vehicles in what should essentially be a Wilderness area.

Beaver control structures require frequent maintenance to maintain functionality. The beavers usually win out with their persistence. How will these structures be maintained on the forest preserve?

Additional clarity that constrains the use of beaver control structure in Wilderness or Primitive Areas is called for.

## Non-conforming Structures in the Forest Preserve

The APA has proposed revisions to the guidelines on removing non-conforming structures in the Forest Preserve. These revisions eliminate all deadlines for removing structures that are currently contained in the SLMP. We agree that removing language concerning missed deadlines that go back decades in some cases years is perfectly sensible. However, the APA's replacement is to allow removal, including with motorized equipment, in an open-ended and "case by case" manner, with the APA as arbiter. AWA opposes open-ended and discretionary use of motor vehicles in the Wilderness. We call for the SLMP to require a comprehensive plan with a complete inventory and assessment of non-conforming structures and a proposed method of removal, including whether motorized equipment would be necessary. These plans could be accomplished in a variety of ways, for example as part of an updated 2010 DEC/APA MOU.

It is unclear why the APA has chosen to remove deadlines or any other language setting priorities for removal of non-conforming structures. Is this because the Agency doesn't believe that the remaining problem is important, or because they are unwilling to assert their authority over the DEC to make things happen in a timely manner?

We suggest a more detailed alternative that requires the following:

- creation of an inventory of remaining non-conforming structures,
- sorting of this inventory by a priority based on the impact the structure has on the surrounding environment, and other relevant factors,
- a list of non-conforming uses and their impacts required to remove the structure,
- a schedule listing the completion date for each of the items on the inventory.

In the SLMP, a *Non-Conforming Use* is defined as:

*a structure, improvement or human use or activity existing, constructed or conducted on or in relation to land within a given classification that does not comply with the guidelines for such classification specified in the master plan.*

Also, the SLMP states that the DEC shall document schedules for the various management objectives in UMPs:

*Schedules for achievement of such objectives will be included in each unit management plan. The land characteristics and the recommended objectives for each area will be related to and integrated with the characteristics and management objectives for adjacent public and private land areas. General recommendations for future acquisition will be included as appropriate.*

The current SLMP goes on to say that when new land is classified as wilderness, the DEC shall have three years to remove any non-conforming structures. There are many sections where a deadline of 1975 has been extended to 1987. In place of a strict deadline for the removal of non-conforming structures, the APA has proposed the following new guideline:

*Irrespective of the above or any other guidelines in this master plan, use of motor vehicles by administrative personnel to remove non-conforming structures or improvements after the phase-out period will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the Agency. This work must occur during the off-peak seasons.*

Certainly, maintaining a reference to the decades-old deadlines isn't helpful, except to remind us that these non-conforming structures do still exist and previous attempts to force the DEC to comply with a deadline have been unsuccessful. Instead, the APA seems to be admitting that it can't force the DEC to take action on any timeline.

Finally, in the text below, why is the clause about non-conforming roads deleted?

*3. During the phaseout period the use of motorized vehicles by administrative personnel for transportation of materials and personnel will be limited to the minimum required for proper interim administration and the removal of nonconforming uses.; and,*  
~~*-- maintenance of such roads and trails will be curtailed and efforts made to encourage revegetation with lower forms of vegetation to permit their conversion to foot trails and, where appropriate, horse trails.*~~

It should be clear that once land has been classified as Wilderness, any roads or snowmobile trails will no longer be maintained for any kind of motorized use.

### Visitor Use Management

The APA is proposing new language in support of Visitor Use Management (VUM) as the new paradigm for managing park users. Some environmental groups have raised concerns that VUM supplants carrying capacity as a wilderness-protection methodology, instead establishing a “slippery slope” that prioritizes recreational access and use over protection of the resource. AWA is a champion for VUM because we see it as the most effective tool for addressing the dynamic challenges that most threaten wilderness. AWA, along with the Adirondack Powder Ski Association, Adirondack Wild and Paul Smiths VIC, has been operating the Jenkins Open Woods Skiing VUM project for three years, and regularly engaging with the APA and DEC to demonstrate our use of VUM and the principles behind it.

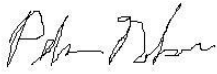


VUM is a responsive and adaptive tool well suited to addressing everything from invasive species to climate effects to trail deterioration to spikes in visitor usage. However, VUM is only a tool and must not be confused with Wilderness policy. AWA was a member of the High Peaks Advisory Group (HPAG), which recommended adoption of VUM. That recommendation, and all other recommendations, were made subject to guiding principles which were enumerated at the beginning of the recommendations section. Guiding Principle #1 is “Protection of the Wilderness.”

We support the APA’s draft language on visitor use management in spirit, but we call for a clear statement that VUM will be used in Wilderness areas only in a manner 100% consistent with Wilderness policy and with protection of the Wilderness as the highest guideline, as was stated in the HPAG report.

Once again, AWA thanks the APA for this opportunity to comment on an issue of great importance.

For the Board of Adirondack Wilderness Advocates,

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Pete Nelson  
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Attachments: petition responses



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**Comments RE: 2024 Proposed Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan**

Dear Ms. Phillips,

On behalf of the members of Barkeater Trails Alliance (BETA) I want to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP).

BETA maintains over 130 miles of trails for human-powered recreation, bike, hike, and ski, in the eastern portion of the Adirondack Park. BETA also partners with state and municipal land managers and private landowners to meet the fast-growing demand for outdoor recreation by constructing natural surface trails utilizing modern trail design and construction techniques. Natural surface trails are critical components of the state's trails network particularly in natural areas, areas of high conservation value, and Department of Environmental Conservation's Forest Preserves.

**Bicycle Trails as a Conforming Use**

We strongly support the inclusion of bicycle trails as conforming Structures and Improvements in Wild Forest. This recognizes the sustainable, low-impact nature of appropriately designed and constructed bicycle trails and is consistent with the objective of providing "a wide variety of outdoor recreation." These trails provide many residents of the Adirondacks another opportunity for quiet recreation and non-motorized trails of all types have been shown in many studies to increase the physical and mental health of those living in proximity. Bicycle trails are also an important attraction for tourists and expand the base of support for the outdoor recreation economy of many towns in rural New York.

**Classification of Four Peaks Tract**

We applaud the classification of the Four Peaks area as wild forest and its inclusion in the Wilmington Wild Forest. As noted in the October 3<sup>rd</sup> press release by the APA, the Four Peaks parcel "was identified in the New York State Open Space Conservation Plan and includes the potential to expand existing recreational opportunities from the Beaver Brook trail network." This potential to enhance outdoor recreation for the residents and visitors of Jay and Wilmington is one important aspect of this acquisition

and we urge the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to move quickly to plan for recreation in the area and amend the Unit Management Plan for the Wilmington Wild Forest.

### **Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation, and Resilience**

As a trails organization responsible for over one hundred miles of natural surface trails used by both summer and winter recreationists, BETA has first hand experience with the impact of climate change and extreme weather events on the forest landscape and recreation infrastructure. Through modern trail design and construction techniques BETA (and numerous studies) has repeatedly shown that not only can trails be significantly protected from damage but also the environmental impact due to erosion of modern trails is greatly reduced even during major storms. We have, however, recently seen instances where DEC has included natural surface trails when calculating acreage of land disturbance for post-construction stormwater mitigation (typically detention ponds) and we strongly oppose this as a costly and ineffective way of attempting to show attention to the issue. Trail networks typically cover many acres of vegetated land and modern construction of trails is intended to disperse storm water as “sheet flow” across the forest floor, not collect that water and direct it to a central location for storage. Efforts to increase climate change resilience should be carefully assessed to ensure that the desired outcome is likely to be achieved and that the cost of implementation is considered.

### **Unit Management Plan Deadlines**

The APA summary of amendment items includes a subject “Removal of dates/deadlines that have passed”. We recognize that inclusion of specific dates that have already passed is not useful in the APSLMP but we do believe that providing specific requirements for completion of unit management plans is necessary and that the statement “should commit the necessary resources” is insufficient oversight of NYSDEC. Because UMPs are critical guiding documents for land management, areas where there is no UMP or where UMP’s have not been amended for many years results in an inability to manage public use of the forest preserve.

### **Definition of a Cross Country Ski Trail**

In addition to these comments on the proposed amendment we would like to highlight another element of the APSLMP which needs to be revised. The current definition of a cross country ski trail (Definitions, page 19, section 9) is “Cross Country Ski Trail – a marked and maintained path or way for cross country ski or snowshoe travel, which has the same dimensions and character and may also serve as a foot trail, ...”. The requirement that a ski trail be *the same dimensions* as a foot trail is not rooted in any management objectives and neither the definition of bicycle trails nor snowmobile trails contain this language. This link to foot trail dimensions unnecessarily limits the ability to create and manage low impact ski trails on the forest preserve. In fact, currently APA and DEC are working with the Trail Stewardship Working Group, representing environmental and recreational groups across the park, to develop Trail Design Parameters for foot, bicycle, equestrian, snowmobile, AND cross country ski. These design parameters for ski trails are in conflict with the APSLMP definition since the dimensions are not identical to those of a foot trail.

Recommendation

Retaining the intent of the current language, revise the definition to: *Cross Country Ski Trail – a marked and maintained path or way for cross country ski or snowshoe travel, which is located and designed to provide reasonable access in a manner causing the least effect on the surrounding environment and not constructed, maintained or groomed with the use of motor vehicles.*

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment and we are committed to working with APA and DEC to enhance the quality of life of residents and visitors of the Adirondack Park as well as the economic vitality of businesses through outdoor recreation on a system of high quality and enjoyable trails across our region.

Sincerely,

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Re: 2024 Proposed Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan --  
Accessibility

Dear Ms. Phillips:

I am writing to submit the following comments on the accessibility-related provisions of the proposed amendments to the State Land Master Plan, particularly the provisions concerning access for people with mobility disabilities.

The draft amendments take an essential step toward greater accessibility by extending to unit management plans for *all* areas the obligation of the Department of Environmental Conservation to identify “management actions to improve access to and enjoyment of [a] unit’s lands and waters by persons with disabilities.” (Page 12.) This change, eliminating the former limitation to “intensive use, historic and appropriate portions of wild forest areas accessible by motor vehicles,” reflects the reality that opportunities for individuals with disabilities exist across most DEC lands and are profoundly important to well-being and quality of life.

The emergence of adaptive mountain bikes (aMTBs) and other mobility devices, together with programs that facilitate participation in adaptive outdoor recreation, have greatly expanded the boundaries of what’s possible and interest by people with mobility disabilities. In recent years it has become possible for many more people with mobility disabilities to mountain bike, kayak, camp and in other ways experience places that were previously out of reach – and to do so without harming the natural resources of wild areas. As indicated in the draft amendments and discussed below, adaptive outdoor recreation by people with disabilities is protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

I endorse the draft amendments’ language pertaining to accessibility and, in the interest of supporting effective public dialogue and implementation by DEC, recommend a few modest clarifications of how Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices will be managed on state lands:

**1. Clarify that DEC is required by federal law to permit the use of OPDMDs by individuals with mobility disabilities unless it can be demonstrated that a particular class of OPDMDs cannot satisfy safety standards.** Under US Department of Justice regulations implementing the ADA, a state entity cannot simply exclude OPDMDs or treat them the same as motor vehicles used by the general population in determining where and how they may be used. The DOJ regulations state that a public entity

shall make reasonable modifications in its policies, practices, or procedures to permit the use of other power-driven mobility devices by individuals with mobility disabilities, unless the public entity can demonstrate that the class of other power-driven mobility devices cannot be operated in accordance with legitimate safety requirements that the public entity has adopted. . . .

(28 CFR §35.137(b)(1).) The OPDMD provisions in the draft amendments are thus simply acknowledging in summary fashion what federal law requires. (Pages 13, 21.) According to media accounts of a recent public hearing, some commenters urge APA to delete the OPDMD provisions, apparently on the basis of a misconception about the legal basis of DEC's obligation to accommodate appropriate OPDMD use. This reaction to the draft OPDMD provisions underscores the need for clarity about OPDMDs' status and the legal framework governing their management.

**2. Include the assessment factors DEC must use to determine whether a particular type of OPDMD should be allowed in a given area.** Federal law does *not* require that a disabled individual be allowed to use any type of OPDMD anywhere on state land, regardless of its impact. The DOJ regulations specify that, in determining whether a particular OPDMD should be allowed in a given area, a state entity shall consider the following five "assessment factors":

- (i) The type, size, weight, dimensions, and speed of the device;
- (ii) The facility's volume of pedestrian traffic (which may vary at different times of the day, week, month, or year);
- (iii) The facility's design and operational characteristics (*e.g.*, whether its service, program, or activity is conducted indoors, its square footage, the density and placement of stationary devices, and the availability of storage for the device, if requested by the user);
- (iv) Whether legitimate safety requirements can be established to permit the safe operation of the other power-driven mobility device in the specific facility; and
- (v) *Whether the use of the other power-driven mobility device creates a substantial risk of serious harm to the immediate environment or natural or cultural resources, or poses a conflict with Federal land management laws and regulations.*

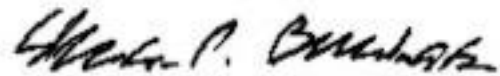
(28 CFR §35.137(b)(2) (emphasis added).) Thus, for example, an ATV that would tear up the landscape, or produce air pollutant emissions or levels of noise that would harm wildlife, would on most or indeed nearly all state lands in the Adirondacks create "a substantial risk of serious harm to the immediate environment or natural or cultural resources." By including the

assessment factors in its provisions concerning OPDMDs, the SLMP would address a demonstrated need for broader public understanding of the framework to be used in making management decisions about OPDMDs across all state land classifications and units.

**3. Specify in guidelines for all land classifications that OPDMDs whose operating characteristics and impacts are similar to those of bicycles may be used wherever bicycles may be used.** There is at least one category of OPDMD which the SLMP should categorically allow wherever bicycles are permitted: adaptive mountain bikes, or aMTBs, with e-assist. Under the DOJ regulations implementing the ADA, allowing aMTBs with e-assist where conventional mountain bikes or other bicycles are allowed is indeed probably required as a “reasonable modification[] in [DEC’s] policies, practices, or procedures” (28 CFR §35.137(b)(1). aMTBs include hand-cycles (either seated or kneeling), recumbent leg-cycles, bucket bikes, and tandem bikes. In the case of hand-cycles, even riders with considerable upper body strength sometimes need e-assist on all but flat, very smooth routes. aMTBs do not reach speeds as high as conventional mountain bikes or other bicycles do, so regulating aMTB speeds on trails or roads where conventional bicycles are allowed is not warranted. Noise from aMTBs’ e-assist is imperceptible more than a few feet away and well within the overall sound level of conventional bicycles on trails and unpaved roads. aMTBs are wider than conventional bicycles, but can operate on single-track trails without greater impact on soils or vegetation than conventional mountain bikes have.

Using an adaptive mountain bike to experience otherwise inaccessible places has an enormous positive impact on the quality of life of many people with mobility disabilities. APA is taking a critically important step by providing a framework in the SLMP for accommodating aMTBs and other OPDMDs as required by the ADA and in a manner consistent with state laws and policies protecting the resources of the park. Thank you for focusing on accessibility in the SLMP amendments and for taking my comments into consideration.

Sincerely,



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Dear Ms. Phillips,

I am writing in support of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance and their request to the Adirondack Park Agency to insert an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of State-owned facilities classified as "Historic" properties within the Adirondack Park.

Currently, those properties are classified under the APA's "Intensive Use" category. The direct result of this classification is that artifacts discovered on the properties are not cared for in the way they deserve, given their importance in telling the history of our country.

A Historic classification will help protect these properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, and open space attributes. The change in classification would also facilitate the State's enhanced stewardship of the property to reflect a prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation. The location is a National Register of Historic Places-listed property referenced as the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District and meets eligibility requirements for the APA's Historic classification.

These sites were the locations of key events during the French & Indian War and the American Revolution, are important elements of our national heritage, and deserve the additional protections that the Historic designation will afford. It is for these reasons that I support the Lake George Battlefield Alliance in its efforts to reclassify these properties. Please do not hesitate to contact Jonathan Carman in my Plattsburgh office at 518-561-2324 should you have any questions.

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Re: Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan

December 2, 2024

Dear APA c/o Megan Phillips,

Thank you for accepting public comment on proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. As a person with a disability and a disability advocate, I care personally about ensuring that the State is meeting its obligation to help disabled people access and enjoy public lands in the Adirondack Park. That's why including accessibility in the updated Master Plan is important. Adding accepted definitions for the variety of mobility devices disabled people use to navigate the outdoors and standards based on federal law provides clarity to the State and APA. I support the proposed amendments on accessibility.

Ample research has demonstrated the positive impacts that access to nature has on both physical and mental health (Bulger, 2023). It is discriminatory and illegal, per the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990), to refuse Reasonable Accommodations to people with disabilities. I am fortunate to live in Tompkins County, NY, that has ample trails and outdoor areas to enjoy. Lime Hollow, a nature center in nearby Cortland, NY, actually has their own Action TrackChair available for visitors to use, with no negative impact to the trails and surround areas (Lime Hollow Nature Center). I strongly urge you to consider including Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) in your plans for the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.

Thank you for your time,

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**Re. Proposed Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) amendments**

Dear Ms. Phillips,

We have serious concerns about the speed by which major amendments to the APSLMP have been authorized to proceed to public hearing and comment. The introduction of major APSLMP amendments, the briefest of discussion with Agency Members, and the vote to send them to hearing all took place during a single Agency meeting. That is an unduly hasty process resulting in negative consequences.

**Rushed Process to Amend the SLMP:** The State Land Master Plan stresses that “strong public involvement in the whole process of revision and review should be encouraged.” In addition to the legally required public hearings, “appropriate publicity and sufficient notice about proposed changes are also necessary to permit maximum public participation” (APSLMP, page 9). Prior to the September Agency Meeting agenda there appears to have been no publicity and no notice about proposed changes before the entire package was voted to proceed with public comment.

To our knowledge there were no stakeholder meetings or any meeting of the Agency’s State Land Committee where discussion could have taken place that would inform the public of coming major amendments, and where issues and concerns about any of the amendments underway could have improved the amendment proposals.

**Amendments Weaken the Master Plan:** Several amendments seriously weaken the Master Plan in direct violation of its unifying theme and paramount purpose (protection and preservation of the natural resources), and the 1979 Programmatic EIS for Amending the Master Plan. Prime examples of such weakening are the new definitions of Motor Vehicle and Other Power-Driven Mobility Device, and the Accessibility section.

As proposed the SLMP motor vehicle definition, which has long included all types of all-terrain vehicles (ATV), would now exclude “wheelchairs, or other power-drive mobility devices” (OPDMD). Although federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) identifies all-terrain vehicles (ATV) and golf carts as one of many classes of OPDMD, Forest Preserve law and Part 196 of DEC regulations prohibit this class of OPDMD (ATV) from Wilderness and Wild Forest trails.

Public use of motor vehicles in Wilderness, Primitive, and Canoe areas is expressly prohibited by the Master Plan. Both the Master Plan and interrelated DEC regulations (Part 196) prohibit public use of motor vehicles such as ATVs on any Wild Forest trail. By excluding all classes of OPDMD from the SLMP Motor Vehicle definition, the proposed amendment injects massive public confusion and serious legal and constitutional conflicts.

Altering the motor vehicle definition in the SLMP would also violate the *Final Programmatic EIS for Guidelines to Amend the Master Plan* which states on page 30 that “guidelines should be designed to protect the character of Wilderness, Primitive, Canoe and Wild Forest areas. The very foundation of Wilderness is the guideline which prohibits motorized access by the public and severely restricts such access by the Department of Environmental Conservation. Alteration of this guideline to permit generalized use of motor vehicles or aircraft would destroy the character of Wilderness, a cornerstone of the Master Plan.”

**There is no legal justification** to weaken the Master Plan by excluding all classes of power-driven mobility devices (OPDMD) from the definition of Motor Vehicle, or by granting DEC complete discretion over where OPDMD can operate in the Forest Preserve. Nothing we can find in U.S. Justice rules to implement the ADA requires these APSLMP changes. In fact, U.S. Justice ADA rules provide five assessment factors which enable DEC to condition or restrict OPDMD from Wilderness and Wild Forest trails, and thus abide by current APSLMP definitions and guidelines, and DEC regulations.

**Accessibility:** Highly problematic is the new, poorly drafted Accessibility section, specifically this: “keeping with ADA Title II regulations on mobility devices (CFR § 35.137), wheelchairs are allowed on state lands anywhere that pedestrian access is permitted. The DEC is responsible for interpreting federal regulations and guidance to determine where the use of Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) may be appropriate.”

The first sentence is correct and sufficient. Wheelchairs are allowed on state lands anywhere that pedestrian access is permitted. The second sentence contradicts other parts of the SLMP and DEC regulations. Use of ATVs on Wild Forest or Wilderness trails would fundamentally alter the Forest Preserve, the nature of DEC’s program for the Forest Preserve, and the Forest Preserve’s constitutional protection, upheld by our Court of Appeals in 2021. DEC is legally and constitutionally constrained from exercising discretion to allow OPDMD to drive anywhere on the Forest Preserve. The second sentence must, therefore, be dropped to avoid obvious legal conflicts.

The only places that ATV and golf cart class of OPDMD should be authorized to travel would be Forest Preserve roads signed as open to motor vehicles, or roads open exclusively for persons with disabilities under Commissioner Policy 3 (CP-3). On trails, wheelchairs, powered or not, are clearly authorized. All classes of OPDMD are not.

The U.S. Department of Justice rules provide NYS DEC with five Assessment Factors which condition or restrict where OPDMD may be allowed and encourages DEC to issue a policy for OPDMD use. These assessment factors include the type, size, weight, dimensions, and speed of the device; safe operation of the OPDMD and safety requirements; and a substantial risk of serious harm to the environment or natural or cultural resources caused by use of OPDMD. Clearly, the nature of the OPDMD device, their safe operation on Forest Preserve, and serious harm to wilderness resources and conditions would all qualify as factors to restrict OPDMD in Wilderness, Primitive, Canoe and on Wild Forest trails. Our reading of U.S. Justice rules tells us that use of OPDMD on the Forest Preserve should be addressed through the existing DEC CP-3 program and through written DEC Policy on use of OPDMD, applying the relevant assessment factors, and not through weakening APSLMP amendments.

**Unit Management Planning/Carrying Capacity:** The new material about carrying capacity study in UMPs is awkward, poorly drafted, and misleading. In this draft, the reader gets the impression that the SLMP has substituted Visitor Use Management for Carrying Capacity, when in truth VUM steps and methods are merely the most contemporary, national and state adopted tools for understanding and applying carrying capacity analysis. The work of evaluating the carrying capacity of Forest Preserve, lands and waters, remains basic and essential to unit management planning as described within the APSLMP. Your proposed amendment language undermines and misconstrues this fundamental requirement.

It simply is not true that “carrying capacity has been a concept for determining how many people could use a given recreational setting before impacts are unacceptable.” This proposed language is outdated and discredited. Since the High Peaks UMP was adopted in 1999, it has been accepted by DEC and APA that “by focusing on determining how many visitors an area could accommodate, it was found that managers lost sight of basic wilderness goals and objectives...this changed the question ‘how many is too many’ to ‘how much change is acceptable.’ Viewed in this context, carrying capacity can be used to prescribe what kind of resource and social conditions are acceptable, compare them to on-the-ground conditions, and identify the management actions needed to maintain or restore the desired wilderness condition” (High Peaks Wilderness Unit Management Plan, page 106).

We urge APA-DEC to use the above clear description of carrying capacity analysis taken directly from the High Peaks UMP and added to all UMPs adopted since 1999.

If under UMP Development a new paragraph is needed about VUM, and we are not certain that it is, we suggest this taken from the Draft DEC-APA Guidance on Visitor Use Management (May 2021):

The unifying theme should serve to focus attention on two critical sets of characteristics: the natural resource conditions of our State lands and the visitor experiences that are desired and considered appropriately suited to each area’s land classification. Active management of both the setting for recreational use (natural and managerial) and the recreational use itself should have the primary goal of achieving and maintaining these desired characteristics. Visitor-use management – or “VUM” – is simply the name of a process designed by experienced professionals to help achieve this goal.”

Use of VUM is intended to satisfy what are the APSLMP’s most important directives regarding UMPs: that they should be based on assessments of the carrying capacities of each area’s resources, and they should prescribe management aimed at: 1) ensuring those carrying capacities are not exceeded; and, 2) rehabilitating any areas whose resources – both natural and experiential – are suffering degradation due to overuse.”

**Wilderness – Motor Vehicles, proposed Guideline 7:** This proposed new guideline baldly conflicts with the spirit and plain letter of other APSLMP guidelines. Its addition now can only be viewed as an effort by DEC, abetted by APA, to maneuver around fundamental restrictions on the administrative use of motor vehicles in Wilderness. It must be removed.

The proposed new guideline 7 states that “Irrespective of the above or any other guidelines in this master plan, use of motor vehicles by administrative personnel to remove non-conforming structures or improvements after the phase-out period will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the Agency. This work must occur during the off-peak seasons.”

DEC's lack of capacity (or will) to remove non-conforming structures or improvements from Wilderness during the three-year period following classification was clearly anticipated fifty years ago by guideline 3. Guideline 3 allows the DEC Commissioner to authorize use of motorized equipment and aircraft, but not motor vehicles, to remove non-conforming structures from Wilderness at any time – including after the three-year phase-out period.

Proposed guideline 7, giving APA the authority to allow administrative motor vehicles on a discretionary basis, baldly contradicts the express purpose of guideline 3 to limit DEC to the use of motorized equipment and aircraft, but not motor vehicles. In fact, proposed guideline 7 which allows APA to evaluate DEC use of motor vehicles on a case-by-case basis is so open-ended that it winds up conflicting with guideline 2 wherein “administrative personnel will not use motor vehicles, motorized equipment or aircraft for day-to-day administration, maintenance or research.”

Again, new guideline 7 must be removed or it will pose serious legal conflicts with the existing APSLMP restrictions on use of motor vehicles by administrative personnel, and with the Final Programmatic EIS governing amendments to the APSLMP.

**Wilderness – Structures and Improvements, Beaver Control Structures:** beaver control structures, while useful in controlling water levels and preventing flooding without trapping and killing beaver colonies, require perpetual maintenance and repair. In general, the repeated incursions needed to install, maintain, and replace steel and other man-made equipment required as water levelers wherever beavers are causing issues make them inappropriate and non-conforming for areas managed as Wilderness. Beaver control structures are most definitely not subsets of what the APSLMP calls “wildlife management structures... essential to the preservation of wilderness wildlife values and resources.” Beaver control structures are deployed out of convenience to preserve man-made structures, infrastructure, and personal property, not public Wilderness.

The draft amendments should not approve of beaver control structures, meaning heavy steel structures and their perpetual maintenance and rehabilitation on trailheads, etc. as conforming with Wilderness, Primitive or Canoe area definition, guidelines, and standards.

Appropriate bridges made of natural materials and trail relocations are the correct and APSLMP-conforming approach to beaver management in Adirondack Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe.

As a way forward, beaver control structures could, if necessary, be added to the Boundary Structures and Improvements section of the APSLMP Wilderness guidelines so that beaver control structures would be considered solely for peripheral control in Wilderness within 500 feet of a public highway.

In Wild Forest, beaver control structures, as proposed to be added to that section's Structures and Improvements, would be conforming to the existing Wild Forest definition and guidelines.

**Climate Change:** The new, proposed climate change section of UMP Development is a positive, but mostly hortatory addition to the APSLMP. However, the suggested list of management actions and alternatives to assess and plan for climate change vulnerabilities is incomplete as written.

Right-sizing bridges and culverts and sustainable trail construction, and green infrastructure and appropriate storm water management improvements can indeed help to mitigate onsite flooding at public facilities as well as protect water quality – as written.

Glaringly omitted from these chosen examples of managing the Forest Preserve through modifications of its environment is the avoidance of making material modifications in the Forest Preserve in the first place, for example:

- By not designing and constructing certain roads, trails, or other improvements for snowmobiling, for example, DEC addresses the Climate Act by not incurring expense and resource damage all for trails lacking in snow cover due to climate change.
- By not allowing public use of motor vehicles on slopes with highly erodible soils, DEC addresses the Climate Act by avoiding washouts exacerbated by intense rainfall events.
- By not maintaining a dam in the Forest Preserve and by allowing some dams to be breached, DEC addresses the Climate Act by restoring waterbodies to their pre-industrial levels, and thereby also freeing up DEC operations and maintenance expense.

**Water:** Since the first APSLMP, 1972, water resources are identified “as critical to the integrity of the Park,” and “a genuine need exists to insure that the scale and intensity of water-oriented uses are consistent with uses of adjoining state and private lands and the general character of the Park.” To this end, “a comprehensive study of Adirondack lakes and ponds should be conducted by the DEC to determine each water body’s capacity to withstand various uses, particularly motorized uses and to maintain and enhance its biological, natural and aesthetic qualities.”

Since 2016 Members of the Agency have consistently and publicly urged the DEC to finally undertake what the SLMP has long called for, waterbody carrying capacity studies. In response, DEC verbally agrees, but has consistently failed to put recommendations into action – despite having a well-studied methodology to conduct such work in its possession since 2011 (See *Forest Preserve Carrying Capacity of Waterbodies Study, Phase 1, Selecting Indicators for Monitoring Recreational Impacts*).

Because pressures on Adirondack lakes and ponds are increasing every year, we had hoped that APA would explicitly direct DEC to undertake waterbody carrying capacity studies, appropriately defined and described, in the APSLMP section dealing with Unit Management Plan Development. The failure to do so in these draft amendments is glaring and a serious missed opportunity. We urge APA to incorporate this subject in this APSLMP amendment package.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Megan Phillips,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the State Land Master Plan. The Local Government Review Board has discussed these proposed changes with other experts and among the Board itself. Our comments will not necessarily be in order of appearance in the State Land Master Plan.

#### **Other Power-Driven Mobility Device**

We have always believed the State Land Master Plan was somewhat of an elitist document. The only activity that is allowed with seemingly no limits is hiking. Clearly hiking in the Adirondacks requires an able-bodied person. Unfortunately, at a recent hearing on the amendments in Albany, I was present to hear multiple people claim the disabled should be happy with what they have. Referencing the Galusha settlement more than 20 years ago. Before the 2010 and 2020 ADA revisions. That OPDMD should not be allowed. These comments came across as very elitist. Not to mention against Federal Law.

The Local Government Review Board applauds DEC and APA for publicly embracing the American with Disabilities Act. We believe the act rightly states the disabled have a right to the mobility device of their choice. Which will allow them to ask for a permit to use their mobility device on Forest Preserve. The ADA also gives common sense and practical reasons to deny a permit to a specific location. However, the ADA seems clear, there can be no predetermined outcome. We believe that our disabled deserve this level of respect. To self-determine their ability to explore the Adirondacks.

We support adding the definition of OPDM to the definitions in the State Land Master Plan. The State Land Master Plan is a guidance document, similar to a Towns Comprehensive plan. We agree with APA and DEC that this should be the first step. The second step should be using the experience gained in permitting the disabled and their OPDMD's to propagate policies for their use.

#### **Visitor Use Management**

We support adding VUM into the State Land Master Plan. Visitor Use Management has a consistent methodology to actually determine Carrying Capacity. We have heard the concerns of advocacy groups that APA and DEC will use VUM to just increase visitor use. There are many underutilized areas in the Park where it is appropriate to increase visitors. Local Government was assured with each land purchase that a tourism economy would replace the disrupted Forest products economy. That said, we would like to believe the concerns from those who advocated for VUM, stem from two very busy Forest Preserve sights chosen as pilots for VUM. It is not practical to believe you can limit people from these sites in a short period of time. It is our understanding the VUM process will help determine management decisions to mitigate damage in these high use areas. In the short run this may look like being visitor centric. We trust that DEC and APA can use VUM for it's intended purpose.

#### **Removal of non-conforming structures**

Recently an old cabin, on state land that had not been torn down burned. It had no electricity, there was to the best of my knowledge no indication of someone having a fire in that cabin recently. Even if the cabin burned due to illegal use of the cabin, it is a fire threat to the Forest Preserve. We have had the warmest driest November in my memory. We believe we can trust APA to determine if a building that was not destroyed in the original 3-year window, can be accessed to tear it down without violating the Constitution. The short period of time needed to tear down and remediate a sight is likely less impactful than a forest fire. Tearing down these old structures will remove any lead or asbestosis that these old structures likely contain. Benefiting the environment by removing these contaminates from the Forest Preserve.

#### **Other definitions**

We think it wise to exempt wheel chairs and OPDMD's in the Motor Vehicle definition. Also, adding a definition for wheel chairs. Allowing Beaver Control structures is probably wise. We have all seen the damage from breached dams during significant rain events.

#### **Removing the language requiring Unit Management Plans be updated every 5 years.**

This is the one change that the Local Government Review Board vehemently disagrees with. This language was added in the late 80's. We have heard APA staff call the State Land Master Plan an aspirational document. We feel the timelines are aspirational. We also know despite funding in the 90's to attempt to meet this aspirational goal, it did not happen. To remove this language seems to say there is no need to revisit UMP's. We also feel that Local Governments could receive more benefit from reviewing and updating UMP's. As recreation has changed in the last 30 plus years. We also would like to see a reasonable time table for completing unit management plans in the State Land Master Plan for Units with out plans. Currently units that were purchased in 1979 are without a UMP.

**Glade Skiing**

The Local Government Review Board has supported this addition to the State Land Master Plan. We believe this is a low impact sport. Cutting small whips at most. We strongly suggest consideration to add this sport in the State Land Master Plan as an acceptable use.

Thank you for allowing us these comments.

Gerald Delaney

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Dear APA c/o Megan Phillips,

Thank you for accepting public comment on proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. I care personally about ensuring that the State is meeting its obligation to help disabled people access and enjoy public lands in the Adirondack Park. That's why including accessibility in the updated Master Plan is important. Adding accepted definitions for the variety of mobility devices disabled people use to navigate the outdoors and standards based on federal law provides clarity to the State and APA. I support the proposed amendments on accessibility.

We like to go hiking and we need trails that are in the wilderness and don't have roots on them and do not have a large grade so we don't have to push uphill so much.

Thank you

Liz Dellureficio

New Yorker and mom to wheelchair user

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December 3, 2024

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**RE: Adirondack Park Agency's Proposed Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan**

Dear Governor Hochul:

The undersigned Adirondack Park advocacy groups respectfully urge you to intervene to prevent an unprecedented and significantly damaging change to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (Master Plan) that is being proposed by the Adirondack Park Agency (APA). The proposed change, in the context of updating the Master Plan in terms of accessibility, would erroneously allow public motor vehicle use in Wilderness, Primitive, and Canoe areas. Without exception, the signatory groups strongly support and have been vocal advocates for making the Adirondack Park welcoming and expanding access for persons with disabilities to recreational opportunities in the Adirondack Forest Preserve. As discussed below, such expanded access for people with disabilities has been and can continue to be achieved without taking the drastic step of amending the Master Plan in the way proposed by APA and DEC.

Specifically, APA is proposing to amend the Master Plan's definition of "motor vehicle" to exclude Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs). OPDMDs are defined in the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) as "any mobility device powered by batteries, fuel, or other engines—whether or not designed primarily for use by individuals with mobility disabilities—that is used by individuals with mobility disabilities for the purpose of locomotion, . . . , or any mobility device designed to operate in areas without defined pedestrian routes, but that is not a wheelchair." This broad definition includes, among other things, cars, trucks, all-terrain vehicles, golf carts, and Segways. This specific change, the exemption of OPDMDs from the Master Plan's definition of "motor vehicle," is a problem because it will weaken the Master Plan's protection of the Constitutionally-protected Forest Preserve.

The Master Plan has, since its inception 52 years ago, prohibited the public use of motor vehicles in Forest Preserve lands classified as Wilderness, Primitive, or Canoe—all of which are required to be managed to preserve and enhance the wilderness character of these unique places. Motor

vehicle use can be, and is, permitted in other Forest Preserve classifications, such as Wild Forest and Intensive Use—which comprise over fifty percent of the Adirondack Forest Preserve.

Notably, the ADA does not require the State to allow OPDMDs to be used in Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe areas because it specifically excludes such use where it would “fundamentally alter” the nature of the program offered. In this case, the nature of the program is to preserve wild areas free from human development and motor vehicles. To achieve this, “[t]he primary wilderness management guideline will be to achieve and perpetuate a natural plant and animal community where man’s influence is not apparent.” Master Plan at 22. Public use of motor vehicles is not permitted because it is inconsistent with this management guideline.

The important and laudable goal of expanding access to the Forest Preserve for persons with disabilities can be achieved through development by DEC of a policy describing where, and under what conditions, OPDMDs may be appropriate for use on State lands that are not classified as Forest Preserve Wilderness, Primitive or Canoe. This would provide needed guidance to the public and persons with disabilities looking for accessible opportunities concerning use of OPDMDs on Forest Preserve lands, and the development of State OPDMD policies is strongly urged by the U.S. Department of Justice. Development of an OPDMD policy would avoid the unnecessary and detrimental change to the Master Plan’s definition of “motor vehicle” proposed by APA.

In conclusion, we ask you to intervene by

- (1) directing APA to remove the proposed exclusion of OPDMDs from the Master Plan’s definition of “motor vehicle” and remove the proposed definition of OPDMD from the Master Plan; and
- (2) directing DEC to develop a statewide policy for the use of OPDMDs by persons with disabilities that includes a prohibition of use on designated Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe Forest Preserve lands.

As always, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you or your staff to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely,

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**RE: Proposed Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan**

Dear Megan,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Adirondack Park Agency's proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.

We, the undersigned groups, strongly support the right of people with disabilities to have access to the Forest Preserve, including access to motor-free Wilderness, Primitive, and Canoe areas.

We strongly oppose APA's proposal to exclude OPDMDs from the definition of motor vehicles in the Master Plan. OPDMDs are defined in the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) as "any mobility device powered by batteries, fuel, or other engines— whether or not designed primarily for use by individuals with mobility disabilities—that is used by individuals with mobility disabilities for the purpose of locomotion, or any mobility device designed to operate in areas without defined pedestrian routes, but that is not a wheelchair." This broad definition includes, among other things, cars, trucks, all-terrain vehicles, golf carts, and Segways—devices that are clearly motor vehicles.

Excluding OPDMDs from the definition of motor vehicles renders these devices conforming in all Forest Preserve land management classes. Currently, as APA staff have noted, individuals apply to the DEC for a permit to use OPDMDs on Forest Preserve lands. While we acknowledge that there is currently a system in place to provide access on a case-by-case basis, a statewide policy is needed to provide clear guidance for land managers and people with disabilities. Therefore, there is no need for, nor do ADA rules require, the Agency to so drastically alter the definition of motor vehicle in the Master Plan—a change that will threaten the very nature of the lands the Master Plan was created to protect.

We urge you to remove the exclusion of OPDMDs from the definition of motor vehicles and to remove the proposed definition of OPDMDs from the Master Plan.

Respectfully,

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Megan Phillips  
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Megan Phillips:

I am very dismayed that after 130 years of struggling to allow the forest preserve to continue its natural aging in at least parts of it, the supposed Protector of the Process is trying to diminish the wildness of the Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe areas. We have kept even bicycles out of them, but to now open the gates for all kinds of motor vehicles, despite the specific ADA rule that the “program”—wildness, free of motors—does not have to be destroyed to conform to the ADA, is embarrassing. What a legacy to leave behind you!

I blame Harold Wilm (as did Clarence Petty) for unilaterally allowing motors on forever wild lands, and the slippery slope slide is still continuing. Snowmobiles of today demand wider, smoother, flatter roads, with 10,000 pound test bridges for the groomers. So why not more innocuous motor vehicles everywhere for the disabled? Because those three designations are the last bastions of freedom from technology! Where a person can go and be sure of “a piece of quiet” with no unnatural disruption of nature’s way of life by modern technology on the ground. Even military low-flight airplanes have been banned from their intrusive disruption of the peace and quiet legislated by the voters of the state in 1894.

When a family backpacks into the High Peaks, they are closer to becoming one with the real world as did our mountain climbing family in the 50’s. We were using muscle power to get away from the civilized world for a brief time. A golf cart trundling up the trail would have meant we might as well have stayed home. A disabled columnist writing for an Adirondack paper in the 1990’s noted that if he drove into a wild forest on a machine, when he got there it would no longer be wild! Even the legal **possibility** of a motor vehicle driving in to an area means it is no longer “wild”.

Most of us will eventually become disabled but we probably will not insist on getting carried into our favorite wild places. The ADA has long been needed and I may need to take advantage of it someday, but I would not want to destroy my grandchildren’s chance to feel what the natural world was like through the eons and what it could be like on into the forever future (except for the inexorable climate chaos) of the Adirondack forest preserve. There was a fight to keep even bicycles out of the Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe areas. And in 1932 Paul Schaefer and the Mohawk Valley Hiking Club fought desperately to keep doodle-bugs and other ATV-like inventions out of trailed forest preserve. They won, they thought!

The Department of Environmental Conservation seems to have an inbred tendency to allow motor vehicles where they can make hunting, fishing or trapping easier for their constituencies. They cannot be trusted to decide where and when any motorized vehicles (boats on water in Wilderness too?) should be allowed. We would be returning to the mindset of the years before 1932--if you can get there by any means--then by any means, do it.

Evelyn Greene







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Deputy Director Phillips,

As Chair of the Town of Newcomb Planning Board, I submit for consideration the following comments in response to the proposed changes to the Adirondack State Land Master Plan.

### **Balance**

The State Land Master Plan (SLMP) is an important and laudable document, establishing a strategic and long-term vision for managing the public lands owned by New York State within the designated Adirondack Park. It is also a contract with the citizens of the State, whose tax dollars enable New York to be a national and international model for proactive stewardship of our natural resources, and for how those resources are managed for the benefit of citizens of the State, as well as visitors from around the world.

This commitment to the wise use and public benefit of State-owned and managed lands has an outsized impact on the sustainability of the 100 plus communities and their residents located within the Blue Line. Changes intended to promote the highest ideals of stewardship for the benefit of visitors must be tempered and balanced with practical and pragmatic considerations of residents. We recognize striking that balance is extremely difficult, and we appreciate the State's effort to ensure the health of both the natural and human communities of the Adirondacks.

### **A Living Document**

As a commitment to long-term stewardship, it is critical that the SLMP continue to be a living document, one that can adapt to the increasing pressures of recreational use and climate

change, improved understanding of natural and human ecology, and the promise of new management tools and technologies.

We congratulate the State for undertaking this review of the State Land Master Plan and soliciting input on the draft changes, and strongly advocate for the preservation of all specified benchmarks included in the SLMP associated with timelines of review and revision.

### **Unit Management Plans**

In particular, to maintain its status as a living document, responsive to the demands of the present and the needs of the future, it is critical that the State Land Master Plan be supported by current and completed Unit Management Plans. The State must commit fully to the completion of Unit Management Plans (UMP) for every Unit, and it is imperative that these plans be reviewed and revised on a specifically articulated and regular basis that is not less than the current schedule of every five years. Removing the commitment to regular review and revision removes the systemic mechanism for the State to apply new understandings, respond to new pressures, and embrace new technologies that will increase management efficiency and success while simultaneously increasing the quality of the resource and the user experience.

Furthermore, and in support of completing the UMPs, we respectfully suggest the State consider improving the UMP structure and process by creating a single, or very limited number of over-arching “super units” that function as a new level of documentation and inventory of characteristics common to the entire region or to large portions of the region. This would shift the time-consuming process of researching and cataloging all characteristics for every individual UMP out of the UMP level, where staff capacity is severely limited, and instead allow that limited staff capacity at the Unit level to focus on researching, cataloging and planning for just the unique characteristics of each unit. This would significantly increase the efficiency with which UMPs are developed by decreasing the level of complexity of each individual plan, both of which will positively impact the overall pace of completion and approval of UMPs.

This “super unit” level would draw on existing data and information created for many of the already-approved UMPs, as well as additional input, expertise, and capacity of multiple staff at multiple levels of State administration, making it efficient to create by not generating a large body of new work and by utilizing shared effort. In addition, it could be reviewed and revised on a longer timeline than the individual UMPs, alleviating the risk of creating a new deadline-related pressure point overlaid on the existing UMP development, review, and revision timelines. A longer timeline of review for the super unit(s) is reasonable since characteristics common across large geographic areas or species populations tend to remain stable over longer timeframes (5-10 years), while characteristics unique to limited areas or small populations should be monitored more frequently and on shorter timeframes (1-5 years).

### **Technology**

We appreciate and welcome the recognition of new technologies, for example E-bikes, as an area of necessary research and discussion to determine best planning and management as related to use on public lands. We support this effort and look forward to E-bikes and related

Other Powered Mobility Devices (OPMDs) being incorporated as broadly as possible into existing localities where similar types of access for biking already exist.

In addition, we fully support reconsidering and increasing access to biking, E-biking and OPMDs across all non-wilderness units. We strongly encourage increasing and opening access to diverse users across age and physical ability scales, opening long sought after opportunities for new users.

While we support an approach that thoughtfully aligns usage with State Land Classifications we believe and support a progressive approach to considering how technology can be wisely permitted to enable the expansion of who has access to State resources.

### **Beyond Recreation**

We also encourage an exploration of how evolving technologies can improve the management of State resources, through reducing time and labor requirements. For example, how does the evolution of battery technology change the definition of what is "motorized?" This question extends from the current conversation regarding E-bikes to chainsaws, which are increasingly capable of substantial work at significantly reduced volume and with the obvious elimination of the internal combustion engine. What opportunity is presented by these and other tools to improve and increase the efficiency and quality of resource management?

As staffing levels continue to be inadequate to meet the scale of management demands, how can emerging technologies be considered and implemented to help address this on-going challenge?

We advocate for the State to be as proactive and broadminded as possible in approving the use of evolving and new tools and technologies to help achieve management goals.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments, and please feel free to reach out at your convenience with any questions or for clarification regarding the contents of this letter.

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Paul B. Hai  
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Dear Counsel Stodola,

I am grateful for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP), and for APA addressing accessibility in the recently proposed updates ensuring access to the Forest Preserve for all people.

I am very concerned, however, that the proposed changes do not fully address the issue of accessibility or provide adequate protection for non-motorized areas of the Adirondack Forest Preserve including wilderness.

Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) should not be excluded from the definition of motor vehicles. These are motorized vehicles. The Americans with Disabilities Act specifies that OPDMDs are not considered a reasonable accommodation where permitting them fundamentally alters the nature of the program, as it would for Wilderness, Primitive, and Canoe areas.

The Adirondack Park needs a comprehensive plan for accessibility and accessible features. This is right and responsible, both for all people and for the natural resources and wilderness values of the Adirondack Park. The current practice of determining OPDMD on a case-by-case basis must not continue. An OPDMD policy must be created.

Regarding other proposed changes, I support the use of the Visitor Use Management Framework as the preferred tool for determining the amount and types of use suitable for a unit, but only if that tool explicitly includes ecological, physical, and social components, measurements, and metrics. Any study that does not include all aspects is fundamentally incomplete.

I also greatly appreciate the proposed change in the APSLMP that would require planning and analysis related to climate change vulnerabilities in Unit Management Plans.

I am grateful for your taking this into consideration as you advise the APA.

Sincerely,

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Dear Megan,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) that focus on improving accessibility, particularly the inclusive definition of Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs). As someone with a disability, I deeply appreciate the recognition that mobility devices, both those designed specifically for individuals with disabilities and those that are not, are essential for supporting our independence and access to outdoor spaces.

Many outdoor spaces, including in the Adirondacks, are largely inaccessible to individuals with disabilities. This amendment ensures that individuals like me can use a variety of mobility devices to explore and enjoy these beautiful areas. I am often limited by the lack of accessible options, which not only prevents me from connecting with nature but also restricts my ability to share these experiences with family and friends. Being excluded from these experiences is profoundly disappointing. I, like many people with disabilities who choose every day to get out of bed and participate as fully as possible in a world not designed with my basic needs in mind, do so through grief – for what I miss out on – and longing – for what more might be possible. These proposed amendments are a bare minimum yet critical step in ensuring that people with mobility disabilities have equal opportunities to explore and appreciate the natural beauty of the Adirondack Park.

I want to commend the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) for proposing these changes, which reflect a deeper commitment to inclusion and representation. For people with disabilities, accessibility is not just about physical space—it is about being seen and valued as equal participants in outdoor recreation. The Adirondack Park is a treasured destination, and it should be accessible to all people, regardless of their physical abilities. By improving access, the state is affirming that everyone has the right to experience the healing, adventure, and peace that nature offers.

Sincerely,

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November 26, 2024

Dear Director Phillips,

Nya•weñha Sgé•noñ', (I am thankful you are well). I am writing to advise you not to name the Adirondacks State Park after me. My quote that I made at the United Nations in Geneva Switzerland in 1977 is in the public domain and is available for use.

The protocols of the Haudenosaunee do not include naming mountains, rivers, lakes, and natural places after people. Onondaga Lake was the name the first European settlers established when they came here. Our name for the lake translates to "where the leaves touch the water."

The leaders of our Six Nations Confederacy are responsible for all life. One of our most respected Clan Mother's and language expert Audrey Shenandoah once said that our language did not have a word for "wild." She said "the closest I can come to explaining it is free". Indeed, our two cultures are different and at times was opposite. This is one of those times.

The Adirondack State Park is a last stand stronghold for nature and the life it sustains. Consult with the people who live there to find solutions for the ongoing issues that will protect coming generations rights to a National World in reality not pictures in a book of how it used to be.

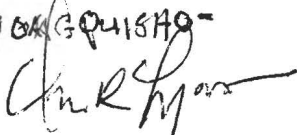
I know the Adirondacks. I was a young counselor at camp Onondaga on Long Lake in the late 40's. I've climbed Marcy, Blue Mountain and canoed Raquette River, Upper Tupper, Cranberry and so on. I knew the Adirondacks in its more pristine days, yet today it is still holding, let's keep it that way.



I have seen what four wheelers are doing to the country. There has to be a better way to serve the interests of the disabled that can be worked out with the people who live there.

I will return the subject of using my name on this proposed project. We native people just don't do that. I say leave well enough alone. One of the graces of nature is the quiet solitude, it's peaceful in the woods. Let's do our best to keep it that way. Four wheelers would destroy that and I want no part of that. The Adirondacks is a great last stand for nature. Let's keep it that way.

Peace,

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Ms. Phillips,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the Adirondack Park Agency's update of the State Land Master Plan. We appreciate the Plan is a 'living document' and that periodic review allows the state to take in new information and science, state and federal policies, and community realities to address today's challenges and opportunities.

The Northern Forest Center is a regional non-profit organization that promotes forest-based economic and community development across northern Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York. We have been working at the intersection of forests and communities for over 25 years and delivering programs to attract new residents to the Adirondacks, develop middle-market housing in Tupper Lake and Elizabethtown, provide town to trail recreational infrastructure, and support a robust regional forest economy.

We appreciate the nuance and ongoing monitoring required to implement changes to the Plan and support the APA and the DEC to bring the SLMP into conformance with the ADA in accordance with the following principles:

- Community-centered access to outdoor recreation is important for human, community and economic health
- Ensuring access does not need to conflict with the environmental goals of the park when appropriately applied
- Improving the notion that the park is welcoming and inclusive will broaden stakeholders dedicated to its furthered conservation

Furthermore, the proposals to add an inventory of accessible structures and improvements as well as identification of future management actions to make the unit more usable by persons with disabilities to the unit management plan requirements demonstrates the state's commitment to enhancing access and inclusivity within the existing land classification framework and its associated management guidelines. We also believe that referencing the requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act, including the legal requirements related to wheelchairs and other power-driven mobility devices, modernizes the master plan and provides clarity for both land managers and the recreating public.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Riley". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style. The "R" is large and loops around the "o". The "Riley" part is also cursive, with the "y" having a small tail.

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Dear Ms. Phillips,

New York State Snowmobile Association (NYSSA) is pleased to have the opportunity to submit comments regarding the proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan on behalf of its member snowmobile enthusiasts. NYSSA appreciates the time and effort put forth in developing these proposed amendments and looks forward to future opportunities to work with the Adirondack Park Agency (APA).

NYSSA is the umbrella organization for 222 clubs that develop and maintain over 10,500 miles of snowmobile trails each year. Each snowmobile trail is developed and maintained by volunteer-based snowmobile clubs also known as Trail Maintenance Entities (TME). Costs associated with trail development and maintenance are reimbursed to each club through snowmobile registration fees overseen by OPRHP snowmobile unit. Based on an economic study performed at the Potsdam Institute, the snowmobile community contributes over \$868 million dollars throughout the state in economic benefits. The sport of snowmobiling is a significant contributor to small businesses in many areas of New York State that enjoy being connected to the snowmobile trail system and rely on winter sports to survive.

NYSSA conditionally supports the amendments as put forth in the redline copy of the proposed changes published by the APA as they show no impact to the current snowmobile trail system. The described changes are in line with the goals and standards of the APA and address issues within the current Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP). NYSSA appreciates the efforts to provide access to all potential users of the park regardless of their abilities. Access for all users should be part of a balanced plan to both protect and preserve the Park while also allowing all to use and experience the beauty of the park. Conserving lands and expanding public access to nature and the outdoors are important to NYSSA and its members. We believe that the recreational opportunities the Park offers to

all, including snowmobiling, are paramount to a healthy state park system. NYSSA does not support the closure of snowmobile trails within the Wilderness, Wild Forest, Canoe, or Primitive areas where snowmobile trails once existed or still exist. Existing snowmobile trails that have yet to be abandoned by missed target dates should remain open until a suitable alternative connection can be developed. In areas where snowmobile trails are to be abandoned, NYSSA reserves the right, as stated on page 41 of the APSLMP, "to relocate lost trails in wild forest areas with existing roads or abandoned wood roads".

The DEC, OPRHP, NYSSA and APA have a shared interest with upstate New York communities to see that our environment is preserved for generations to come, and that snowmobiling remains a viable outdoor recreational activity for all. Snowmobiling is a key component of New York State tourism, creating much-needed jobs and generating vital revenue for many upstate New York businesses and communities. It is imperative that the community connection that exists through and around the park not only be maintained but enhanced wherever connectivity can be improve, as these links of the Adirondack communities around the park are a vital component to their economic life.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Rollin Scroger*

Rollin Scroger

Executive Director

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Deputy Director Phillips,

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), inclusive of the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), is writing to share comments on the 2024 Proposed Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (SLMP).

The OPRHP would like first to recognize and commend the efforts of the APA, its staff and partners, in their ongoing work to guide long-range public and private land use planning in the Adirondacks. Known for its extensive wild landscapes, the region also contains a remarkable array of significant cultural and architectural resources: from Great Camps to cure cottages, fire towers to farmsteads. The SLMP is instrumental in the ongoing protection of these extraordinary elements.

For more than 50 years, the OPRHP and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation have maintained a memorandum of understanding that establishes a mutually agreeable division of administrative responsibility with regard to the operation, maintenance and improvement of John Brown Farm State Historic Site and that portion of the Crown Point Reservation known as the Crown Point State Historic Site. These Historic Sites are located within the Adirondack Forest Preserve and as such, are managed pursuant to the SLMP's guidelines for Historic Areas. Additionally, the OPRHP is responsible statewide for the administration of programs authorized by both the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980.

In reviewing proposed amendments, the OPRHP paid special concern to the long-range consequences of suggested changes that may impact the state's irreplaceable historical resources and landscapes. The OPRHP is nationally recognized for its ability to help communities identify, evaluate, preserve, and revitalize their historic, archeological, and cultural resources in a sensitive manner appropriate to a variety of environments, including significant natural areas.

**Comment #1:** With the proposed addition of the word "preservation" to Historic Area guideline #3, OPRHP staff question whether this change may affect or inhibit preservation best practices in the Forest Preserve. For instance, in archaeologically sensitive areas, "vegetative clearing" is the best "preservation" activity to safeguard resources by preventing deep rooted vegetation from destroying underground archaeological resources and the ruins of structures. Vegetation management should be,

and is, a carefully considered process within the OPRHP. The agency adheres to long-established international protocols for historic preservation of cultural sites and factors environmental protection and stewardship needs into preservation management actions. Vegetation management is only considered when necessary to protect public health and safety; maintain essential scenic, cultural, historic, and recreational landscape features; as well as to conserve native biodiversity. Similarly, shoreline stabilization efforts necessary to preserve the ruins of structures or archeological features near the water could be construed as “topographical alterations.” While the proposed amendment may have been conceived to ensure preservation activities are conforming with the SLMP’s basic guidelines, holding them to the identical standards and guidelines as construction and development activities may impede or allow interpretations of the basic guidelines to impede routine and necessary historic preservation activities.

**Comment #2:** Additionally, the OPRHP would like to express concern that the proposed 2024 SLMP amendments do not include guidance on appropriate visitor use and management within Historic Areas. This comment is particularly time sensitive as both the Crown Point and John Brown Farm Unit Management Plans are currently in development. Planning teams now, and in the future, would benefit from greater clarity on suitable visitor recreation in these areas, which are uniquely designated areas wherein the physical and spiritual reminders of the decisive times, people, and places in American history and culture remain.

The SLMP is “*designed to guide the preservation, management and use of these lands by all interested state agencies in the future.*” All Classification System and Guidelines write ups within the SLMP—Wilderness, Primitive, Canoe, Wild Forest, Intensive Use Areas, etc.—include guidance about appropriate visitor use except the Historic Area write up, which lacks any direction on appropriate visitor use. In fact, the word “use” does not appear a single time in the Historic Area guidelines themselves; the word “use” only appears in the subheading “Guidelines for Management and Use.”

According to the SLMP, “*State Administrative Areas [are the only areas] not primarily designed to accommodate visitors to the Park.*” Therefore, more explicit guidance on how visitor “use” to Historic Areas is to be accommodated and managed should be considered by the APA in the 2024 SLMP update. In the Wild Forest Area guidelines, for example, it is written: “*Within constitutional constraints, those types of outdoor recreation that afford enjoyment without destroying the wild forest character or natural resource quality should be encouraged.*” Language comparable to this may be appropriate to add to the Historic Area guidelines, especially given that the resources being protected and celebrated within the Historic Areas—buildings, structures, sites—were made by humans, and for humans, to appreciate, commemorate, and responsibly use. Adding verbiage such as, “Those types of public access and visitor accommodations that afford safe enjoyment and interpretation of Historic Areas without damaging the quality and character of the historic resources should be encouraged,” could be an appropriate solution.

OPRHP feels that the suggested change would provide greater clarity for land managers within existing Historic Areas; facilitate the development of the two State Historic Site Unit Management Plans underway, as well as those UMPs that may come; and best protect inimitable historic and cultural resources within the Forest Preserve, resources equally inimitable to the region’s unique character.

The OPRHP is sensitive to the distinctive management challenges stewardship of both natural and humanmade resources within the Forest Preserve requires and does not feel that resolving the concerns above would hinder overall protection of the Forest Preserve. Preservation is a holistic practice and should be recognized as an integral centerpiece of activities, programs and policies that promote environmental protection and sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration.



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## **Official Comment from Beavers: Wetlands & Wildlife Regarding Proposed Revisions to the Adirondack Park Agency State Land Master Plan (APA SLMP)**

Beavers: Wetlands & Wildlife appreciates the opportunity to provide input on the proposed revisions to the APA SLMP. As an organization dedicated to promoting understanding and appreciation of beavers as a keystone species and one responsible for a great amount of the healthy biodiversity that occurs in the Adirondack Park, we aim to ensure that the SLMP fosters approaches that harmonize human needs with the ecological benefits beavers provide.

Beavers are vital to wetland ecosystems, playing a critical role in creating habitats that support biodiversity, enhance water quality, and mitigate climate change impacts such as flooding and drought. These invaluable ecosystem services underscore the importance of promoting coexistence strategies that respect the balance between human activities and wildlife. In the Adirondack Park, we encourage beaver management practices that employ non-lethal solutions to beaver/human conflicts – such as rerouting trails around beaver influenced habitat and/or using waterflow devices to mitigate flooding issues whenever and wherever possible.

To that end, we strongly encourage the Adirondack Park Agency to adopt specific language revisions to the SLMP that prioritize coexistence with beavers. These changes would address beaver-human conflicts through progressive, science-based solutions that minimize unnecessary intervention while maximizing ecological benefits.

We fully endorse the edits proposed in the attached sections of the SLMP draft, which align with the recommendations of the New York State Beaver Coalition. These revisions reflect our shared commitment to advancing sustainable land management practices that recognize the indispensable role of beavers in creating and maintaining healthy ecosystems. (Please see the attached draft with suggested edits included. The edited sections are highlighted on pp 19, 27-28, 35 and 43. The edits are in italics and in red)

We urge the Agency to consider the significant benefits of these updates and adopt the proposed edits as a meaningful step toward a more balanced and ecologically sound SLMP.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for the opportunity to contribute to the

shaping of this important policy.

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#### **RE: Comments on Proposed Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan**

Dear Ms. Phillips:

Protect the Adirondacks ("PROTECT") is pleased to submit these comments on the proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan ("Master Plan") prepared by the staff of the Adirondack Park Agency ("APA").

#### **Introductory Comments**

PROTECT appreciates and commends the effort by APA staff to update and clarify parts of the Master Plan. However, we are disappointed in the non-transparent and inordinately hasty manner in which the proposed amendments were developed. Despite the crucial role of the Master Plan in governing management of the Forest Preserve and the unprecedented changes embodied in several of the proposed amendments, the APA staff failed to hold any stakeholder meetings prior to bringing the amendments to the APA Board and releasing them for public comment. It is particularly regrettable that requests by PROTECT and other groups for meetings to discuss the proposed amendments prior to their release were rebuffed by APA staff. To the extent that APA staff were willing to briefly address the amendments at all, they did not provide any details about them and mischaracterized the amendments as minor. In addition, for reasons that remain unclear, the proposed amendments were not first brought to the APA Board's State Land Committee for its review and input prior to being brought to the full APA Board. In sum, the process followed by APA staff in developing the amendments falls far short of the open, transparent and measured consideration that is warranted when seeking to amend the Master Plan.

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Regarding the proposed amendments themselves, PROTECT is particularly pleased by the effort to incorporate the requirements of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (“CLCPA” or “Climate Act”) into planning and management of Forest Preserve lands, and we are hopeful that this indicates that APA will also incorporate the CLCPA requirements as part of its review of private land projects, as it is required to do.

PROTECT supports the goal of increasing access to Forest Preserve recreational opportunities for persons with disabilities and welcomes the proposed addition of Master Plan provisions requiring inventory of existing accessible infrastructure and planning for expansion of accessible recreational opportunities during the Unit Management Plan (“UMP”) process. However, two of the proposed Master Plan amendments regarding accessibility are problematic. First, the proposed change to the definition of “motor vehicle” to exclude Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (“OPDMDs”) would, for the first time in the Adirondack Park’s history, open Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe areas to a vast array of motor vehicles including cars, trucks, ATVs, golf carts and Segways. This proposed change would violate Article 14 of the New York State Constitution (the “Forever Wild” clause) and the Guidelines for Management and Use in the Master Plan. As discussed below, the proposed change is not required by the Americans With Disabilities Act (“ADA”) because it would constitute a fundamental alteration in the recreational programs offered for these areas.

Second, the proposed addition to the Master Plan of a provision delegating to the Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC”) unfettered discretion to permit the use of OPDMDs is, at best, premature because DEC has no written policy concerning use of OPDMDs on Forest Preserve lands. Moreover, granting DEC this authority without any guidelines or restrictions to govern its exercise would eliminate APA oversight of motor vehicle use on Forest Preserve lands in violation of both the Master Plan and the APA Act.

PROTECT welcomes the effort to clarify and expand upon the Master Plan’s requirement that carrying capacity studies be conducted as part of the UMP process. However, PROTECT suggests that the proposed amendments addressing carrying capacity be modified to clarify that protecting natural resources, not encouraging more recreational use, is the primary goal of a carrying capacity study and that carrying capacity studies are required for both lands and waters in the Forest Preserve.

These issues, along with others, are discussed in detail below.

## **Climate Change**

### **General Comments**

PROTECT applauds the APA staff for acknowledging the importance of incorporating climate change impacts, planning, adaptation and resiliency into the Master Plan’s management prescriptions for Forest Preserve lands and waters. *See* SLMP Amendments Redline (“SLMP Redline”) at 13-14. PROTECT is particularly gratified that the critical role of the “forever wild” Forest Preserve in providing large-scale carbon sequestration is being specifically acknowledged

in the draft amendments, and that the importance of the Forest Preserve in providing climate refugia and habitat connectivity for species of fish and wildlife is explicitly recognized. *Id.*

We note that the proposed amendments quote directly from section 7 of the CLCPA, stating that “[t]he Climate Act requires all state agencies to consider whether the issuance of permits or other approvals are ‘inconsistent with or will interfere with the attainment of the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits established in Article 75 of the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL).’” SLMP Redline at 13. PROTECT applauds APA staff’s inclusion of this critical CLCPA requirement; however, we must note that APA staff has thus far failed to comply with this requirement in its review of projects on private lands pursuant to the Adirondack Park land use and development plan (Executive Law § 805). The most recent example is APA’s approval of the application by Barton Mines, LLC to expand its mining operations even though the application fails to include any analysis of the project’s current or projected emissions of greenhouse gases (“GHGs”) in violation of the CLCPA. We also see no indication that the APA is considering or complying with the goals of the CLCPA when proposing to expand motor vehicle use in the Forest Preserve, as it currently proposes to do, and as it did recently with its expansive interpretation of the “no material increase” provision in the Master Plan.

### Specific Comments

Page 13 of the SLMP Redline includes the following proposed sentence:

The Park includes abundant sources of clean freshwater and wetland habitats, as well as millions of acres of intact, Constitutionally-protected Forest Preserve to capture GHG emissions and offer resilience against extreme weather events.

It is not technically accurate to state that the Forest Preserve captures GHG emissions. Forests capture and store carbon, but do not capture other GHGs such as methane. In addition, forests both sequester and store carbon. “Carbon sequestration” refers to the active process of capturing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and converting it to glucose during photosynthesis, while “carbon storage” refers to carbon being held in a tree as woody biomass by converting glucose to cellulose and lignin. PROTECT suggests that the above-quoted sentence be modified to state as follows:

The Park includes abundant sources of clean freshwater and wetland habitats, as well as millions of acres of intact, Constitutionally-protected Forest Preserve **that sequester and store carbon from the atmosphere** and offer resilience against extreme weather events.

Pages 13-14 include the following proposed sentences:

Unit management plans should describe how the proposed management actions and alternatives analyses assess and plan for climate change vulnerabilities. For instance, right-sizing bridges and culverts and sustainable trail construction can help to safeguard investments in recreational infrastructure and prevent future environmental degradation.

It is important to make clear that right-sizing bridges and culverts and sustainable trail construction will be carried out within the strictures imposed by Article 14 of the New York State Constitution and the case law interpreting it. Specifically, this proposed Master Plan language must make clear that right-sizing bridges and culverts and sustainable trail construction does not mean that unconstitutionally wide bridges or trails will be constructed or that constitutionally impermissible tree removal will occur. PROTECT suggests the following language change to address this issue:

Unit management plans should describe how the proposed management actions and alternatives analyses assess and plan for climate change vulnerabilities. For instance, right-sizing bridges and culverts and sustainable trail **siting, design and** construction, **accomplished in conformance with constitutional and Master Plan restrictions**, can help to safeguard investments in recreational infrastructure and prevent future environmental degradation.

PROTECT supports the proposed addition to Unit Management Plan requirements of a description of how the proposed management actions and alternatives, when considered together, assess and plan for climate change vulnerabilities specific to the unit. SLMP Redline at 12. However, PROTECT suggests that the provision be modified to also address carbon emissions from motor vehicles. We propose that the following paragraph be added at the end of the Climate Change section as follows:

**In accordance with the statewide goals for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions set forth in the Climate Change and Community Protection Act, unit management plans will evaluate the climate change-related impacts of any action involving the removal of trees or an increase in motor vehicle use.**

### **Accessibility**

#### **General Comments**

Persons with disabilities have and should continue to have access to the Forest Preserve in a manner consistent with the “Forever Wild” clause of the New York State Constitution and the Guidelines for Management and Use for each of the land classifications in the Master Plan. PROTECT commends APA and the Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC”) for their past and continuing efforts to expand and improve access for persons with disabilities to recreational opportunities in the Forest Preserve through creation of accessible trails, campgrounds, wildlife observation areas, boat launches and other recreation facilities. In addition, opportunities for the use of motor vehicles in appropriate portions of the Forest Preserve by persons with disabilities has been and continues to be provided through Commissioner Policy 3, “Motorized Access Program for People With Disabilities” (“CP-3”). It is important to note that these accommodations have been achieved by balancing compliance with the ADA with the

management restrictions imposed by Article 14 and the Master Plan. However, two of the proposed Master Plan amendments significantly upset the careful balance that APA and DEC have previously achieved between ADA requirements on the one hand and constitutional and Master Plan mandates on the other.

First, the proposal to exclude Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (“OPDMDs”) from the Master Plan’s definition of “motor vehicle” would, for the first time, allow a wide array of motor vehicles to potentially be used in Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe land classifications in violation of Article 14 and the Master Plan. The Master Plan amendments propose the following definition for OPDMDs:

Other Power Driven Mobility Device – consistent with applicable law and regulation, an OPDMD is currently defined as any mobility device powered by batteries, fuel, or other engines— whether or not designed primarily for use by individuals with mobility disabilities—that is used by individuals with mobility disabilities for the purpose of locomotion, or any mobility device designed to operate in areas without defined pedestrian routes, but that is not a wheelchair.

SLMP Redline at 21.

This exceedingly broad definition includes *all* motor vehicles in the definition of OPDMDs, including cars, trucks, ATVs, golf carts, Segways, among others. These motor vehicles are prohibited in Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe areas by Article 14 of the New York State Constitution, the Master Plan and DEC regulations. *See* APA, Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (Aug. 2019) (“Master Plan”) at 25, 31, 33; 6 NYCRR § 196.1. *See also* *Association for Protection of the Adirondacks*, 228 AD 73, 81 (3d Dept. 1930), *aff’d* 253 NY 234 ((holding that the Adirondack Forest Preserve “must always retain the character of a wilderness”); *Helms v. Diamond*, 76 Misc.2d 253, 260 (Sup. Ct. Schenectady Co. 1973) (“The concept of prohibiting the use of motor vehicles, motorized equipment, motorboats and landing of aircraft in remote wilderness areas is not new.”). Thus, allowing motor vehicle use by persons with disabilities in Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe areas would fundamentally alter the recreational programs currently offered by DEC and, as discussed in detail below, neither the ADA nor the ADA implementing regulations require a public entity to offer motorized access where it would fundamentally alter the program offered by a public entity.

Second, the proposed amendments purport to grant DEC unfettered authority to determine where the use of OPDMDs may be appropriate. and do not exclude such use in Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe areas. This provision is ill-advised because the provision does not exclude such use in Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe areas and, moreover, DEC currently lacks any written policy governing use of OPDMDs on the Forest Preserve. It is therefore unclear what standards or criteria are being or will be applied in determining whether and where such use is appropriate. In addition, the proposed wholesale delegation of authority abdicates APA’s statutory obligation to determine whether DEC’s management of the Forest Preserve complies with Article 14 and the Master Plan. *See* Executive Law § 816(1) (requiring DEC to prepare UMPs “in consultation with” APA and requiring that UMPs “shall conform to the general guidelines and criteria set forth in the

master plan”); Master Plan at 12 (requiring APA review of draft UMPs prepared by DEC); Memorandum of Understanding Between APA and DEC Concerning Implementation of the Master Plan for Management of State Lands in the Adirondack Park (March 2010) (“APA-DEC MOU”) at 3 (requiring “that any policy or guidance developed by [DEC] which impacts [APA] . . . shall be effective only if developed cooperatively and agreed to by both agencies”).

## Specific Comments

### The ADA Does Not Require Use of OPDMDs or Other Motor Vehicles Where Such Use Would “Fundamentally Alter” the State Program

Title II of the ADA applies to State and local government entities and protects qualified individuals with disabilities from discrimination on the basis of disability in services, programs, and activities provided by State and local government entities. 42 USC § 12132. The ADA directs the Department of Justice (“DOJ”) to promulgate implementing regulations for Title II and DOJ promulgated those regulations in 1991 and updated and revised the regulations in 2010. 28 Code of Federal Regulations (“CFR”) Part 35.

Significantly, both the ADA and the DOJ implementing regulations specify that a public entity is not required to modify its programs or facilities if doing so would “fundamentally alter” the program or facility. The ADA provides:

Nothing in this chapter alters the provision of section 12182(b)(2)(A)(ii), specifying that reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures shall be required, unless an entity can demonstrate that making such modifications in policies, practices, or procedures, including academic requirements in postsecondary education, *would fundamentally alter the nature of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations involved.*

42 USC § 12201(f); (emphasis added).

The DOJ regulations echo this crucial statutory provision:

A public entity shall make reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures when the modifications are necessary to avoid discrimination on the basis of disability, *unless the public entity can demonstrate that making the modifications would fundamentally alter the nature of the service, program, or activity.*

28 CFR § 35.130(b)(7)(i); (emphasis added). DOJ guidance and analysis of its implementing regulations reiterates that “an [OPDMD] can be excluded if a public entity can demonstrate that its use is unreasonable or will result in a fundamental alteration of the entity’s service, program, or activity” because “this exception is covered by the general reasonable modification requirement contained in § 35.130(b)(7).”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Title II Regulations: 2010 Guidance and Section-by-Section Analysis, Appendix A to Part 35 – Guidance to Revisions to ADA Regulation on Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government



The DOJ regulations provide additional specific guidance on when modification of existing facilities, such as existing hiking trails, is not required by the ADA:

A public entity shall operate each service, program, or activity so that the service, program, or activity, when viewed in its entirety, is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. This paragraph does not—

- (1) Necessarily require a public entity to make each of its existing facilities accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities;
- (2) Require a public entity to take any action that would threaten or destroy the historic significance of an historic property; or
- (3) Require a public entity to take any action that it can demonstrate would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of a service, program, or activity or in undue financial and administrative burdens, and that compliance with §35.150(a) of this part would result in such alteration or burdens.

28 CFR § 35.150(a). The regulations go on to specify the manner in which a public entity must demonstrate that compliance would fundamentally alter the offered service, program or activity.

Allowing OPDMDs to be used in Wilderness, Primitive or Canoe areas would fundamentally alter the recreational program offered because public motor vehicle use has been prohibited in those areas since their inception. *See* Master Plan at 25, 31, 33. As recognized in the final programmatic environmental impact statement (“Master Plan EIS”) governing amendments to the Master Plan, “Article XIV of the State Constitution places severe limitations on uses allowable in Forest Preserve.” Adirondack Park Agency, Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines for Amending the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (Feb. 1979) at 33. The Master Plan EIS also recognizes that:

The very foundation of Wilderness is the guideline which prohibits motorized access by the public and severely restricts such access by the Department of Environmental Conservation. Alteration of this guideline to permit generalized use of motor vehicles or aircraft would destroy the character of wilderness, a cornerstone of the Master Plan.

*Id.* at 31.

The Master Plan EIS also makes clear that the prohibition of motor vehicles is crucial to the fundamental nature of Primitive and Canoe areas as well:

The Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe classifications generally prohibit the use of motor vehicles, motorized equipment and aircraft. Any amendment to the

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Services”, available at <https://www.ada.gov/law-and-regs/regulations/title-ii-2010-regulations/#section-35137-mobility-devices>.

Plan which would sanction such uses in these areas would severely diminish the Primitive character of those lands and should not be proposed. Noise intrusion is only one component of an area's character. The mere knowledge that motorized access is permissible diminishes an area's sense of remoteness.

*Id.* at 35.

The ADA also recognizes the incompatibility of motor vehicle use in federal Wilderness areas:

Congress reaffirms that nothing in the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) is to be construed as prohibiting the use of a wheelchair in a wilderness area by an individual whose disability requires use of a wheelchair, *and consistent with the Wilderness Act no agency is required to provide any form of special treatment or accommodation, or to construct any facilities or modify any conditions of lands within a wilderness area in order to facilitate such use.*

42 USC § 122207(c)(1); (emphasis added). *See also* U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service, Accessibility Guidebook for Outdoor Recreation and Trails (Aug. 2012) at 6 (stating that “[a]n example of a fundamental alteration to a program would be allowing use of a motor vehicle in an area not designated for motorized-vehicle use.”); *id.* at 8 (recognizing that “[a]llowing motor vehicles in a nonmotorized area would be a fundamental alteration of the recreation program for that area.”).

It is therefore evident that allowing use of OPDMDs in Wilderness, Primitive or Canoe areas would fundamentally alter the recreational programs offered in these areas and is therefore not required by either the ADA or the DOJ implementing regulations. Indeed, the judicial settlement in *Galusha v. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation*, a case initiated by persons with disabilities under the ADA, implicitly recognized this key fact by not requiring any new motorized access by persons with disabilities to Wilderness, Primitive or Canoe areas. A copy of the *Galusha* consent decree is annexed as Exhibit A.

### OPDMD Use Should be Addressed Through Amendments to CP-3

To the extent that OPDMDs may be allowable or appropriate in Forest Preserve land use classifications other than Wilderness, Primitive or Canoe, the appropriateness of such use should be addressed by DEC, in consultation with APA, modifying CP-3 to address OPDMDs and not by amending the Master Plan. CP-3 already provides an ADA-compliant framework for limited operation by persons with disabilities of motor vehicles on certain Forest Preserve lands, and that is the appropriate method for addressing this issue. CP-3 should be amended to make clear that OPDMDs may only be used by persons with disabilities, that OPDMD use will not be allowed in Wilderness, Primitive or Canoe areas, and that the decision whether or not to allow OPDMD use in other land classifications will be based on the DOJ regulatory criteria for evaluating the appropriateness of OPDMD use. *See* 28 CFR § 35.137(b)(2) (setting forth five factors to be used in determining whether to permit OPDMD use ‘in a specific facility,’ including the type, size, weight and speed of the device, the volume of pedestrian traffic, the facility’s design and operational characteristics, whether the device can be safely operated at the facility and whether

such operation creates a substantial risk of serious harm to the immediate environment or natural or cultural resources.

We understand that these DOJ factors have been mistakenly interpreted by DEC as the factors to be applied in determining whether allowing OPDMD use will constitute a “fundamental alteration” of the program. In fact, as discussed above, whether a proposed modification of a state entity’s program would constitute a “fundamental alteration” of the program is a question of state law. Moreover, the DOJ regulations clearly state that the factors apply to “a specific facility,” not to a program offered by a public entity. *Id.* Thus, if a public entity determines that it can modify its policies to potentially allow the use of OPDMDs without “fundamentally alter[ing] the nature of the service, program, or activity,” it must then apply the assessment factors in Section 35.137(b)(2) to determine “whether a particular [OPDMD] can be allowed in a specific facility.”

Accordingly, APA and DEC need to first evaluate the nature of the existing programs provided by the various Forest Preserve land classifications to determine whether allowing OPDMDs would fundamentally alter those programs. Then, if it is determined that there are some land classifications where OPDMDs could be used without fundamentally altering the nature of the program, then the assessment factors would be applied to assess which specific OPDMDs can be used under what circumstances and in which locations and land classifications.

PROTECT understands, based on comments made by DEC staff at a recent meeting of the Forest Preserve Advisory Committee (October 18, 2024), that DEC believes that the ADA requires that requests to use OPDMDs on Forest Preserve lands must be handled on an individual, case-by-case basis and that broad policies applying to specific Forest Preserve land use classifications are impermissible. This is incorrect. To the contrary, the ADA regulations require that persons with disabilities be provided with advance notice of where OPDMD use is permissible. *See* 28 CFR § 35-106 (“A public entity shall make available . . . information regarding the provisions of this part *and its applicability to the services, programs, or activities of the public entity . . .*”) (emphasis added).

In fact, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (“OPRHP”) has already adopted a broad policy on OPDMD use at OPRHP facilities. *See* OPR-POL-024, Use of Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices in Outdoor Areas of New York State Parks & Historic Sites (April 1, 2022) (“OPRHP Policy”), annexed as Exhibit B. The OPRHP Policy sets forth size, weight, speed, noise and emission standards for OPDMD use in different land use classifications managed by OPRHP and specifies that “OPDMDs equipped with gas-fueled engines will largely be prohibited in many park settings.” *Id.*

Many other state land management agencies have also issued OPDMD policies including California (establishing size, weight, speed, noise and emissions standards for OPDMD use and identifying trail and road categories where such use is permitted); Illinois (specifying areas where OPDMDs may and may not be used); Michigan (identifying types of OPDMDs that may be used in specified types of facilities, roads and trails); New Hampshire (specifying the type, dimensions of weight of OPDMDs that may be used and areas where such use is permitted); Pennsylvania (listing land use classifications where OPDMD is allowed or prohibited); Vermont (providing that district teams will assess where OPDMD use is allowable and develop a list of roads and trails

open to such use); and Wisconsin (providing for assessment of state-owned lands to determine where PDMDs can be used safely while maintaining resource protection).

Following the lead of OPRHP and other state land management agencies by amending CP-3 to address OPDMD use will obviate the need for any amendments to the Master Plan to specifically address use of OPDMDs on Forest Preserve lands. Providing DEC with unfettered discretion to determine where OPDMDs may be used, as proposed in the Master Plan amendments, needlessly creates an open-ended and obscure process for addressing this issue, particularly since the proposed amendments fail to identify the factors that the ADA regulations require be evaluated by a state agency in determining whether to permit OPDMD use.

PROTECT offers the following additional comments concerning the specific accessibility-related proposed language:

*SLMP Redline at 10:* PROTECT supports adding “an inventory of existing structures and improvements that are consistent with the applicable federal accessibility standards for buildings, sites, and outdoor recreation facilities” to the requirements for Unit Management Plans (“UMPs”).

*SLMP Redline at 12:* PROTECT supports the inclusion in UMPs of “the identification of management actions to improve access to and enjoyment of the unit’s lands and waters by persons with disabilities.”

*SLMP Redline at 13:* PROTECT supports adding a new section labelled “Accessibility;” supports inclusion of the first two paragraphs in that section summarizing ADA requirements and DEC’s reliance on ADA and ABA standards for designing, constructing and altering facilities; and supports the first sentence in the third paragraph acknowledging that wheelchairs are permitted anywhere that pedestrian access is permitted.

PROTECT opposes inclusion of the final sentence in the third paragraph, stating that “the DEC is responsible for interpreting federal regulations and guidance to determine where the use of Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) may be appropriate.” PROTECT opposes inclusion of this sentence because it will be rendered unnecessary by DEC’s amendment of CP-3 to address OPDMD use. In any event, DEC is not “responsible for interpreting federal regulations and guidance” under the ADA; the DOJ is the sole agency vested with responsibility for interpreting ADA Title II and for promulgating regulations and guidance for Title II. *See* 42 USC § 12134. Thus, while DEC is responsible for applying ADA’s implementing regulations and guidance, the Department is not responsible for interpreting them as incorrectly stated. Second, as currently written, the sentence appears to grant DEC unfettered discretion to determine where and under what circumstances OPDMD use may be allowed on Forest Preserve lands, even though DEC currently has no written policy on OPDMD use. Moreover, the proposed language effectively eliminates any oversight or input by APA, which is contrary to both the APA Act and the Master Plan. *See* Executive Law § 816(1); Master Plan at 12; APA-DEC MOU at 3.

*SLMP Redline at 20:* APA proposes to amend the definition of “motor vehicle” by adding the phrase, “but does not include wheelchairs or other power driven mobility devices.” PROTECT

supports excluding wheelchairs from the definition of “motor vehicle” but opposes excluding OPDMDs from that definition. The federal definition of OPDMD includes:

*any mobility device powered by batteries, fuel, or other engines—whether or not designed primarily for use by individuals with mobility disabilities—that is used by individuals with mobility disabilities for the purpose of locomotion, including golf cars, electronic personal assistance mobility devices (EPAMDs), such as the Segway® PT, or any mobility device designed to operate in areas without defined pedestrian routes, but that is not a wheelchair within the meaning of this section.*

28 CFR § 35.104. Thus, OPDMDs can include, among other things, cars, trucks, and ATVs that are used by persons with a disability for locomotion. This would fundamentally alter the Master Plan’s definition of “motor vehicle” and open the door to motor vehicle use in Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe areas in contravention of Article 14 and the Master Plan.

*SLMP Redline at 21:* PROTECT opposes the addition of a definition for OPDMDs. As discussed above, the appropriate way to address OPDMD use, and the specific types of devices that qualify as OPDMDs, is for DEC, in consultation with APA, to modify CP-3 to address such use. That approach would render addition of this definition unnecessary.

*SLMP Redline at 23:* PROTECT supports adding a definition of “wheelchair” as proposed.

### **Carrying Capacity**

PROTECT applauds APA for proposing to expand on and further explain the Master Plan’s directive that carrying capacity studies be included in all UMPs. The amendments include two new paragraphs that seek to define the parameters of carrying capacity studies and to describe the interplay between carrying capacity and visitor use management (“VUM”). SLMP Redline at 11. This effort is especially noteworthy in light of DEC’s current VUM project for the High Peaks Wilderness Complex. Nevertheless, the proposed amendments may be confusing and misleading to the extent that they appear to equate VUM with carrying capacity. Specifically, carrying capacity is the assessment, measurement and prescription of the type of resource and social conditions in a particular area that can be sustained without adverse impacts to natural resources and the visitor experience, while VUM is one tool that can be used to compare on-the-ground conditions with carrying capacity and identify management actions needed to maintain or restore the desired conditions.

Given the importance of this issue, PROTECT offers the following line-by-line comments and proposed changes:

*“Carrying capacity assessments are prescribed throughout this document.”* This is a correct statement but should be clarified to state as follows: “Carrying capacity assessments **for both Forest Preserve lands and waters** are prescribed throughout this document.”

*“Fulfilling this requirement must include establishing desired conditions; indicators; thresholds for resource, social and managerial conditions; monitoring; and adaptive management.”* PROTECT suggests that it would be helpful and informative to precede this sentence with a brief explanation of carrying capacity, as follows:

**The scientific underpinning of carrying capacity is that land and water natural resources have limits to the amount and type of recreational use that they can withstand before adverse impacts occur. These adverse impacts include (i) unsustainable changes in natural biological and ecological conditions, characteristics and processes; (ii) unacceptable and undesirable changes in the quality of the recreational experience; and (iii) undesirable, unsafe or unsustainable conditions in the management of recreational lands and facilities.**

The current proposed sentence should then be modified to read:

Fulfilling **the** requirement **for carrying capacity studies** must include establishing desired conditions **for both land and water resources**; indicators; thresholds for resource, social and managerial conditions; monitoring; and adaptive management.”

*“Levels of time and resources to fulfill this commitment should be proportional to the significance of impacts.”* The purpose of a carrying capacity study is to, among other things, determine the significance of impacts. Making assumptions about the significance of impacts—and restricting levels of time and resources based on those assumptions—prior to completing a carrying capacity study is premature and prejudices the outcome of the study. This sentence should therefore be removed.

*“Carrying capacity has been a concept for determining how many people could use a given recreational setting before impacts are unacceptable.”* This is an incomplete characterization of carrying capacity and will be unnecessary if the explanatory language proposed above is adopted. This sentence should therefore be removed.

*“However, establishing a number of visitors is only one strategy to protect resources and experiences, while allowing for recreational use.”* This sentence could be read to imply that the primary focus and goal in visitor use management should be recreational use by visitors rather than protection of physical and biological natural resources. PROTECT proposes clarifying this sentence as follows:

However, establishing a number of visitors is only one strategy to protect resources and experiences, while allowing for recreational use. **Regardless of the strategy adopted, the paramount goal must always be protection of physical and biological resources and ensuring that those resources are not degraded.**

*“Additional visitor use management strategies exist, including, but not limited to, changing visitor behavior, modifying where and when use occurs, or building facilities that can accommodate heavy use.”* As with the preceding sentence discussed above, this sentence could be read to imply that the focus of VUM is recreational use rather than protection of natural resources. Also, VUM

is an ongoing process and the particular strategies used for VUM should not be prescribed in advance. PROTECT proposes clarifying this sentence as follows:

Additional visitor use management strategies exist, including, but not limited to, changing visitor behavior, modifying where and when use occurs, or building facilities that can accommodate **reasonable public** use. **However, the focus and overriding goal of visitor use management must always be protection of natural resources and ensuring that natural resources are not degraded; it is not the goal of visitor use management to maximize recreational use up to the limit that a particular land or water management unit can withstand.**

### **Elimination of Deadlines**

The proposed amendments would remove the deadlines set forth in the Master Plan for completion of UMPS (SLMP Redline at 12); removal on non-conforming structures and improvements from Wilderness areas (SLMP Redline at 24, 26); removal of non-conforming structures and improvements from Primitive areas (SLMP Redline at 31, 33); and removal of non-conforming structures and improvements from Wild Forest areas (SLMP Redline at 38). PROTECT opposes removal of the deadlines. Although these deadlines have passed, it is important to retain them in the Master Plan to demonstrate the urgency with which the drafters of the Master Plan viewed these actions, to show that completion of UMPs and removal of non-conforming uses and structures was to be accomplished promptly, and to place DEC's progress (or lack thereof) in completing these actions in historical context. Maintaining the original dates also supports the need for increasing DEC staff levels to address these long-overdue actions.

### **Use of Motor Vehicles After the Phase-Out Period**

The proposed amendments would eliminate the three-year period after land classification during which motor vehicle use by DEC is permissible for the purpose of removing non-conforming structures or improvements. SLMP Redline at 28. PROTECT supports this proposed amendment provided that the following clarifying language is included:

Irrespective of the above or any other guidelines in this master plan, use of motor vehicles by administrative personnel to remove non-conforming structures or improvements after the phase-out period will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the Agency. This work must occur during the off-peak seasons, **and will not involve the cutting of trees, removal of boulders, alteration of existing terrain, the maintenance, reconstruction or rehabilitation of existing roads, or the construction of new roads.**

PROTECT opposes the proposed removal of the existing language providing that maintenance of roads and trails utilized for removal of non-conforming uses will be curtailed and efforts made to encourage revegetation with lower forms of vegetation to permit their conversion to foot trails and, where appropriate, horse trails. SLMP Redline at 28. Removal of this provision implies that DEC will be allowed to continue to maintain and clear such roads and trails regardless of whether such maintenance and clearing is authorized by a UMP. This provision should remain in the Master Plan.

## **Beaver Control Structures**

The proposed amendments add a new definition of “beaver control structure” and authorize the placement of such structures in several Forest Preserve land classifications. PROTECT opposes these new provisions. Although PROTECT understands that there are times when beaver activity on Forest Preserve lands may flood trails or other recreational infrastructure or facilities, the installation of intrusive man-made structures to limit or control such flooding is neither appropriate nor desirable in all Forest Preserve land use classifications.

Definition: The amendments propose to add the following definition:

Beaver Control Structure – a device used to reduce impacts to human infrastructure caused by beavers while maintaining suitable habitat for beavers. Beaver control structures maintain water flow or regulate water levels.

SLMP Redline at 19.

The proposed definition of “beaver control structure” is problematic in several respects. First, this is not a term in general use by DEC or other natural resource agencies. DEC uses the term “Water Level Control Structure” (WLCD), which is a device to “keep beaver away from [the WLCD] intakes and regulate the water level in the [beaver] pond.” NYSDEC, Beaver Damage Control Techniques Manual (April 1996) at 11. The proposed definition would encompass not only WLCDs but also other structures that are not identified. It is therefore unclear what types of structures other than WLCDs are included in the proposed definition.

The definition also fails to specify size limitations for such structures or the types of materials that may be used for those structures. These are particularly significant omissions because WLCDs can be very large, are usually easily visible, and are normally constructed of PVC piping, polyethylene tubing, corrugated steel pipe or welded wire cylinders. *Id.* at 12.

Authorization of Structures: The proposed amendments authorize the installation of beaver control structures in Wilderness, Primitive and Wild Forest land classifications. However, these provisions are internally inconsistent and do not align with the definitions and guidelines for management and use for land classifications in the Master Plan.

As noted above, it is unclear what types of structures in addition to WLCDs are authorized by the definition of “beaver control structure,” and it is therefore impossible to fully assess the compliance of such structures with Master Plan requirements. However, even if the definition was limited to WLCDs, those devices are inappropriate in Wilderness and Primitive areas. A Wilderness area “is an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man . . . [and] is further defined to mean an area of state land or water having a primeval character, without significant improvement . . . and which . . . generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man’s work substantially unnoticeable.” Master Plan at 22. Furthermore, the Master Plan specifies that “[t]he primary wilderness management guideline will be to achieve and perpetuate a natural plant and animal community where man’s influence is



not apparent.” *Id.* As noted above, WLCDs can be very large, are usually easily visible, and are normally constructed of PVC piping, polyethylene tubing, corrugated steel pipe or welded wire cylinders. This type of intrusive man-made structure is inconsistent with the Master Plan’s definition of Wilderness and the primary management guideline and should not be allowed. For the same reasons, beaver control structures should not be permitted in Primitive areas, which are “[e]ssentially wilderness in character” and where “[t]he primary primitive management guideline will be to achieve and maintain in each designated primitive area a condition as close to wilderness as possible, so as to perpetuate a natural plant and animal community where man’s influence is relatively unapparent.” *Id.* at 28-29.

Moreover, it is unclear why the circumstances in which such structures may be installed differ significantly between land classifications. Adding to these inconsistencies is the fact that the proposed amendments do not allow beaver control structures to be installed in Intensive Use areas, “where the state provides facilities for intensive forms of outdoor recreation by the public.” *Id.* at 41. Thus, the provisions concerning beaver control structures should be either withdrawn, redrafted and released for further public comment or removed entirely.

### **Miscellaneous Provisions**

PROTECT supports the proposed addition of species of special concern to the definition of “wildlife management structure.” SLMP Redline at 23.

PROTECT supports the addition of horse mounting platforms constructed of natural materials to the list of permissible structures in Wilderness areas. SLMP Redline at 26.

PROTECT supports the addition of bicycle trails to the list of permissible improvements in Wild Forest areas. SLMP Redline at 39.

PROTECT supports the technical language changes to the description of Historic areas. SLMP Redline at 48-49.

PROTECT suggests that the opening quote of the SLMP include the following words from S. H. Hammond (1857) speaking about the Adirondacks before the Adirondack Park was created:

Civilization is pushing its way even towards this wild and, for all agricultural purposes, sterile region . . . When that time shall have arrived, where shall we go to find the woods, the wild things, the old forests, and hear the sounds which belong to nature in its primeval state? Whither shall we flee from civilization, to take off the harness and be free, for a season, from the restraints, the conventionalities of society, and rest from the hard struggles, the cares and toils, the strifes and competitions of life? Had I my way, I would mark out a circle of a hundred miles in diameter, and throw around it the protecting aegis of the constitution. I would make it a forest forever. It should be a misdemeanor to chop down a tree, and a felony to clear an acre within its boundaries. The old woods should stand here always as God made them, growing on until the earthworm ate away their roots, and the

strong winds hurled them to the ground, and new woods should be permitted to supply the place of the old so long as the earth remained. . .

### **Conclusion**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Protect the Adirondacks, please accept our gratitude for the opportunity to share our comments on the proposed amendments to the Master Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Amato', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christopher Amato  
Conservation Director and Counsel

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cc: Barbara Rice, Executive. Director (via email)  
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# EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

THEODORE E. GALUSHA, TEENA  
WILLARD, and WILLIAM SEARLES

Plaintiffs,

- against -

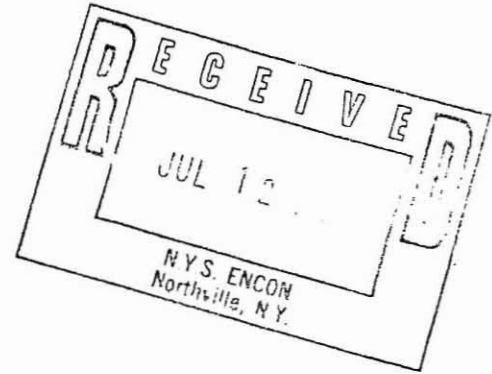
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION,  
JOHN P. CAHILL, sued herein in his official  
capacity as Commissioner of the New York  
State Department of Environmental  
Conservation, ADIRONDACK PARK  
AGENCY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
DANIEL T. FITTS, sued herein in his official  
capacity as Chairman of the Adirondack Park  
Agency of the State of New York, GEORGE E.  
PATAKI, sued herein as Governor of the State  
of New York, JOHN DOE, Individually, and  
STATE OF NEW YORK,

Defendants,

- and -

ADIRONDACK COUNCIL, ADIRONDACK  
MOUNTAIN CLUB, RESIDENTS  
COMMITTEE TO PROTECT THE  
ADIRONDACKS, ENVIRONMENTAL  
ADVOCATES, ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
PROTECTION OF THE ADIRONDACKS,  
GRAHAM L. COX, LISA M. GENIER,  
DEBRA HAMILTON and EARNEST B.  
LaPRAIRIE,

Intervenor-Defendants.



CONSENT DECREE

Civil Action  
No. 98-CV-1117  
(LEK-RWS)

Plaintiffs Theodore E. Galusha, Teena Willard and William Searles (“Plaintiffs”) and Defendants New York State, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Adirondack Park Agency of the State of New York, John P. Cahill, in his official capacity as Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC”), Daniel T. Fitts, in his official capacity as Executive Director of the Adirondack Park Agency (“APA”) of the State of New York, and George E. Pataki, as Governor of the State of New York, (hereinafter collectively “Defendants”), and Intervenor-Defendants Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc., Adirondack Council, Residents’ Committee to Protect the Adirondacks, Environmental Advocates, Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks, Graham L. Cox, Lisa M. Genier, Debra Hamilton, and Ernest B. LaPrairie (collectively “Intervenor-Defendants”) hereby agree as follows:

WHEREAS the Defendants are charged by Article XIV of the New York State Constitution, statute, regulation and the Adirondack Park and Catskill Park State Land Master Plans (“SLMPs”) to act as stewards and, in the case of DEC, land manager for the Forest Preserve within the constraints of New York State Constitution Article XIV’s “forever wild” provision and the SLMP land classification system and to act in accordance with all applicable state and federal law;

WHEREAS Plaintiffs have commenced an action under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”), 42 U.S.C. § 12132 *et seq.* and 42 U.S.C. § 1983, alleging that

Plaintiffs have been discriminated against, and seeking motor vehicle access in various locations in the Adirondack Forest Preserve;

WHEREAS Plaintiffs seek injunctive relief, compensatory and punitive damages and attorneys' fees in this action;

WHEREAS Defendants and Intervenor-Defendants have denied Plaintiffs' allegations and asserted, *inter alia*, that neither the ADA nor 42 U.S.C. § 1983 requires motor vehicle access to recreational programs on any state lands, particularly state lands located in the Forest Preserve;

WHEREAS the Defendants affirm their commitment to provide reasonable access to recreational programs within the Forest Preserve for persons with disabilities;

WHEREAS the Defendants have the legal obligation and authority to determine whether, where and in what manner reasonable access to recreational programs within the Forest Preserve for persons with disabilities, particularly mobility-related impairments, shall exist;

WHEREAS Defendants recognize the importance of incorporating the needs and perspectives of persons with disabilities into the unit management planning process;

WHEREAS the parties wish to resolve the instant lawsuit in an equitable manner and to avoid potentially lengthy and costly litigation; and

WHEREAS the Court has considered the matter and issues;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DECREED AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION I. Description of Settlement**

In consideration of Plaintiffs' (1) agreement to discontinue the instant litigation with prejudice and settle any and all claims under the ADA and 42 U.S.C. § 1983 raised, or that could have been raised, in the complaint against the Defendants concerning any matter relating to the Adirondack Forest Preserve and/or any other State Forest Preserve including, but not limited to motorized access at locations in the Forest Preserve by persons with disabilities, and compliance in any manner with the ADA; (2) agreement to discontinue all claims for attorney's fees, except as otherwise set forth in paragraph H of Section III of this Consent Decree; and (3) representation that they presently know of no other actual or potential causes of action that they have or may have against the State of New York, its departments, employees, agents or elected officials for anything whatsoever, Defendants agree to provide the following:

A. Expedited UMPs. DEC and APA commit to develop and process Unit Management Plans ("UMPs") for Wild Forest areas within the Adirondack Forest Preserve and on other state lands, consistent with all applicable law as follows:

1. DEC will prepare and submit amendments to existing UMPs and supporting SEQRA documentation in final form to include provisions as set forth in this Consent Decree, to

the APA for commencement of the public review process for the following Units within six months of the entry of this Consent Decree:

- Aldrich Pond Wild Forest
- Black River Wild Forest
- Cranberry Lake Wild Forest
- Fulton Chain Wild Forest
- Grasse River Wild Forest
- Hammond Pond Wild Forest
- Independence River Wild Forest

2. DEC will prepare and submit draft UMPs and supporting SEQRA documentation in final form to include provisions as set forth in this Consent Decree, to the APA for commencement of the public review process for the following Units within eighteen (18) months of the entry of this Consent Decree:

- Lake George Wild Forest
- Horseshoe Lake Wild Forest
- Wilcox Lake Wild Forest
- Moose River Wild Forest
- Shaker Mountain Wild Forest
- Vanderwacker Wild Forest

3. DEC will involve representatives of the New York State Independent Living Center Council, Inc. and/or Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association, and other persons with disabilities, in unit management planning, and will consider recreational opportunities for persons with disabilities in the course of developing all future UMPs.



B. Capital Projects. DEC will implement, over a five-year period following entry of this Consent Decree, capital projects to enhance accessibility to recreational programs for persons with disabilities within certain areas classified as Wild Forest, Intensive Use and Historic within the Forest Preserve, as well as locations outside the Forest Preserve, as set forth and described in Exhibits C, D, E, F and G [**approximate cost of \$ 4.312 million**]. Insofar as any such project constitutes a new facility, otherwise applicable permit or review requirements shall not be superseded or made inapplicable by this Consent Decree. As set forth in more detail in Exhibits C, D, E, F and G, the capital projects include constructing and/or improving parking, restroom and showering facilities, access to fishing opportunities, campgrounds, picnic areas, recreational trails, equestrian mounting platforms, boat launches, signage, promotional materials and road rehabilitation. In addition, DEC will commit to upgrade the Warrensburg DEC Sub-office to ADA Accessibility Guidelines ("ADAAG") and/or appropriate New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code provisions. [**approximate cost of \$350,000**]

C. Expanded Motorized Access to Programs in the Forest Preserve.

1. As described in Exhibit A, DEC will propose, and DEC and APA will support through the UMP amendment process, motor vehicle access for persons with disabilities holding permits under Policy CP-3, subject to closure for seasonal conditions in the discretion of DEC as land manager for the Forest Preserve, including reasonable closure for environmental and/or public safety reasons, at the following locations, for access to the programs listed below:

| <u>UMP</u>   | <u>Road Name</u> | <u>Miles</u> | <u>Program</u>       |
|--------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Indep. River | Mount Tom        | 4.7          | Wildlife Observation |

|              |                  |      |                                           |
|--------------|------------------|------|-------------------------------------------|
| Indep. River | Branaugh         | 0.25 | Hunting<br>Camping<br>Hunting<br>Swimming |
| Lake George  | Bear Slide       | 0.97 | Fishing                                   |
| Wilcox Lake  | Fishpond (Upper) | 2.10 | Fishing                                   |
| Moose River  | Mitchell Pond    | 1.77 | Camping<br>Fishing                        |
| Moose River  | Helldiver Pond   | 0.50 | Hunting<br>Fishing                        |
| Moose River  | Icehouse Pond    | 0.50 | Hunting<br>Fishing                        |
| Moose River  | Lost Ponds       | 0.92 | Hunting<br>Fishing                        |
| Moose River  | Beaver Lake      | 2.25 | Camping<br>Hunting<br>Fishing             |
| Moose River  | Squaw Lake       | 0.50 | Camping<br>Hunting<br>Fishing             |
| Shaker Mtn.  | Holmes Lake      | 5.08 | Hunting                                   |

**Total:** 19.54 miles

2. As described in Exhibit H, the following roads, opened for motor vehicle access to persons with disabilities holding permits under Policy CP-3 by court order, shall remain open subject to final approval in the UMP process, subject to closure for seasonal conditions in the discretion of DEC as the land manager for the Forest Preserve, including reasonable closure for environmental and/or public safety reasons:

| <u>UMP</u>  | <u>Road Name</u> | <u>Miles</u> | <u>Program</u>     |
|-------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Lake George | Gay Pond         | 3.3          | Camping<br>Fishing |
| Lake George | Jabe Pond        | 0.1          | Camping<br>Fishing |

|                       |                                                                           |      |                                            |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------|
| Lake George           | Lily Pond                                                                 | 2.3  | Camping<br>Fishing                         |
| Lake George           | Buttermilk Roads                                                          | 3.5  | Camping<br>Fishing                         |
| Luzerne<br>Campground | Lake Luzerne<br>Campsite - 4th<br>Lake                                    | 2.44 | Camping<br>Fishing                         |
| Moose River<br>Plains | Rock Dam,<br>Otterbrook,<br>Indian Lake,<br>Limekiln Lake-<br>Cedar River | 36.1 | Camping<br>Fishing<br>Wildlife Observation |

**Total:** 47.74 miles

3. The roads and trails outside the Forest Preserve identified in Exhibit B will be added to the list associated with Commissioner Policy CP-3, and will be posted for ATV, truck and/or car use, as appropriate and as set forth in Exhibit B, by persons with disabilities holding permits under Policy CP-3, as soon as practicable following entry of this Consent Decree, but in any event, no later than ninety days after entry of this Consent Decree.

4. In accordance with the statements of the parties on the record at the conference with the Court on March 15, 2001, the following process will be implemented in the event that any road identified in paragraph I.C. is not ultimately approved through the UMP process:

a. The parties shall consult with respect to proposing through the UMP amendment process alternative road(s) which are comparable, with respect to mileage and program, to the road(s) that were not ultimately approved.

b. Plaintiffs may propose through the UMP amendment process alternative road(s) which are comparable, with respect to mileage and program, to the road(s) that were not

ultimately approved. In the event Plaintiffs make one or more of such proposals, the UMP amendment process involving such proposals shall be completed within 24 months of the entry of this Consent Decree, or as otherwise agreed to by the parties.

c. In the event an alternative road proposed by Plaintiffs through the UMP amendment process is not ultimately approved through such process, Plaintiffs may apply to the Court with respect to opening alternative road(s) which are comparable, with respect to mileage and program, to the road(s) not ultimately approved through the UMP amendment process. All parties reserve all rights with respect to any application made by Plaintiffs pursuant to this subparagraph.

d. The phrase "comparable, with respect to mileage" as used in this . . . Consent Decree shall mean that the total mileage of any road proposed as an alternative to a road not approved through the UMP process, or through the UMP amendment process as set forth in paragraph I.C.4.c., shall be, as nearly as practicable, the same total mileage as the road not approved; provided, however, that such alternative road may differ in length in an amount not to exceed .5 miles, or as agreed to by all parties. In addition, the phrase "comparable, with respect to ... program" shall mean a program comparable to the program(s) associated with the road(s) not opened through the UMP process or UMP amendment process, such as, for example, hunting, fishing, camping, or wildlife observation, or as agreed to by all parties.

D. Expanded Non-Motorized Access to Programs in the Forest Preserve

1. Defendants commit to establish, within six months of entry of this Consent Decree, a system for qualifying persons with disabilities for the use of existing non-motorized

access to the Santanoni Great Camp without cost to such persons. Persons who have received permits pursuant to DEC CP-3 shall qualify for participation in such system under this paragraph. In addition, one person may, without cost, accompany each such qualifying person with disability in his or her use of existing non-motorized access to the Santanoni Great Camp, upon submission of a written statement by a physician reflecting a determination that such person's accompaniment is medically necessary, and explaining the basis for such determination. This provision shall not be construed to prevent any person who makes payment as agreed to by the provider of the existing non-motorized access to the Santanoni Great Camp from utilizing such access. Motorized access to Santanoni by persons who hold permits pursuant to DEC CP-3 shall continue until such time as non-motorized access is available.

2. DEC will construct, or cause to be constructed, accessible horsedrawn wagon, carriage and/or equestrian mounting platforms that are accessible to persons with mobility impairments at the following locations for access to programs in the Forest Preserve:

| <u>UMP</u>     | <u>Road Name</u> | <u>Miles</u> | <u>Program</u>                                                              |
|----------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lake George    | Fishbrook Pond   | 1.33         | Fishing<br>Camping                                                          |
| Lake George    | Millman Pond     | 1.94         | Fishing<br>Camping                                                          |
| Lake George    | Bumps Pond       | 4.43         | Fishing<br>Camping                                                          |
| Camp Santanoni | Newcomb Lake     | 4.75         | Fishing<br>Hunting<br>Camping<br>Wildlife Viewing<br>Unique Historical Site |

**Total:** 12.45 miles

Defendants shall require that any agent, guide or entity providing services utilizing a horsedrawn wagon, carriage or vehicle providing services at these locations shall have provision for safely transporting persons with disabilities, including those with mobility impairments.

E. Training and Materials.

1. DEC and APA will hire one or more independent consultants with relevant expertise to conduct training, relating to making DEC programs accessible to persons with disabilities, of the following persons:

- DEC and APA Central Office and Regional personnel;
- guides licensed pursuant to New York Environmental Conservation Law § 11-0533; and
- other vendors of services involving programs in the Forest Preserve.

With respect to assisting persons with disabilities in their enjoyment of, and access to, programs in the Forest Preserve, such training will include sensitivity awareness to attitudes, terminology, needs and characteristics relating to persons with disabilities, methods for conducting trail accessibility assessments, assessing the need for facility improvements and identifying access opportunities, among other topics to be developed with the consultant(s).

2. DEC will develop, produce and distribute educational, interpretive and outreach materials regarding recreational opportunities for persons with disabilities within two (2) years of the entry of this Consent Decree, including the following information:

- Identification of DEC Statewide and Regional Coordinators for Access Issues, as described in paragraph I.G.1 herein
- Statewide list of all locations designated pursuant to Policy CP-3
- Locations of non-motorized access to programs including, *inter alia*, accessible fishing piers, campsites, boat launches, hardened trails and mounting platforms
- Identification of guides and other commercial vendors appropriately trained and offering services to persons with disabilities

F. Settlement Implementation.

1. Defendants commit to make a good faith effort to fulfill their obligations under this Consent Decree within three years of the date of its entry. Defendants shall make one payment of \$60,000 to the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc. within 90 days of the entry of this Consent Decree, such monies to be used solely for assisting and verifying Defendants' implementation of their commitments made herein. If, at the end of the three year period following the date of entry of this Consent Decree, the Defendants have not yet satisfied their commitments hereunder, the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc., on behalf of the Plaintiffs, may contact the Defendants, provide evidence to support Plaintiffs' belief that such commitments have not been satisfied, and seek additional funding of \$20,000 for an additional year to continue the assistance and verification of Defendants' implementation described in this paragraph. Defendants shall not unreasonably refuse to provide additional funding. A second one-year extension may be sought by the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc. if, at the end of the fourth year following entry of this Consent Decree, the Defendants have not yet satisfied their commitments. The commitments made by the Defendants in this paragraph shall

not, absent order of the Court, extend beyond two additional \$20,000 annual payments or five years following the entry of this Consent Decree. No money provided pursuant to this paragraph shall be used to purchase, lease, repair or maintain any motorized vehicle, including but not limited to automobiles, trucks and all-terrain vehicles; provided, however, that funds provided to the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc. pursuant to this paragraph may be used for reimbursement, at the approved State rate, for mileage for vehicle use in furtherance of the "assisting and verifying" activities referred to in this paragraph.

2. The New York State Independent Living Council, Inc. shall submit to the Court, the DEC Director of Land and Forests, and the undersigned Assistant Attorney General, within 60 days of each one year anniversary date of the payment made pursuant to paragraph I.F.1 above, a report concerning the activities conducted using funds provided pursuant to such paragraph. Such report shall include an itemized accounting of all expenditures. All actions of the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc., its employees, agents and/or other representatives under paragraph I.F. of this Consent Decree, shall comply with all applicable provisions of law, including without limitation New York Constitution Article XIV, § 1, the Adirondack State Land Master Plan, Unit Management Plans, the New York Environmental Conservation Law, and DEC regulations, policies and guidance memoranda. DEC commits that any relevant policies and/or guidance memoranda adopted following entry of this Consent Decree shall comply with New York Environmental Conservation Law § 3-0301(2)(z).

3. One or more of the Defendants shall, on a quarterly basis, submit to the Court a report identifying the status of each commitment made herein. The first such report shall be submitted no later than the close of the second calendar quarter following entry of this Consent Decree.



4. Except as set forth in Section III.A of this Consent Decree, Plaintiffs' right to freedom of speech shall not otherwise be abridged by this Consent Decree.

G. Other Commitments.

1. Defendants commit to designate a (a) DEC Central Office Statewide Coordinator for Access Issues, and (b) Coordinator for Access Issues in each of the Department's nine Regional Offices. These designees will be included among those persons to be trained pursuant to paragraph I.E.1 above. The duties of these designees with respect to the ADA shall be limited to programmatic access, and shall not include employment, public transportation or telecommunication issues.

2. Defendants commit that new construction or renovation of facilities by the DEC or the APA in the Adirondack Forest Preserve and any other New York State Forest Preserve will be in compliance with the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.

3. DEC shall create an Advisory Committee to the DEC comprised of Plaintiffs, other appropriate persons, organizations or representatives of persons with disabilities. Such Committee shall meet periodically with DEC and APA to consult with and advise these agencies concerning issues of interest to persons with disabilities. Defendants commit to give such Committee advance notice of the public meetings of those agencies which relate to the management of State lands in the Adirondack Forest Preserve, and will give the Committee an opportunity to put on the agenda of such meetings matters of particular interest to the Committee.

4. Defendants commit to appoint a person with disabilities, or a representative of or advocate for persons with disabilities, to the Forest Preserve Advisory Committee. Defendants will consider nominations, if any, by the Committee established in paragraph I.G.3 above, and by other interested persons, as provided for in the Charter of the Forest Preserve Advisory Committee.

5. The parties agree that, to the extent that new public motorized opportunities are being opened under this Consent Order, such opportunities shall be exclusive to persons with disabilities holding permits under

3. Accordingly, DEC agrees that it will adopt and implement measures to secure these roads against unauthorized use. For those opportunities located inside the Forest Preserve, these measures will be taken either through the UMP process or pursuant to a separate public process. Control options to be considered in formulating these measures may include such options as:

- a. Gating (in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973);

- b. Where gating is appropriate, DEC may consider installing locks with changeable codes or combinations that would be revealed outside the Department to CP-3 permit holders only. DEC may also consider assigning DEC personnel to open gates upon request by CP-3 permit holders; provided, however, that such gates shall be closed the same day as they are opened; and

- c. Posting signage providing notice to persons with disabilities holding permits under policy CP-3, and providing warnings to persons not holding such permits that they are subject to prosecution under applicable law.

DEC shall enforce against illegal motor vehicle use of the roads identified in this Consent Order.

H. Attorneys Fees and Costs. Upon review of contemporaneous time records prepared by counsel for Plaintiffs, and a determination that such records support a reasonable attorney's fee, Defendants shall provide Plaintiffs' reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, in full satisfaction of any and all liability and/or responsibility therefor under any federal statute or otherwise, in an amount not to exceed \$185,000, payable by the Defendants to counsel for Plaintiffs, Alvin O. Sabo, within 120 days after (a) entry of the Consent Decree, and (b) receipt by the undersigned Assistant Attorney General of a copy of the entered Consent Decree. Payment shall be made to the order of "Donohue, Sabo, Varley and Armstrong, P.C.," and transmitted to Alvin O. Sabo, Esq., at One Winners Circle, P.O. Box 15056, Albany, New York 12212-5056. Payment by the State of New York is subject to the approval of all appropriate state officials in accordance with the provisions of New York Public Officers Law Section 17(3)(a). If a dispute arises regarding any portion of the submitted bill, including but not limited to the attorney time, rates, costs or disbursements that have been sought by Plaintiffs' Counsel, and Plaintiffs and Defendants are unable to resolve the issue, an application may be made to the Magistrate Judge in letter form, or as directed by the Magistrate Judge, to resolve the dispute.

**SECTION II.        Commitments of Intervenor-Defendants**

A. Except as set forth in paragraphs II.B and II.C below, all Intervenor-Defendants agree that, in accordance with their statements on the record at the conference before the Court on March 15, 2001, they will not oppose, whether in the UMP process, or through judicial, administrative or other extrajudicial means, the opening of roads identified in Section I.C of this Consent Decree for motor vehicle access for persons with disabilities holding permits under DEC

Policy CP-3. In particular, and without limitation except as set forth in paragraphs II.B and II.C below, Intervenor-Defendants will not oppose: (1) the proposal, through the UMP process, of motor vehicle access at locations identified in paragraph I.C.1 herein and Exhibit A hereto; and/or (2) Defendants' commitment to keep open those roads identified in paragraph I.C.2. herein and Exhibit H hereto, initially opened pursuant to the Court's Memorandum-Decision and Order filed October 9, 1998.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph II.A. above, Intervenor-Defendants Adirondack Council, Residents Committee to Protect the Adirondacks, Environmental Advocates and Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks, reserve their rights to oppose, in the UMP process or otherwise, the following: (1) the opening to motor vehicle access of the Mount Tom and Branaugh locations identified in paragraph I.C.1 herein and Exhibit A hereto; (2) the capital project involving Arrow Road, set forth in Exhibit D hereto; (3) the proposed "improvement" of Lily Pond Road as described in Exhibit G, ¶ 7; and/or (4) any proposal to open or improve any roads for motor vehicle access for persons who do not hold permits under policy CP-3.

C. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph II.A. above, Intervenor-Defendant Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc. reserves its right to oppose, in the UMP process, the following: (1) the capital project involving Arrow Road, set forth in Exhibit D hereto; (2) the accessibility project involving Trout and Mud Ponds, set forth as item #23 in Exhibit C hereto; (3) the opening to motor vehicle access of the Holmes Lake location identified in paragraph I.C.1 herein; and (4) any proposal to open or improve any roads for motor vehicle access for persons who do not hold permits under policy CP-3.

**SECTION III.      General Provisions**

A. Effect of Consent Decree. By entering into this Consent Decree, Defendants and Defendant-Intervenors make no admission of any liability with respect to any of the claims asserted by Plaintiffs, nor of any fact asserted by Plaintiffs, nor of the validity of any of the claims asserted by the Plaintiffs. By entering into this Consent Decree, Plaintiffs agree to discontinue this action with prejudice, and agree that they will not file or support in any way any future claims or complaints, or commence or support litigation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, United States Constitution or other statute or common law relating to issues that were, or could have been, raised in this litigation concerning any matter relating to the Forest Preserve including, but not limited to motorized access at locations in the Forest Preserve by persons with disabilities, and compliance in any manner with the ADA as it relates in any way to the Forest Preserve.

B. Continuation of DEC CP-3. DEC CP-3, entitled "Motor Vehicle Access to State Lands Under the Jurisdiction of the Department of Environmental Conservation for People with Disabilities," adopted on June 4, 1997, will remain in effect. Nothing herein shall limit the authority of DEC to amend such policy; provided, however, that any such amendment shall comply with all applicable provisions of law. To the extent additional Forest Preserve roads and/or other routes on DEC-administered lands outside the Forest Preserve, providing motor vehicle access to programs for qualifying persons with disabilities under DEC CP-3 are identified in this document, those roads and/or other routes will be added to DEC's comprehensive, statewide list associated with DEC CP-3. Nothing in this Consent Decree shall be construed to

permit motor vehicle use on any road and/or other route that has not been approved for motor vehicle use pursuant to applicable law.

C. Force Majeure.

1. Defendants shall not be in default regarding the provisions of this Consent Decree if they are unable to comply with any provision because of an act of Nature, war, insurrection, strike, judicial injunction or other court order, contract default, budget delay, catastrophic condition, or other circumstance beyond their control. Defendants shall notify Plaintiffs in writing, within thirty (30) days, of any occurrence of any of the above events that lead to delays in compliance, or the prospective inability to comply with this Consent Decree, and shall request modification of this Consent Decree, where appropriate. Failure to satisfy any requirement of this Consent Decree shall be excused, and/or extensions of milestones provided, under the terms of this section if Defendants show that they took steps reasonably necessary to avoid or mitigate the delay or other noncompliance, and complied with the notice requirements of this section.

2. Plaintiffs' remedy for any failure or default by Defendants with respect to performance under one or more provisions of this Consent Decree, where such failure is not otherwise excused pursuant to paragraph III.C.1 of this Consent Decree, shall be limited to specific performance of such provision, as ordered by the Court. In no event shall any such failure or default be grounds for rescission, in whole or in part, of other provisions of this Consent Decree.

D. Continuing Jurisdiction. The Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for the purpose of enabling the parties to apply to the Court for any further order that may be needed to carry out or enforce compliance with the specific commitments made by the parties to this Consent Decree; provided, however, that the exercise by DEC of its discretionary authority as land manager for the Forest Preserve pursuant to New York State Constitution Article XIV, New York statutes and regulations, and the SLMP land classification system, with respect to matters not covered by this Consent Decree, shall not be subject to this paragraph.

E. Termination. This Consent Decree shall be deemed completely satisfied and shall terminate when the parties have met all their obligations hereunder.

F. Notice. Notice of the actions to be taken or exchange of information pursuant to this Consent Decree shall be provided to the following:

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The parties may from time to time as necessary modify the address or designee for purposes of notice and exchange of information. Notice of such a modification shall be provided in writing to the then-existing designees under this provision.



G. Severability. If any provision of this Consent Decree is determined, by court ruling, order, decision, memorandum and/or opinion, to be invalid or otherwise contrary to law, such ruling, order, decision, memorandum and/or opinion shall not affect the continuing validity of the remaining provisions of this Consent Decree.

H. Entire Agreement. This Consent Decree, with Exhibits A-H incorporated by reference and attached hereto, constitutes the entire agreement entered into by the parties to settle this matter. By signing this Consent Decree, each party acknowledges that, except as set forth in paragraph III.D. concerning the continuing jurisdiction of the Court, entry of this Consent Decree will result in complete termination of this action including extinguishing all claims asserted in this action and any potential appeals, with prejudice.

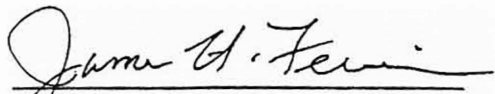
I. Authority. The undersigned representative for each party certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party or parties whom he or she represents to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Decree and to bind them to it.

THIS DECREE IS AGREED TO BY ALL PARTIES, AS AMENDED  
IN OPEN COURT ON THE RECORD ON JULY 5, 2001.

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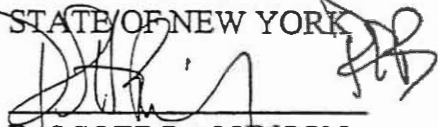
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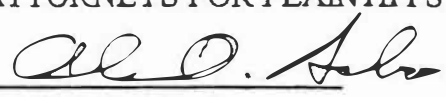

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**EXHIBIT A**  
**MOTORIZED ACCESS BY PERMIT FOR PERSONS**  
**WITH DISABILITIES, TO BE PROPOSED AND SUPPORTED**  
**THROUGH THE UMP PROCESS**

| #  | UMP                | "Road" Name      | Miles        | Program(s)                         |
|----|--------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| 1  | Indep. River       | Mount Tom        | 4.7          | Wildlife<br>Observation<br>Hunting |
| 2  | Indep. River       | Branaugh         | .25          | Camping<br>Hunting<br>Swimming     |
| 3  | Lake<br>George     | Bear Slide       | 0.97         | Fishing                            |
| 4  | Wilcox<br>Lake     | Fishpond (Upper) | 2.10         | Fishing,<br>Hunting                |
| 5  | Moose<br>River     | Mitchell Pond    | 1.77         | Camping,<br>Fishing                |
| 6  | Moose<br>River     | Helldiver Pond   | 0.50         | Hunting,<br>Fishing                |
| 7  | Moose<br>River     | Icehouse Pond    | 0.50         | Hunting,<br>Fishing                |
| 8  | Moose<br>River     | Lost Ponds       | 0.92         | Hunting,<br>Fishing                |
| 9  | Moose<br>River     | Beaver Lake      | 2.25         | Camping,<br>Hunting,<br>Fishing    |
| 10 | Moose<br>River     | Squaw Lake       | 0.50         | Camping,<br>Hunting,<br>Fishing    |
| 11 | Shaker<br>Mountain | Holmes Lake      | 5.08         | Hunting                            |
|    |                    | <b>Total</b>     | <b>19.54</b> |                                    |

**EXHIBIT B**  
**NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**  
**ROADS AND TRAILS OPEN TO MOTOR VEHICLE USE BY**  
**PERSONS WITH MOBILITY IMPAIRMENT DISABILITIES**

| REG | LOCATION              | MILES<br>ROADS | MILES<br>TRAILS | TOWN                    | COUNTY | ROAD OR TRAIL<br>NAME       | RECOMMENDED<br>VEHICLE TYPE<br>(Car/truck/ATV, Other<br>as specified on Permit) | PROGRAM                                         | \$ NEEDED<br>TO<br>OPEN |
|-----|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5   | FULTON 3;<br>Rockwood | 0.25           |                 | Johnstown &<br>Ephratah | Fulton | D East Road                 | ATV                                                                             | Hunting,<br>Camping,<br>Wildlife<br>Observation | \$2,000                 |
| 5   | FULTON 3;<br>Rockwood |                | 0.5             | Johnstown &<br>Ephratah | Fulton | C North Trail               | ATV                                                                             | Hunting,<br>Camping,<br>Wildlife<br>Observation | \$3,000                 |
| 5   | FULTON 3;<br>Rockwood |                | 0.3             | Johnstown &<br>Ephratah | Fulton | C-Connector<br>Valley Trail | ATV                                                                             | Hunting,<br>Camping,<br>Wildlife<br>Observation | \$2,000                 |
| 5   | FULTON 3;<br>Rockwood |                | 0.25            | Johnstown &<br>Ephratah | Fulton | Chimney Loop<br>Trail       | ATV                                                                             | Hunting,<br>Camping,<br>Wildlife<br>Observation | \$2,000                 |
| 5   | FULTON 3;<br>Rockwood |                | 0.75            | Johnstown &<br>Ephratah | Fulton | Camp Road Trail             | ATV                                                                             | Hunting,<br>Camping,<br>Wildlife<br>Observation | \$4,000                 |

| REG | LOCATION | MILES<br>ROADS | MILES<br>TRAILS | TOWN | COUNTY | ROAD OR TRAIL<br>NAME | RECOMMENDED<br>VEHICLE TYPE<br>(Car/truck/ATV, Other<br>as specified on Permit) | PROGRAM | \$ NEEDED<br>TO<br>OPEN |
|-----|----------|----------------|-----------------|------|--------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
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|   |                                                 |    |     |                 |           |                                  |               |                                              |          |
|---|-------------------------------------------------|----|-----|-----------------|-----------|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| 6 | Henderson Shores<br>Unique Area                 | .8 |     | Henderson       | Jefferson | Radar Road                       | ATV/Truck/Car | Deer Hunting<br>& Fishing                    | \$0      |
| 6 | Bonaparte's Cave State<br>Forest- Lewis 28      |    | .4  | Diana           | Lewis     | Green Pond Trail                 | ATV           | Fishing<br>(S.T. in<br>Green Pond)           | \$5,000  |
| 6 | Cobb Creek State<br>Forest-<br>Lewis 19         |    | .3  | Harrisburg      | Lewis     | Cliff Road                       | ATV/Truck     | Hunting                                      | \$10,000 |
| 6 | Coyote Flats State<br>Forest-<br>Jefferson 10   |    | 1.4 | Theresa & LeRay | Jefferson | Coyote Road &<br>extension       | ATV/Truck     | Deer &<br>Turkey<br>Hunting                  | \$10,500 |
| 5 | East Osceola State<br>Forest-<br>Lewis 21       | .9 | .4  | Osceola         | Lewis     | Malloy Brook<br>Road & extension | ATV/Truck     | Fishing<br>Malloy<br>Brook &<br>Deer Hunting | \$20,000 |
| 5 | Gould's Corners State<br>Forest- Jefferson 8, 9 |    | .9  | Rodman          | Jefferson | Dana Road                        | ATV           | Deer Hunting                                 | \$15,000 |



| REG | LOCATION                                               | MILES<br>ROADS | MILES<br>TRAILS | TOWN       | COUNTY | ROAD OR TRAIL<br>NAME         | RECOMMENDED<br>VEHICLE TYPE<br>(Car/truck/ATV, Other<br>as specified on Permit) | PROGRAM                                                               | \$ NEEDED<br>TO<br>OPEN |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|--------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 6   | Grant Powell State<br>Forest-<br>Lewis 18, 29, 36, 38. | .7             |                 | Montague   | Lewis  | Bee Tree Road                 | ATV                                                                             | Deer &<br>Turkey<br>Hunting                                           | \$5,000                 |
| 6   | High Towers State<br>Forest-<br>Lewis 20               | 1.0            |                 | Lyonsdale  | Lewis  | Beech Flat Road               | ATV/Truck                                                                       | Deer &<br>Turkey<br>Hunting                                           | \$0                     |
| 6   | Hogsback State Forest-<br>Lewis 22                     |                | .7              | Diana      | Lewis  | Hogsback Trail                | ATV                                                                             | Deer &<br>Turkey<br>Hunting                                           | \$6,000                 |
| 6   | Indian Pipe State<br>Forest-<br>Lewis 24               |                | .3              | New Bremen | Lewis  | Crystal Creek<br>Access Trail | ATV                                                                             | Trout Fishing<br>in Crystal<br>Creek                                  | \$0                     |
| 6   | Frank Jadwin State<br>Forest-<br>Lewis 1, 4, 10, 13.   |                | .8              | Croghan    | Lewis  | River Flats Road              | ATV                                                                             | Fishing<br>Indian River,<br>Deer Hunting<br>& Wildlife<br>observation | \$25,000                |

| REG | LOCATION                                             | MILES<br>ROADS | MILES<br>TRAILS | TOWN            | COUNTY | ROAD OR TRAIL<br>NAME | RECOMMENDED<br>VEHICLE TYPE<br>(Car/truck/ATV, Other<br>as specified on Permit) | PROGRAM                                                                                                         | \$ NEEDED<br>TO<br>OPEN |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 6   | Frank Jadwin State<br>Forest-<br>Lewis 1, 4, 10, 13. | 1.5            |                 | Croghan         | Lewis  | Q-Road                | ATV/Truck                                                                       | Deer &<br>Turkey<br>Hunting &<br>Wildlife<br>observation                                                        | \$5,000                 |
| 6   | Frank Jadwin State<br>Forest-<br>Lewis 1, 4, 10, 13. | .9             |                 | Croghan         | Lewis  | Hay Flats Road        | ATV                                                                             | Deer<br>Hunting,<br>Trout Fishing<br>in the West<br>Branch<br>Oswegatchie<br>River &<br>Wildlife<br>observation | \$15,000                |
| 6   | Frank Jadwin State<br>Forest-<br>Lewis 1, 4, 10, 13. | 3.0            |                 | Croghan & Diana | Lewis  | PASNY R.O.W.<br>Roads | ATV/Truck                                                                       | Deer &<br>Turkey<br>Hunting &<br>Wildlife<br>observation                                                        | \$15,000                |
| 6   | Frank Jadwin State<br>Forest-<br>Lewis 1, 4, 10, 13. | .2             |                 | Diana           | Lewis  | Suzie's Road          | ATV/Truck                                                                       | Deer &<br>Turkey<br>Hunting                                                                                     | \$2,000                 |

| REG | LOCATION                                                               | MILES<br>ROADS | MILES<br>TRAILS | TOWN        | COUNTY | ROAD OR TRAIL<br>NAME            | RECOMMENDED<br>VEHICLE TYPE<br>(Car/truck/ATV, Other<br>as specified on Permit) | PROGRAM                     | \$ NEEDED<br>TO<br>OPEN |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|--------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 6   | Lesser Wilderness<br>State<br>Forest- Lewis 2, 5, 8,<br>9, 23, 25, 33. |                | .6              | West Turin  | Lewis  | Dolan-Market<br>Snowmobile Trail | ATV                                                                             | Deer &<br>Turkey<br>Hunting | \$5,000                 |
| 6   | Lesser Wilderness<br>State<br>Forest- Lewis 2, 5, 8,<br>9, 23, 25, 33. |                | .6              | West Turin  | Lewis  | Toole Road Trail                 | ATV                                                                             | Deer Hunting                | \$5,500                 |
| 6   | Lesser Wilderness<br>State<br>Forest- Lewis 2, 5, 8,<br>9, 23, 25, 33. |                | .21             | Martinsburg | Lewis  | Curey Road Jeep<br>Trail         | ATV/Truck                                                                       | Deer Hunting                | \$4,000                 |
| 6   | Lesser Wilderness<br>State<br>Forest- Lewis 2, 5, 8,<br>9, 23, 25, 33. |                | .5              | Martinsburg | Lewis  | Maple Ridge Road<br>Jeep Trail   | ATV                                                                             | Deer Hunting                | \$7,500                 |
| 6   | Lookout State Forest-<br>Lewis 31, 32                                  |                | .2              | Pinckney    | Lewis  | Lookout Road                     | ATV                                                                             | Deer &<br>Turkey<br>Hunting | \$0                     |

| EG | LOCATION                                     | MILES<br>ROADS | MILES<br>TRAILS | TOWN       | COUNTY    | ROAD OR TRAIL<br>NAME             | RECOMMENDED<br>VEHICLE TYPE<br>(Car/truck/ATV, Other<br>as specified on Permit) | PROGRAM                                                                   | \$ NEEDED<br>TO<br>OPEN |
|----|----------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
|    | Mohawk Springs State<br>Forest               |                | 1.2             | West Turin | Lewis     | Apple Mill<br>Snowmobile<br>Trail | ATV                                                                             | Deer &<br>Turkey<br>Hunting                                               | \$7,000                 |
|    | Onjebonge State<br>Forest-<br>Lewis 15       |                | 1.0             | Diana      | Lewis     | Onjebonge Road                    | ATV/Truck/<br>Car                                                               | Deer, Turkey<br>Hunting &<br>Wildlife<br>Observation                      | \$15,000                |
|    | Onjebonge State<br>Forest-<br>Lewis 15       |                | 1.4             | Diana      | Lewis     | Lime Quarry Road                  | ATV/Truck/ Car                                                                  | Deer, Turkey<br>Hunting, also<br>warm water<br>fishing of<br>Indian River | \$4,000                 |
|    | Pinckney State Forest-<br>Lewis-Jefferson 1  |                | .4              | Rutland    | Jefferson | Ball Road                         | ATV                                                                             | Deer &<br>Turkey<br>Hunting                                               | \$6,500                 |
|    | Sand Flats State<br>Forest-<br>Lewis 3       |                | 1.2             | Lyonsdale  | Lewis     | Fall Brook Crest<br>Trail         | ATV                                                                             | Turkey<br>Hunting                                                         | \$5,000                 |
|    | Sears Pond State<br>Forest-<br>Lewis 17 & 27 |                | .5              | Montague   | Lewis     | Short Trail                       | ATV                                                                             | Deer Hunting<br>& Access to<br>Deer River                                 | \$4,000                 |

| REG | LOCATION                                                | MILES<br>ROADS | MILES<br>TRAILS | TOWN  | COUNTY    | ROAD OR TRAIL<br>NAME | RECOMMENDED<br>VEHICLE TYPE<br>(Car/truck/ATV, Other<br>as specified on Permit) | PROGRAM      | \$ NEEDED<br>TO<br>OPEN |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| 6   | Swancott Mills State<br>Forest-<br>Lewis 26             | 1.3            |                 | Lewis | Lewis     | Jug Point Road        | ATV/Truck                                                                       | Deer Hunting | \$0                     |
| 6   | Swancott Mills State<br>Forest-<br>Lewis 26             |                | .4              | Lewis | Lewis     | Still Trail           | ATV                                                                             | Deer Hunting | \$5,000                 |
| 6   | Tug Hill State Forest-<br>Jeff. 3,4,5 & Lew.-Jeff.<br>2 |                |                 | Worth | Jefferson | Clydes Road           | ATV                                                                             | Deer Hunting | \$0                     |

**EXHIBIT C**  
**ACCESSIBILITY PROJECTS RELATED TO**  
**EXISTING WILD FOREST FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

| # | Region | UMP                  | Project                                                                                               | Cost     |
|---|--------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 1 | 3      | Bluestone            | Resurface existing path to the shores of Onteora Lake, construct fishing pier, install bulletin board | \$25,000 |
| 2 | 3      | Bluestone            | Construct and install three (3) accessible picnic tables                                              | \$3,000  |
| 3 | 3      | Balsam Lake Mountain | Improve access to dam for fishing and fishing pier                                                    | \$25,000 |
| 4 | 3      | Balsam Lake Mountain | Construct and install accessible interpretive kiosk                                                   | \$1,000  |
| 5 | 3      | Balsam Lake Mountain | Provide accessible port-a-john for 8 months a year                                                    | \$1,000  |
| 6 | 3      | Balsam Lake Mountain | Construct and install three (3) accessible picnic tables                                              | \$3,000  |
| 7 | 3      | Balsam Lake Mountain | Improve parking area to accessible guidelines                                                         | \$2,000  |

| #  | Region | UMP                           | Project                                                                                        | Cost     |
|----|--------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 8  | 3      | Sundown                       | Improve Peekamoose parking area to accessible guidelines                                       | \$5,000  |
| 9  | 3      | Sundown                       | Install one accessible port-a-john near camping site                                           | \$1,000  |
| 10 | 3      | Sundown                       | Construct and install three (3) accessible picnic tables                                       | \$3,000  |
| 11 | 3      | Sundown                       | Construct a one-quarter (1/4) mile accessible trail to campsite area for stream fishing access | \$5,000  |
| 12 | 3      | Sundown                       | Construct and install accessible interpretive kiosk                                            | \$1,000  |
| 13 | 3      | Shandaken<br>(Riesser Estate) | Construct accessible routes to lower pond and picnic site -- 1/4 mile                          | \$5,000  |
| 14 | 3      | Shandaken<br>(Riesser Estate) | Construct and install two (2) accessible picnic tables                                         | \$2,000  |
| 15 | 3      | Shandaken<br>(Riesser Estate) | Improve parking area for two (2) vehicles to accessibility guidelines                          | \$10,000 |
| 16 | 3      | Shandaken<br>(Riesser Estate) | To provide accessible port-a-john -- 8 months a year                                           | \$1,000  |
| 17 | 3      | Shandaken<br>(Riesser Estate) | Construct and install accessible interpretive kiosk                                            | \$1,000  |

| #  | Region | UMP                                   | Project                                                                                                                               | Cost     |
|----|--------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 18 | 3      | Shandaken<br>(Albenden<br>Area)       | To provide accessible port-a-john – 8<br>months a year                                                                                | \$1,000  |
| 19 | 3      | Shandaken<br>(Albenden<br>Area)       | Construct and install two (2) accessible<br>picnic tables                                                                             | \$2,000  |
| 20 | 3      | Shandaken<br>(Albenden<br>Area)       | Construct two (2) accessible camping<br>areas                                                                                         | \$6,000  |
| 21 | 3      | Shandaken<br>(Albenden<br>Area)       | Construct accessible route to accessible<br>camping area                                                                              | \$2,000  |
| 22 | 3      | Shandaken<br>(Albenden<br>Area)       | Construct and install accessible<br>interpretive kiosk                                                                                | \$2,000  |
| 23 | 4      | Campbell<br>Mountain/<br>Cherry Ridge | Construct vehicle bridge on Trout Pond<br>Road to access Trout and Mud Ponds;<br>stabilize road by installing water<br>diversion bars | \$80,000 |
| 24 | 4      | North/South<br>Lake<br>Campground     | Construct accessible trail from North<br>Lake camping area to viewshed from<br>escarpment; construct viewing platform                 | \$20,000 |



| #  | Region | UMP               | Project                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Cost     |
|----|--------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 25 | 4      | Kaaterskill       | Construct accessible equestrian mounting platforms at Sleepy Hollow and Schutt Road trailheads; develop accessible campsite and privy; accessible equestrian mounting platform along the Sleepy Hollow Horse Trail | \$15,000 |
| 26 | 4      | Colgate Lake      | Develop accessible fishing access site                                                                                                                                                                             | \$20,000 |
| 27 | 4      | Colgate Lake      | Develop accessible recreation trail around the lake – 1.5 miles                                                                                                                                                    | \$20,000 |
| 28 | 4      | Colgate Lake      | Develop accessible campsite and privy                                                                                                                                                                              | \$4,000  |
| 29 | 4      | Hunter Mountain   | Construct accessible equestrian mounting platforms at the Hunter Brook parking area and at the Hunter Mountain Fire Tower                                                                                          | \$5,000  |
| 30 | 4      | Middle Mountain   | Develop accessible campsite and privy at Big Pond                                                                                                                                                                  | \$4,000  |
| 31 | 4      | Campbell Mountain | Develop accessible campsite and privy at Trout Pond, including motor vehicle access                                                                                                                                | \$6,000  |
| 32 | 4      | Campbell Mountain | Develop two (2) accessible campsites and privies at Russell Brook                                                                                                                                                  | \$10,000 |

| #  | Region | UMP           | Project                                                                                                                                                         | Cost     |
|----|--------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 33 | 5      | Moose River   | Modify eight (8) campsites and privies to make accessible.                                                                                                      | \$45,000 |
| 34 | 5      | Saranac Lakes | Construct two (2) parking spaces to accessibility guidelines; construct accessible boardwalk, with signs and interpretive materials. <sup>1</sup>               | \$30,000 |
| 35 | 5      | Lake George   | Construct accessible horsedrawn wagon, carriage and/or equestrian mounting platforms that are accessible to persons with mobility impairments at Fishbrook Pond | \$6,000  |
| 36 | 5      | Lake George   | Construct accessible horsedrawn wagon, carriage and/or equestrian mounting platforms that are accessible to persons with mobility impairments at Millman Pond   | \$6,000  |
| 37 | 5      | Lake George   | Construct accessible horsedrawn wagon, carriage and/or equestrian mounting platforms that are accessible to persons with mobility impairments at Bumps Pond     | \$6,000  |

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<sup>1</sup> As an existing facility, the boardwalk will be an allowable upgrade outside of the UMP process; as a new facility, this project will be undertaken via the UMP process.

| #  | Region | UMP                                  | Project                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Cost      |
|----|--------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 38 | 5      | Camp Santanoni                       | Construct accessible horsedrawn wagon, carriage and/or equestrian mounting platforms that are accessible to persons with mobility impairments at Newcomb Lake                                                                                           | \$6,000   |
| 39 | 6      | Black River (Wolf Lake)              | Construct and install accessible picnic table and privy along the Moose River near Remsen Falls.                                                                                                                                                        | \$5,000   |
| 40 | 6      | Black River (Little Long Lake)       | Improve parking area to accessibility guidelines; Construct accessible car-top boat launch; Construct accessible campsites and accessible route.                                                                                                        | \$25,000  |
| 41 | 6      | Fulton Chain                         | Improve parking area to accessibility guidelines; modify: Moss Lake, non-motorized, wheelchair accessible recreation trail, campsites, access route to lake, picnic tables; construct accessible benches and viewing deck along the shore of Moss Lake. | \$70,000  |
| 42 | 6      | Independence River (Stillwater Res.) | Improve the parking area to accessibility guidelines; modify: access route to the boat launch area, dock and four campsites and provide accessible privies.                                                                                             | \$260,000 |

| #  | Region | UMP                                           | Project                                                                                                                                                    | Cost     |
|----|--------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 43 | 6      | Independence River (Francis Lake)             | Modify car-top boat launch site to make accessible; modify parking area to accessibility guidelines; modify access route, construct an accessible dock.    | \$20,000 |
| 44 | 6      | Independence River (Basket Factory Rd.)       | Modify campsite and privy to make accessible.                                                                                                              | \$5,000  |
| 45 | 6      | Independence River (Smith Rd.)                | Modify campsite and privy to make accessible.                                                                                                              | \$5,000  |
| 46 | 6      | Independence River (McCarty Rd.)              | Modify campsite and privy to make accessible.                                                                                                              | \$5,000  |
| 47 | 6      | Independence River (Otter Creek Horse Trails) | Construct three (3) accessible equestrian mounting platforms at scenic points.                                                                             | \$6,000  |
| 48 | 6      | Independence River (Payne Lake)               | Modify car-top boat launch site to make accessible. Modify parking area to accessibility guidelines; modify access route and construct an accessible dock. | \$20,000 |

| #  | Region | UMP                                | Project                                                                                                                                         | Cost             |
|----|--------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 49 | 6      | Horseshoe Lake<br>(Horseshoe Lake) | Modify parking area to accessibility guidelines; construct accessible fishing pier, modify campsites and information kiosks to make accessible. | \$40,000         |
| 50 | 6      | Grasse River<br>(Lampson Falls)    | Modify parking area to accessibility guidelines; modify information kiosk and access route to falls to make wheelchair accessible.              | \$20,000         |
|    |        |                                    | <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                                    | <b>\$871,000</b> |

**EXHIBIT D**  
**ACCESSIBILITY PROJECTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN**  
**WITH RESPECT TO LOCATIONS IDENTIFIED IN EXHIBIT A, UPON**  
**COMPLETION OF THE UMP PROCESS FOR THE WILD FOREST UNITS**  
**IN WHICH THEY ARE LOCATED, AND FOR ACCESSIBILITY PROJECTS**  
**FOR ROADS THAT ARE CURRENTLY OPEN TO MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC**

| <b>Reg</b> | <b>UMP</b>  | <b>UMP Status</b>      | <b>Project</b>                                                                                                                                  | <b>Cost</b> |
|------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 5          | Moose River | Fast Track<br>(18 mo.) | Rehabilitate Limekiln Lake-Cedar River Road, modify campsites and privies, construct 3 accessible fishing piers and 2 accessible canoe launches | \$275,000   |
| 5          | Moose River | Fast Track<br>(18 mo.) | Rehabilitate Helldiver Pond Road, 0.5 miles and construct accessible fishing pier.                                                              | \$25,000    |
| 5          | Moose River | Fast Track<br>(18 mo.) | Rehabilitate Mitchell Ponds Road, 3 miles and construct accessible fishing pier. Modify campsites and privies.                                  | \$85,000    |
| 5          | Moose River | Fast Track<br>(18 mo.) | Rehabilitate Icehouse Pond Road, 0.5 miles and construct accessible fishing pier.                                                               | \$25,000    |
| 5          | Moose River | Fast Track<br>(18 mo.) | Rehabilitate Beaver Lake Road, 2 miles; modify campsites, privies and construct accessible fishing pier.                                        | \$75,000    |
| 5          | Moose River | Fast Track<br>(18 mo.) | Rehabilitate Squaw Lake Road, 0.5 miles and construct accessible fishing pier. Modify campsites and privies.                                    | \$35,000    |

| Reg | UMP                | UMP Status              | Project                                                                                                                                         | Cost             |
|-----|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 5   | Wilcox Lake        | Fast Track<br>(18 mo.)  | Rehabilitate Arrow Road from Wilcox Lake Road to Baldwin Springs (4 miles), for disabled ATV access to camping, hunting and nature observation. | \$20,000         |
| 6   | Independence River | Completed Amend (6 mo.) | Rehabilitate Mount Tom Road, 4.7 miles, for disabled ATV access to wildlife observation and hunting opportunities                               | \$20,000         |
| 6   | Aldrich Pond       | Completed Amend (6 mo.) | Rehabilitate Kalurah Road, 2.5 miles, for disabled ATV access to wildlife/nature observation and hunting opportunities                          | \$25,000         |
| 6   | Independence       | Completed Amend (6 mo.) | Open Branaugh Road, 0.25 miles, for accessing camping, hunting and swimming opportunities                                                       |                  |
|     |                    |                         | <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                                    | <b>\$585,000</b> |

**EXHIBIT E**  
**ADDITIONAL CAPITAL PROJECTS**

| <b>Reg</b> | <b>UMP</b>         | <b>Project</b>                                                     | <b>Cost</b> |
|------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 3          | Mongaup Pond       | Loops D and E: reconstruct campsite pads to accessible standards   | \$10,000    |
| 3          | Mongaup Pond       | Construct access route to beach                                    | \$3,000     |
| 4          | North/South Lake   | Rehabilitate showers to comply with accessibility guidelines       | \$100,000   |
| 4          | North/South Lake   | Construct ten (10) accessible camping pads, tables, and fireplaces | \$10,000    |
| 5          | Fish Creek         | Modify eleven (11) campsites to make accessible.                   | \$11,000    |
| 5          | Fish Creek         | Modify parking area to accessibility guidelines                    | \$25,000    |
| 5          | Fish Creek         | Modify toilet access.                                              | \$100,000   |
| 5          | Fish Creek         | Modify access routes to two (2) pavilions                          | \$10,000    |
| 5          | Fish Creek         | Construct fishing access to make accessible.                       | \$10,000    |
| 5          | Rollins Pond       | Modify nine (9) campsites to make accessible.                      | \$9,000     |
| 5          | Rollins Pond       | Modify parking area to accessibility guidelines                    | \$25,000    |
| 5          | Rollins Pond       | Modify toilet access route to make accessible.                     | \$100,000   |
| 5          | Northhampton Beach | Modify ten (10) campsites to make accessible.                      | \$10,000    |
| 5          | Rogers Rock        | Modify twelve (12) campsites to make accessible.                   | \$12,000    |
| 5          | Hearthstone Point  | Modify ten (10) campsites to make accessible                       | \$10,000    |



| Reg | UMP                                    | Project                                                                                         | Cost      |
|-----|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 5   | Lake George Beach and Battlefield Park | Modify ten (10) campsites to make accessible                                                    | \$10,000  |
| 5   | Moffit Beach                           | Modify ten (10) campsites to make accessible                                                    | \$10,000  |
| 5   | Saranac Lake Islands                   | Modify four (4) campsites to make accessible                                                    | \$20,000  |
| 6   | Nicks Lake                             | Upgrade existing canoe launch to make accessible and provide accessible fishing pier            | \$150,000 |
| 6   | Nicks Lake                             | Rehabilitate existing toilet units in Loops B, C, and E to comply with accessibility guidelines | \$50,000  |
| 6   | Nicks Lake                             | Replace existing toilet unit in Loop A to comply with accessibility guidelines                  | \$200,000 |
| 6   | Cranberry Lake                         | Reconstruct shower house to comply with accessibility guidelines                                | \$150,000 |
| 6   | Cranberry Lake                         | Construct bath house to comply with accessibility guidelines                                    | \$300,000 |
| 6   | Cranberry Lake                         | Construct dual purpose accessible sites                                                         | \$40,000  |

| Reg | Project                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Cost      |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 5   | Rehabilitate existing boating and fishing access sites (29):<br><br>Lake Colby<br>Lake Placid<br>Long Lake<br>Fourth Lake<br>Schroon Lake (Horicon)<br>Mossy Pt. (Lake George)<br>Northville<br>Peru Dock<br>Port Douglas<br>Port Henry<br>Raquette River<br>Great Sacandaga Lake - Th of Day<br>Second Pond<br>South Bay (Pier)<br>Ticonderoga<br>Tupper Lake<br>Upper Chateaugay Lake<br>Upper Saranac Lake<br>West Lake<br>Westport<br>Willsboro<br>Moose Pond<br>East Pine Pond<br>Follensby - Clear Pond<br>Indian Carry | \$362,000 |

| Reg   | Project                                                                                                                                                                 | Cost        |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 5     | Rehabilitate parking areas (5) to accessible standards:<br>Hague Brook<br>Black Pond @ Paul Smiths<br>Bouquet River - Wadhams<br>No. Branch Saranac<br>No. Branch Chazy | \$15,000    |
| Total |                                                                                                                                                                         | \$1,752,000 |

## **EXHIBIT F**

### **REGION 6 FWMB ITEMS**

#### **A. JEFFERSON COUNTY**

1. Black River boat/fishing access upstream from the City of Watertown.

**OPRHP will be building a cartop access at the upper end of the impoundment.**

2. The current boat launch facility (OPRHP) at Chaumont needs improved access signage on the highway and some enhancement of the ramp and parking facility.

**A new entrance sign was installed on Route 12E in the summer 2000. Defendants commit to improve the ramp and parking facility. Cost: approximately \$40,000.**

#### **B. ONEIDA COUNTY**

1. Improved access roadways at the Oriskany Flats WMA, i.e. bringing roads up to grade, additional fill, etc.

**Defendants commit to make the necessary improvements, including constructing 1.5 miles of access roads, replacing or repairing one large culvert bridge, replacing one smaller culvert and rebuilding a farm access road. Cost: approximately \$200,000.**

#### **C. HERKIMER COUNTY**

1. Improved access and signage to Moshier Falls, Pepperbox Wilderness.

**Defendants commit to improve the road to the current Moshier parking below the Stillwater dam, and improve the parking lot. Cost: approximately \$30,000.**

2. Improved access to Sis Lake and Bubb Lake with improved parking on Route 28.

**Defendants commit to work with DOT to expedite the improvement to parking on Route 28, comprised of a paved 4-5**

**car parking area adjacent to Route 28.**

3. The Bear Creek Road should be opened for public vehicular access to state lands.

**This road is already open for 3.1 miles into the Forest Preserve (Black River Wild Forest). Its name is Mill Creek Road once it enters Forest Preserve.**

#### **D. LEWIS COUNTY**

1. Improved access to the Soft Maple Flow of the Beaver River.

**As part of the settlement of this litigation, Defendants commit to construct a cartop boat launch at the Soft Maple Reservoir. Cost: approximately \$15,000.**

2. Improved access and signage to:

Long Pond  
Rock Pond  
Trout Pond aka Trout Lake  
Round Pond

**The following has improved and will continue to improve access and signage: a new FWMA agreement has been signed with the Future Farmers of America, purchase of lands from Champion will provide public access to some of these waters, and in 1999 a new canoe/small boat access site for persons with disabilities was developed adjacent to the West Branch of the Oswegatchie which will provide access to Mud and Rock ponds.**

3. Improve Big Otter Lake access road.

**As part of the settlement of this litigation, Defendants will propose and support through the UMP process to improve/upgrade this road. Cost: approximately \$30,000.**

E. ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

1. Towns of Colton, Church Pond access trail from State Route 56 requires better signage and roadside parking.

**To be addressed in the UMP process, due to begin in January 2002.**

2. Town of Clare/Colton, Stone Dam Forest Preserve tract requires better signage, vehicular access and parking.

**As part of the settlement of this litigation, Defendants commit to develop a brochure for the Long Pond tract that identifies the access to the Stone Dam tract.**

3. Town of Pitcairn, Aldrich Pond Wild Forest requires better signage and a parking area at the end of the Powell Road.

**The Powell Road has been upgraded through to the forest preserve boundary so the forest preserve lands there are now much more accessible. As part of the settlement of this litigation, Defendants commit to upgrade parking lot at this location. Cost: approximately \$10,000.**

4. Towns of Colton/Piercefield regarding Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. lands. Improved access signage in those areas not immediately adjacent to public roadways.

**As part of the settlement of this litigation, Defendants commit to improve access signage and develop a brochure providing information concerning these areas.**

5. Town of Depeyster, Mud Lake improved access across existing state land and parking.

**As part of the settlement of this litigation, Defendants commit to expend funds necessary for road improvements, a parking lot and signage. Cost: approximately \$25,000.**

6. Towns of Hermon/Russell, access to and fishing rights on Elm Creek consistent with DEC Fisheries determining if renewed brown trout management would be viable.

**As part of the settlement of this litigation, Defendants commit to do a survey with respect to this item.**

7. Towns of Rossie/Gouverneur, access to the Oswegatchie River for boating/fishing from Wegatchie to Elmdale.

**A small boat launch built in Oxbow (is in Jeff. County but on this stretch of river). Defendants commit to making purchase of access to the Oswegatchie River at Elmdale a priority.**

8. Towns of Waddington, Louisville, ensure continued access to state owned and NYPA lands for hunting, fishing and trapping on and adjacent to the St. Lawrence River.

**Discussions are ongoing with the New York Power Authority about this and DEC's position is in support of this access issue.**

## EXHIBIT G

1. 13<sup>th</sup> Lake.

**Motorized access is currently provided to a location approximately five hundred feet from the shoreline of Thirteenth Lake. Defendants will commit to procure the services of a consultant with expertise in non-motorized access, such as Wilderness Inquiry, to conduct and provide to Defendants an assessment of this location with respect to providing non-motorized access to Thirteenth Lake for boats and/or canoes. In addition, Defendants commit, to the extent consistent with the assessment provided by the consultant as mentioned above, to construct an Outdoor Recreation Access Route consistent with proposed ADAAG for Outdoor Developed Areas on Thirteenth Lake. Estimated time to complete assessment: 8 months from entry into contract with consultant.**

2. Whitney/Little Tupper Lake.

**Defendants will agree to construct a new accessible ramp to the wood dock at the Administrative Headquarters at a cost of approximately \$3,000.**

3. Bear Slides/Hudson River Recreation Area ("HRRR").

**Defendants commit to return picnic tables that were once at this location, and to remove barriers to access to the tables.**

4. Pikes Beach.

**This property is located in the HRRR, part of the Lake George Wild Forest. Defendants will support and fund the addition and maintenance of accessible camping sites and privies, and to support, through the UMP process, opening the road to motorized access for those with qualifying disabilities. Estimated Costs: \$5,000 initial costs, \$1,000 annual maintenance. Defendants are currently determining whether the UMP has already designated camping sites; if so, UMP amendment would be necessary only with respect to the road.**



5. Schofield Flats.

**Also located in the HRRA, Defendants will support and fund necessary road improvements (to reduce grade and erosion problems), as well as to designate camping sites and construct accessible privies. Estimated Costs: \$10,000 initial costs, \$2,000 annual maintenance.**

6. Aldrich Pond.

**Plaintiffs have requested a commitment to keep open the existing motorized access, especially to Streeter Lake. Defendants agree to support this through subsequent Unit Management Plans. In addition, the Department will specifically consider accessible campsites/shelters/lean-tos.**

7. Lily Pond Road.

**This road is currently open to motor vehicles, and is a designated snowmobile trail from Route 8 to the shore of Lily Pond. Although currently passable by two wheel drive truck, the defendants propose to conduct extensive maintenance to improve the road so that a car could access Lily Pond. Estimated Costs: \$40,000 initial costs, \$10,000 annual maintenance.**

8. Champion Easement Projects.

**Approximately 25 miles of easement roads were recently opened to public motor vehicle access. At Sand Pond Road on the Croghan Easement Tract, the Department will agree to construct an accessible parking lot and an Outdoor Recreation Access Route consistent with proposed ADAAG for Outdoor Developed Areas to Sand Pond. Cost: \$12,000. As additional Champion easement roads are identified and opened over the next few years, the Department will seek out other opportunities for related accessibility projects.**

9. Long Pond Easement.


**DEC will upgrade more than 30 miles of roads and 10 miles of trails as new opportunities for ATV use. Estimated cost: \$400,000. It should be noted that the easement restricts use of the easement lands from 1998 through 2013 as follows: No public hunting from September 1 to December 15, and no public use whatsoever from October 1 to December 15.**

## EXHIBIT H

### INJUNCTION ROADS TO REMAIN OPEN SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL IN THE UMP PROCESS

| # | Reg. | UMP                         | UMP Status              | "Road" Name                                                               | Miles        | Program(s)                                  |
|---|------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1 | 5    | Lake George                 | Fast Track<br>(18 mo.)  | Gay Pond                                                                  | 3.3          | Fishing,<br>Camping                         |
| 2 | 5    | Lake George                 | Fast Track<br>(18 mo.)  | Jabe Pond                                                                 | 0.1          | Fishing,<br>Camping                         |
| 3 | 5    | Lake George                 | Fast Track<br>(18 mo.)  | Lily Pond                                                                 | 2.3          | Fishing,<br>Camping                         |
| 4 | 5    | Lake George                 | Fast Track<br>(18 mo.)  | Buttermilk Roads                                                          | 3.5          | Fishing,<br>Camping                         |
| 5 | 5    | Luzerne<br>Campground       | Completed<br>(6 mo.)    | Lake Luzerne<br>Campsite - 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Lake                        | 2.44         | Fishing,<br>Camping                         |
| 6 | 5    | Moose River<br>Plains Roads | Fast Track<br>(18 mo..) | Rock Dam,<br>Otterbrook,<br>Indian Lake,<br>Limekiln Lake-<br>Cedar River | 36.1         | Fishing,<br>Camping,<br>Wildlife<br>Viewing |
|   |      |                             |                         | <b>TOTAL</b>                                                              | <b>47.74</b> |                                             |

## EXHIBIT B

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|  <p><b>New York State<br/>Parks, Recreation and<br/>Historic Preservation</b></p> <p>Section:<br/><b>Operations</b></p> | <p>Policy Title:<br/><b>Use of Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices<br/>in Outdoor Areas of New York State Parks &amp;<br/>Historic Sites</b></p> <p>Directive:<br/><b>OPR-POL-024</b></p> <p>Effective Date:<br/><b>04/01/2022</b></p> |
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## Purpose

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (OPRHP) is committed to enabling the use and enjoyment of the State park system by persons with disabilities. The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) rules implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) require public entities to allow people with disabilities who use manual or power wheelchairs or scooters, and manually-powered mobility aids such as walkers, crutches, and canes, to use such devices in any areas open to pedestrian use. A public entity must also make reasonable modifications in its policies, practices, or procedures to permit the use of other types of power-driven mobility devices (OPDMDs) by individuals with mobility disabilities, unless the entity can demonstrate that the type of OPDMD cannot be operated because of legitimate safety requirements or damage to natural resources.

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## Definitions

***Other power-driven mobility device (OPDMD):*** Any mobility device powered by batteries, fuel, or other means – whether or not designed primarily for use by individuals with mobility disabilities – used by individuals with mobility disabilities, including golf carts, electronic personal assistance mobility devices (i.e., the Segway PT), or any mobility device designed to operate in areas without defined pedestrian routes, but that is not a wheelchair.

***Wheelchair:*** A manually-operated or power-driven device designed primarily for use by an individual with a mobility disability for the purpose of indoor or of both indoor and outdoor locomotion.

## Process for Assessment

***Who May Use OPDMDs:*** The ADA requires that people with mobility related disabilities be allowed to use OPDMDs, and also allows public agencies to institute reasonable restrictions on their use for legitimate safety reasons. The use of OPDMDs in OPRHP facilities is restricted to people with mobility disabilities as defined in §35.104 of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Users of OPDMDs may be asked to provide credible assurance that the mobility device is required because of their disability. A government-issued pass showing evidence of a

qualified mobility disability or any state's valid disabled parking placard or card assigned to the person who will be using the OPDMD constitutes credible assurance that a mobility device is required by the person's disability. A verbal representation is also acceptable, if the statement is not contradicted by observable fact. However, Staff shall not ask an individual using a wheelchair or OPDMD questions about the nature or extent of the individual's disability.

**Assessment Factors:** OPRHP facility managers have experience with OPDMD use and application of the prior version of this policy since 2015. The following factors are used in determining whether an OPDMD can be safely used in an OPRHP facility:

- i) The type, size, weight, dimensions, and speed of the device;
- ii) The facility's volume of pedestrian traffic (which may vary at different times of the day, week, month, or year);
- iii) The facility's design and operational characteristics (e.g., whether its service, program, or activity is conducted indoors, its square footage, the density and placement of stationary devices, and the availability of storage for the device, if requested by the user);
- iv) Whether legitimate safety requirements can be established to permit the safe operation of the other power-driven mobility device in the specific facility; and
- v) Whether the use of the other power-driven mobility device creates a substantial risk of serious harm to the immediate environment or natural or cultural resources, or poses a conflict with land management laws and regulations.

**Land Classifications:** Outdoor Developed Area Paths (e.g., through developed lawn areas, boardwalks or any other routes that pedestrians use).

#### Paved Trails

Typical examples of Paved Trails are Bicycle Class I (Greenway Trails) and developed or interpretive hiking trails. Paved trails are typically multi-use trails but in some high-use areas may be designated for foot traffic only. Tread width can vary from 5 to 14 feet with additional shoulder width. Considering the factors listed above, the characteristics of an OPDMD could affect other trail users based on the volume of pedestrian traffic and operational characteristics of the trail. These trails are typically high capacity, high volume, two-way traffic areas, where a width restriction allows for safe passing of other OPDMDs, bicycles and pedestrians.

#### Wide Unpaved Trails

Typical examples of wide unpaved trails are natural surface (unpaved) fire and park roads, carriage roads, and mowed trails, usually greater than 8 feet in width. These trails are typically wide enough for one-way vehicle traffic, and this width restriction allows for safe passing of other OPDMDs, bicycles, and pedestrians.

***Standards for Outdoor Developed Area Paths, Paved Trails and Wide Unpaved Trails:***

- Size:  
OPDMDs shall not be wider than 48" (this width is needed in order to safely allow two OPDMDs to pass, and to allow OPDMDs to pass between bollards designed to prevent street vehicles operated by people without mobility disabilities from accessing the trails).
- Weight:  
The overall weight of the device and user(s) shall not exceed 550 pounds (the weight limit is designed to limit heavier loads for two reasons. Heavier loads may cause damage to trails. Heavier devices may also be unstable on surfaces that may not be able to accommodate heavier loads safely).
- Speed:  
OPDMDs shall not be operated at speeds in excess of 5 miles per hour (some paths or trails may be unpaved, and steeper than long-distance trails and any faster speeds would lead to soil erosion. Also, other paths and paved trails are more heavily used, and the lower speed limit is needed for the protection of other path or trail users).
- Noise:  
OPDMDs shall not produce noise levels in excess of 70 decibels (this is a recognized maximum safe noise level).
- Emissions:  
OPDMDs shall not exceed zero emissions during use (only manually or battery/electricity operated devices are permitted).

These trails include natural surface (unpaved), and often unimproved, narrow gauge tread (generally 18-36" tread width and maximum 6' corridor width), suitable for foot travel such as hiking, and/or multiple use activities, including mountain biking, and/or horseback riding. These are typically narrow trails; two-way traffic would require users to venture off-trail at risk of personal injury and harm to natural resources when overtaking or allowing passage.

***Standards for Pedestrian (foot) or Multi-Use Single Track Trails:***

- Size:  
To protect other users on these trails, as well as their natural resources, only in-line OPDMD devices will be allowed. These OPDMDs should be smaller-sized and not exceed 26" in maximum width and have a maximum wheel width of 6".

The weight, speed, noise and emissions restrictions in the standards for the other land classifications above also apply to devices used on these pedestrian or multi-use trails.

In some facilities, these pedestrian or multi-use single track trails may be found in natural or remote areas and feature steep or uneven terrain, which may mandate additional caution and/or protections for natural resources. To protect patron safety and the area's natural

resources, it may be appropriate to preclude use of OPDMDs on these trails, or subject them to recurring seasonal or other restrictions. The facility managers should identify these trails in advance as not available to wheelchairs or OPDMDs and ensure that information is posted at the facility and on the Agency's websites and apps.

### **Policy Statement**

If the OPDMD meets the standards for the land classifications described above an individual does not need to request access.

### **Exception**

On a temporary basis, the facility manager may use the assessment factors and land classification to consider whether the characteristics of the OPDMD and on-site conditions such as the volume of traffic and operational characteristics of the area or seasonal conditions (e.g. flooding, rockslides, wildfires, crowds, etc.) could affect the safety of other users or the user of the OPDMD and may preclude use of the OPDMD. An articulable, legitimate safety concern may exist temporarily under certain seasonal conditions in specific areas of a park or historic site; however, OPDMDs should be allowed to the extent those temporary conditions are alleviated.

### **Prohibition**

#### **Gas-powered OPDMD**

One type of OPDMD is a mobility device powered by a gas-fueled engine using natural gas, gasoline, diesel, synthetic or biofuel, or a combination thereof, including all-terrain vehicles (ATV), carts, off-road bikes, motor scooters, motorcycles, tractors and vehicles (whether two, three, or four wheeled).

OPDMDs equipped with gas-fueled engines will largely be prohibited in many park settings due to risks outlined below; however, the risks associated with gas-powered devices warrant an individualized assessment of the device's operating condition, operator's knowledge of existing conditions and restrictions, and the intended itinerary. This will reduce the risk of safety hazards arising from conflicting use of facilities and trail conditions. Consultation has not presented an unreasonable burden to users; virtually all state park facilities are staffed and have the capacity to review the request on-site and consult without undue delay.

OPRHP facilities possess significant natural topographical features and ecological resources that are managed to support a wide range of plant and animal communities in harmony with public recreation. Gas-powered OPDMDs present a substantial risk of harm to operators, visitors, and the immediate environment due to their internal combustion engines and relatively large dimensions, weight, driving range and/or horsepower.

Additional risks posed by gas-powered devices are detailed as follows:

- Volatile fuels present a risk of fire created by ignition systems and the heat of engine combustion.



- Fuel tanks may leak or fuel may spill during refueling. Fuel leaks damage the environment and may cause fire.
- Engine noise can produce a significant zone of disturbance to native wildlife and can negatively impact visitor experience. Noise presents a health risk to park users when it exceeds 70dB, which the World Health Organization has set as a maximum safe noise level in the workplace. Many gas-powered devices, such as ATV and motor bikes, have the capacity to routinely exceed this threshold level under otherwise normal operating conditions.
- The exhaust of small internal combustion engines may pose an air quality risk for park visitors and employees.

#### **Other Notes:**

- OPRHP facilities may post lower speed limits intended for all users that reflect path or trail conditions.
- Wheelchairs and OPDMD users must operate their devices in a safe manner, consider the nature of the path or trail and the other users.
- Wheelchairs or OPDMDs must always stay on designated paths or trails. Exceptions can be made when crossing turf or lawn areas or crosswalks to leave or rejoin a path or trail as necessary.
- When required by New York State law, wheelchair or OPDMD users shall wear protective gear or an appropriate helmet while operating their vehicles.

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#### **Forms**

No forms.

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#### **Other Related Information**

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section. *Wheelchairs, Mobility Aids, and Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices*. <https://www.ada.gov/opdmd.htm>

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#### **History**

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| 04/01/2022 | Substantial revisions, including removal of permits for OPDMDs, and providing guidance on device specifications for certain types of trails. |
| 07/15/2015 | Policy created and effective immediately.                                                                                                    |



**ADIRONDACK  
Powder Skier Association**

November 25, 2024

Via U.S. Mail and E-Mail (SLMP\_UMP\_Comments@apa.ny.gov)

Megan Phillips, Deputy Director of Planning

Adirondack Park Agency

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**Re: APSA Comments on SLMP Amendments**

Dear Ms. Phillips,

As you know, the Adirondack Powder Skier Association, Inc. ("APSA") is a non-profit corporation whose members are some of the most knowledgeable backcountry skiers in the Adirondacks. On behalf of the APSA please accept the following comments regarding the proposed Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan ("SLMP") Amendments.

The Adirondack Park has thousands of acres of mountainous public lands. Dynamic forests and steep slides retain impressive snow depths which currently attract adventurous self-propelled skiers who hike up the pitch and then ski down through powder. The tradition of backcountry ski touring has a rich history in the Adirondacks.

Relying on ecologically based forestry science, and with input from backcountry skiers, the Adirondacks can develop low-impact and safe ski touring trails in defined areas while preserving their wild character. For over a decade, APSA has been advancing these goals and while the process and seen ebbs and flows, there has been minimal progress. A common hurdle has been the lack of appropriate and modern definitions in the SLMP and to overcome that issue, in light of the current effort by the APA to amend other sections, these ski-touring amendments are long overdue.

As recognized by the SLMP, ski touring is a primitive form of unconfined recreation which is compatible with wilderness and wild forest and should be encouraged as long as the degree and intensity of the use does not degrade the wilderness resource itself. By utilizing natural openings in mature forests, and with minimal management, appropriate areas within the Park can support ski touring trails. Working in tandem with the DEC/APA's effort to provide

updated trail guidance, we can successfully set forth the permissible criteria for site selection, and route design, construction and implementation for safe and sustainable ski touring in the Adirondack Park. But the first necessary step is to modernize and clarify the SLMP definitions.

### **Historical Perspective**

The Adirondack region is a historic birthplace for skiing in the United States. For over a century, hunters, trappers and conservationists relied on skis to access the Adirondack backcountry. John Apperson, the renowned conservationist and founder of the ADK Mountain Club and Wilderness Society skied Mount Marcy in 1911 and many trails in the early 1900's were originally ski trails. The development of ski resorts increased the popularity and concentration of skiing, but it also caused a shift away from the tradition of ski touring: hiking up a mountain and skiing down through the woods. Despite its explicit reference in the SLMP, for decades ski touring was overlooked in the specific Unit Management Plans.

In the 1980's, the human-powered concept saw a resurgence as skiers sought refuge away from the ski resort's lifts, groomed trails, and crowds. Now, with the advancements in technology—including light boots, high-tech bindings, and wide skis—combined with a growing movement towards a sustainable low-impact, human-powered culture—backcountry ski touring has returned to the Adirondacks.

Unfortunately, and despite our group's efforts, the current management plans in the Park largely ignore this historic, popular and compatible use. This lack of recognition stifles the public's use by not providing safe facilities and failing to encourage this compatible use.

### **Current Conditions**

While a skier can legally access public lands, once the pitch increases there are minimal opportunities for a safe ski touring experience in the Park. Most boulder-strewn foot trails are designed for and used by hikers and snowshoers. The snow on these narrow trails is quickly compacted, increasing the skier's speed and the danger that other trail users may be moving uphill in the same confined space.

"Ski Trails"—which includes a total of 9.0 disconnected and segmented miles in the High Peaks Wilderness Area, and a several mile loop trail in the Siamese Pond Wilderness area—are not clearly defined in the regulations nor on the ground. These "ski trails" are generally disconnected and segmented as they are located on isolated portions of multi-use "hiking trails"—thereby fostering a dangerous condition and failing to encourage compatible and historic recreational uses.

### **Compatible Use**

The SLMP specifically encourages the primitive and unconfined nature of ski touring. The plan's Wilderness section states that: "[t]he following types of recreational use are compatible with wilderness and should be encouraged as long as the degree and intensity of the use does not endanger the wilderness resource itself ...ski touring... and other forms of primitive

and unconfined recreation” (emphasis added). Simply put, ski touring is a permitted use that should be encouraged.

Backcountry ski trails, and their associated management, require clear definitions in the SLMP. Focusing on Wilderness areas, which are the most protective, the SLMP provides that construction of new conforming structures “will be restrained to comply with Wilderness standards for primitive and unconfined types of recreation and to permit better maintenance and rehabilitation of existing structures and improvements,” and also provides that conforming structures and improvements must “be designed and located so as to blend with the surrounding environment and to require only minimal maintenance.” Notwithstanding this general language, based on the lack of significant progress since APSA’s inception, we, along with other local advocacy groups, recognize that a modern and appropriate revision of the existing definition is needed within the SLMP. Simply ignoring ski touring facilities, and boxing them into “cross country ski trails with the character and dimensions of a footpath” unnaturally limits these facilities to hybrid foot trails only on gentle slopes. This is unsafe, outdated and counterproductive because it then forces a variety of uses into untenable management options. That is, recreational use has outpaced the arcane definitions within the SLMP and fails to provide tailored facilities for a safe and enjoyable experience.

At this point, in light of the current work to modernize the SLMP, it is entirely appropriate and frankly long overdue to implement a modern, modest and common-sense SLMP amendment for ski touring.

### **No Constitutional Amendment is Required**

While a SLMP Amendment is necessary to clarify the ski-touring use, to be clear, an amendment to the NYS Constitution is not required. First, it is extremely important to distinguish “ski touring trails” from a resort based “ski trail”. In Protect the Adirondacks v. NYS DEC, the Court of Appeals briefly referenced “ski trails” as an example of prior constitutional amendments. This is readily distinguished from “ski touring trails” because the “ski trails” referenced in the Protect Decision was specifically describing the 220-foot wide clear-cut ski trails, with associated heavy machinery earth works, which were proposed for Whiteface and Gore Mountains. In addition, focusing on the constitutional amendment trigger for snowmobile trails, the Protect Decision relied on a plan which requires the cutting and removal of thousands of trees, grading and leveling, and the removal of rocks and other natural components from the Forest Preserve. Conversely, a “ski touring trail”—per the impending trail guidance document--would involve the removal of a de-minimis number of trees (well below the threshold from the Balsam Lake Decision and within similar parameters of a hiking or biking trail); would not involve any grading or leveling as the natural contours of the existing ground would be retained; and would not involve the removal of any rocks or natural components. To be clear, a “ski touring trail” would be designed in a manner causing the least effect on the local environment, which would inherently be well-below any trigger for a NYS constitutional amendment.

### **Proposed SLMP Amendment**

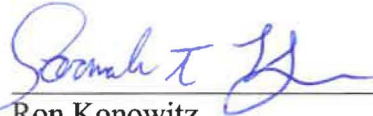
Pursuant to Section 816(2) of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the following amendment is proposed to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan:

**(1) Clarify** the following definition in the “Definitions” section of the Master Plan:

*Cross Country Ski Trail (Ski Touring Trail)- a marked trail, designated for travel by skis, located and designed to provide access in a manner causing the least effect on the local environment.*

Once again, the APSA would like to thank you for listening to and responding to the voice of Adirondack Backcountry Skiers, and for advancing this important SLMP amendment.

Respectfully,



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RE: Adirondack Park Agency State Land Use Master Plan Amendments – Public Comment

Dear Ms. Phillips:

The Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance (LGBPA) is hereby submitting formal comment to the Adirondack Park Agency regarding its 2024 State Land Use Master Plan amendments. While these comments are not immediately germane to any of the *current* proposed amendments, we believe they are intrinsically warranted and need to be considered for thorough review at this time as a potential *additional* amendment to be included in the current proposal.

The current draft amendment includes a change to the definition of “historic use”. With immediate relevance to the topic of “historic use”, the LGBPA seeks to have the APA consider the re-classification of six (6) parcels of New York State land within the Town of Lake George, specifically Tax Map Nos. 264.07-2-1, 264.07-2-2, 264.07-2-3 and 264.07-2-74, 264.10-1-43 and 264.10-1-44 (See Exhibit A), from “Intensive Use” to “Historic Use”. These properties make up a large part of what is known as the Lake George Battlefield Park (LGBP), and include the Lake George Battleground Campground property, the Lake George Battlefield Park Day Use Area and other acreage within the Battlefield Park Historic District (NR No. 11NR06215). In a similar light, the APA had previously classified a *portion* of the State-owned lands at Crown Point [one of five (5) properties so classified] “Historic” and the LGBPA feels that the Battlefield Park Historic District should not be treated any differently since it is as (and arguably more) historically significant as the Crown Point property. See the attached Exhibit B which depicts the portion of the lands at Crown Point which are designated “Historic”.

The very names of the Lake George *Battlefield* Park and Lake George *Battleground* Campground call out their historic character. It is important to remember the reason for the initial purchase and dedication of this land by New York State in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century – to commemorate the Battle of Lake George-- and why it was placed on the National

Register of Historic Places: to preserve its unique history. The Intensive Use classification that it holds today is wholly inappropriate for such a consequential historic land that played a critical role in both the French and Indian and the American Revolutionary Wars. The historic nature of the subject lands is well known and corroborated by many scholarly books and journals, as well as the report prepared by Hartgen Archeology Associates in October of 2018 ("Hartgen Report") through a National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program grant (GA 2287-16-05) awarded to the Town of Lake George, and spearheaded by our Trustee, Town Director of Planning and Zoning Dan Barusch.

This grant's scope included an "Analysis of the Military Campaigns associated with Fort George" (the ruins of which lie within the LGBP Day Use Area) and its "Environs". The Hartgen Report, both in its Cultural Resource Inventories and accompanying maps, details extremely historically significant military actions, fortifications and related facilities and structures having taken place or been constructed on this property, primarily associated with the French and Indian War, and are listed below in Table 1, and appended to this comment letter. The referenced maps within the report (Appendix 1a-f), which depict the locations of these cultural resources, generally cover the period 1755-1759. They also include a separate map regarding the 1775 Henry Knox Artillery Train, which was a critical event that traversed this property, and which Historian Victor Brooks has called "one of the most stupendous feats of logistics in the entire Revolutionary War". Specifically relevant Cultural Resource Inventories can be found in Appendix 2a-f.

**Table 1: Cultural Resource Inventory Forms, "Analysis of Military Campaigns at Fort George and Environs", 2018**

| <b>Year</b>           | <b>Applicable Cultural Resource Inventory Form</b>                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1755<br>(Appendix 2a) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 - William Johnson Encampment</li> <li>• 2 - Military Road</li> <li>• 5 - Magazine, Marquee and Artillery Park</li> </ul>                         |
| 1756<br>(Appendix 2b) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 - Lime and Brick Kilns (Brick Kiln located on campground parcel)</li> </ul>                                                                      |
| 1757<br>(Appendix 2c) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 - Colonel Young's Retrenchment "Entrenched Camp"</li> <li>• 9 - French Positions after the Siege</li> </ul>                                      |
| 1758<br>(Appendix 2d) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 - English Enlarged Encampment (entire DEC property west of Fort George Road)</li> <li>• 12 - Stockaded Post and Hospital</li> </ul>             |
| 1759<br>(Appendix 2e) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 - Fort George Southwest Bastion</li> <li>• 5 - Artillery Park</li> <li>• 10 - Lime Kiln</li> <li>• 11 - Hospital, Barracks and Stores</li> </ul> |
| 1775<br>(Appendix 2f) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Henry Knox Artillery Train</li> </ul>                                                                                                              |



The historic nature of the subject lands is also validated by information in the Hartgen Report such as the identification of individual sites within the Park that have National or State-Register eligibility and are identified as important “18<sup>th</sup> century archaeological sites” (Table 6, Appendix 3a) by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation . Within the already-designated Historic District, there exist the ruins of Fort George (Map No. 3, OPRHP Site No. 11302.000005) and earthworks of the military outpost constructed in 1759 by Commander Lord Jeffery Amherst. Fort George was captured by patriot forces in 1775, abandoned to the British in 1777 (who used it to support Burgoyne’s unsuccessful campaign that ended in defeat at Saratoga), re-occupied after the Battle of Saratoga by American troops, and captured and ultimately destroyed by British Major Christopher Carleton in 1780.

Also within the LGBP are what is known as the Lake George Battleground Campground Prehistoric Site (Map No. 12, OPRHP Site No. 11302.000054), which is part of the National Register Listing and where several artifacts have been found, as well as the Lake George Battleground Campground Human Burials (Map No. 18, OPRHP Site No. 11341.000033), where partial remains of several people, probably of Euro-American descent dating to an unknown time period, were found.

The Cultural Resource inventory forms also point out instances of artifacts and relics of cultural significance that have been uncovered on these properties (Table 8, Appendix 3a). Prior archaeological surveys which have been performed within the grounds of the LGBP have also resulted in important historic findings which should not be overlooked. During the Phase 1 that was completed for the Battleground Campground (Map ID# 2), French and Indian War period artifacts and features were recovered. During the Phase 1 and Phase 2 analyses for the Million Dollar Beach Site (Map ID# 23), which was partially conducted on the subject parcel to the east of Fort George Road, two pre-contact sites and one historic site were identified, while 194 historic and pre-contact artifacts were recovered including 18<sup>th</sup> century artifacts such as lead musket balls and a large circular stone feature, believed to be an 18<sup>th</sup> century kiln. Finally, during SUNY Adirondack Field School investigations directed by Dr. David Starbuck (1999, 2000, 2001, 2014 and 2015; Map ID#42) a possible blacksmith’s shop and several hut sites were identified.

Furthermore, but not included in the Hartgen report, additional and critically important historic events are known to have taken place in the LGBP, most commonly associated with the Revolutionary War Era. Those include but are not limited to:

- 1775: The Recapture of Fort George by American Patriots. Roughly concurrent with the capture of Forts Ticonderoga and Crown Point, Captain Bernard Romans led a contingent of patriots who took control of the British outpost at the head of Lake George in May 1775. This allowed the patriots control of the entire 33-mile length of the lake at a very early stage of the Revolution.
- 1775: Henry Knox's Artillery Train. Col. Knox arrived at Fort George early in December 1775 and used the fort as his base both before and after retrieving 60 tons of artillery that he would ultimately transport to General Washington in Boston. The “train”, which in total traveled approximately 300 miles, traversed the current LGBP



as the first portion of Knox's incredible overland trek, providing the key resources for Washington to force the British evacuation of Boston in March 1776.

- 1776: Continental Army General Hospital. In July 1776, in an effort to lessen the spread of smallpox among Continental troops, a general hospital was established on the grounds of modern-day LGBP to treat infected soldiers separately from the fortresses at Ticonderoga and Crown Point. More than 3,000 patients were housed here, serving as the Army's largest during that period. The 44 or more remains scheduled to be reinterred at Lake George Battlefield Park in 2026 are believed to be among those who perished at the hospital in 1776.
- 1777: British Supply Depot Supporting the Burgoyne Campaign. Having been abandoned by the Continental Army in the face of Burgoyne's capture of Fort Ticonderoga, Fort George was occupied by the British and German armies and used as a supply depot to provide logistical support as the General moved south toward his planned capture of Albany in the summer and early fall of 1777. Burgoyne's defeat at Saratoga caused the British to depart Fort George and retreat to Canada.
- 1780: Destruction of Fort George by the British. "Carleton's Raid", under the direction of Major Christopher Carleton, cut a swath of violence and destruction in the Lake George-Lake Champlain Region in October 1780, including the destruction of Fort George by the British and the killing or capture of the entire Continental Army contingent stationed there.

Finally, the LGBP is home to several historically sensitive and relevant memorials dedicated to fallen American military. Aside from the ever-important Unknown Soldiers memorial honoring four French and Indian War soldiers who perished in 1755 and whose remains are located on the knoll of the LGBP overlooking the Lake, the property is set to be home to the "Repose of the Fallen" project, which is a commemorative reinterment of 44 Continental soldiers and others who were discovered on a construction site in 2019 in the Village of Lake George. These soldiers are believed to be among the First Pennsylvania Battalion (among others) who perished at the smallpox hospital at Lake George in 1776. This project was approved by both the APA and the NYSDEC and has garnered support from both houses of the State Legislature, the United States Army Office of Cemeteries, and US Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer.

We are familiar with the current uses of the Battleground Campground and Day Use Areas. We are not advocating for the cessation of, or even a change to, such uses, but believe a Historic classification will help protect the properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural and open space resources. This will serve to limit the construction of new structures and proposals to develop additional uses that could be considered a threat to the critical historic resource. The change in classification would also facilitate the State's enhanced stewardship of the property to reflect prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation. Again, the property involved in our request is a National Register-Listed Property referenced as the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District, and clearly meets eligibility requirements for the APA's Historic classification.

Beyond the reclassification of this land to Historic, these preservation goals can also be achieved through the development of a Special Historic Area Unit Management Plan

(UMP), similar to the one that has been drafted for Crown Point, to acknowledge the present uses, focus on current and future preservation efforts, and prevent topographical alterations and the construction of new buildings.

We urge the APA, based on the aforementioned information, to consider an additional amendment to the APA State Land Use Master Plan, that would include (portions of) the Lake George Battlefield Park and Battleground Campgrounds as the APA's sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) "Historic " property, to help further protect this critically important resource. We recommend you contact the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the State Board for Historic Preservation for their concurrence on this proposal, to substantiate the credibility and eligibility behind this request. We sincerely appreciate your attention to this proposal and thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the proposed amendments to the APA State Land Use Master Plan.

Should you need anything further, or any additional clarification on this information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John DiNuzzo", written over a horizontal line.

**John DiNuzzo**

President

Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance

## Appendix 1A

| <b>Date</b>       | <b>Event</b>                                                                                               |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Late summer 1755  | French forces under Baron Dieskau massed to blunt any English attempts at Crown Point                      |
| September 4, 1755 | Dieskau led a strong detachment of troops to Fort Lyman (later Fort Edward)                                |
| September 8, 1755 | Battle of Lake George: Baron Dieskau's French force defeated at Lake George by Generals Johnson and Lyman  |
| October 1755      | French withdrew to Ticonderoga Point, where they began constructing Fort Carillon (later Fort Ticonderoga) |

## 11.2 1755 Resource Forms

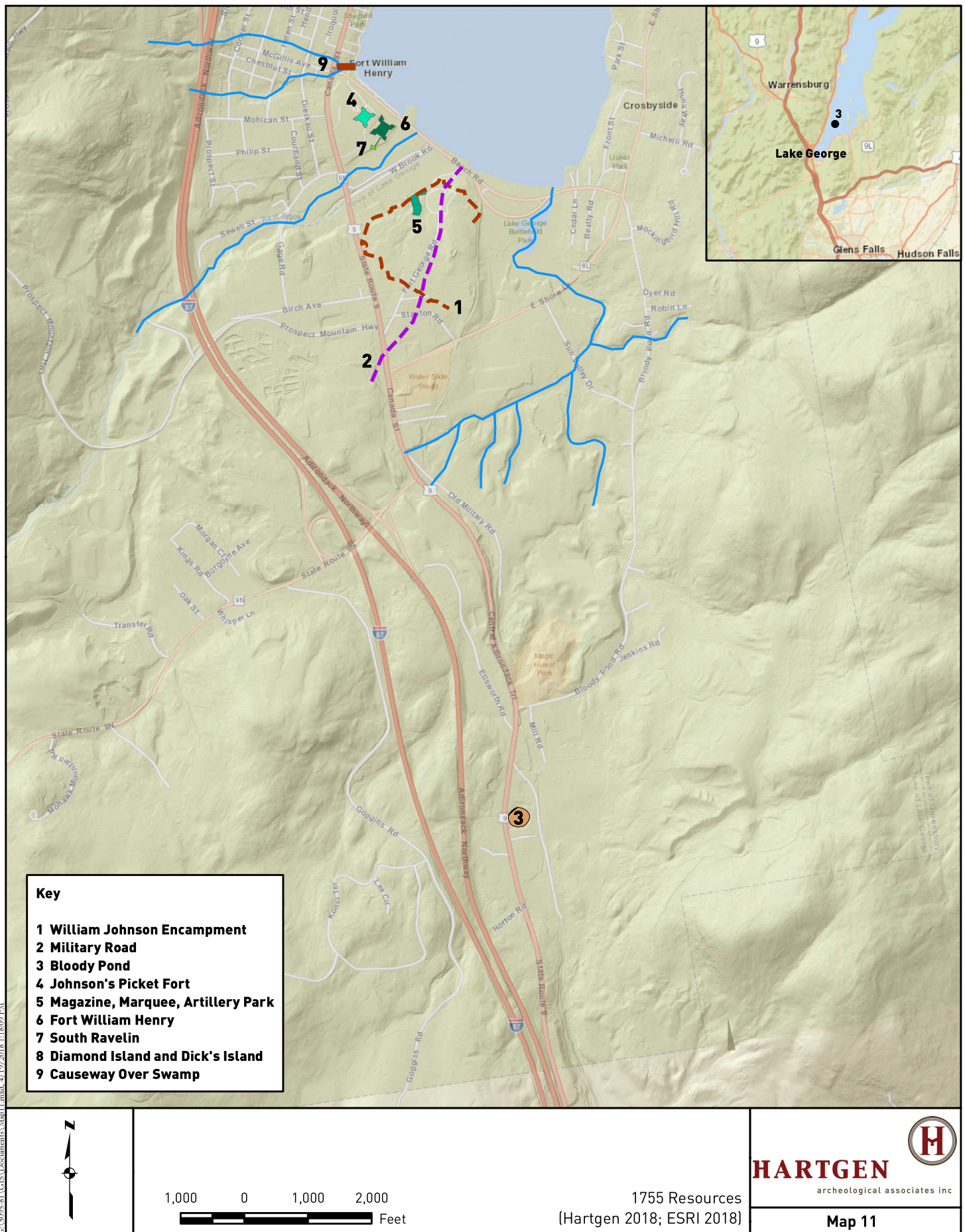
In all, Hartgen has identified nine resources with the potential for a distinct archeological signature and clearly defined location based on historical maps (Map 11). These include the William Johnson encampment in August 1755 to the construction of Fort William Henry late in the fall of 1755 (Table 17).

In addition, we have identified one large battlefield with three smaller distinct engagements related to the Battle of Lake George, Bloody Morning Scout ambush and skirmish, the French attack of the Johnson encampment, and a rear guard action at Bloody Pond late in the day.

Table 17. Identified Resources from 1755 in Lake George.

| <b>Resource ID</b> | <b>Resource</b>                    |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>1755</b>        |                                    |
| 1                  | William Johnson Encampment         |
| 2                  | Military Road                      |
| 3                  | Bloody Pond                        |
| 4                  | Johnsons' Picket Fort              |
| 5                  | Magazine, Marquee, Artillery Park, |
| 6                  | Fort William Henry                 |
| 7                  | South Ravelin                      |
| 8                  | Diamond Island and Dick Islands    |
| 9                  | Causeway over swamp                |
| B1                 | Battle of Lake George              |





## **Appendix 1B**

The pier was likely completed in November to take advantage of the ice. The ice was likely cut, with the final caisson dropped into place. The landside portions of the wharf were likely constructed before the lake iced over. The end of the dock was approximately 6 feet 8 inches below water surface, with an additional 3 feet of the wood dock exposed above the waterline.

In the early winter of 1756, the troops were dismissed from Lake George, leaving behind a small garrison under Colonel William Eyre, the fort's original engineer. The former encampment to the southwest was abandoned and the ditches likely filled, so as not to provide an advantage to potential enemy forces. The area was never re-occupied by troops. In 1757, only a small force was stationed in Lake George, and the former encampment was converted to a garden for the garrison. Troops that could not be accommodated in the fort were positioned further to the southwest and later in the Young Retrenchment.

Table 19. Lake George-specific timeline, 1756.

| Date                                | Event                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Winter of 1755                      | Following the construction of Fort William Henry in 1755, a winter garrison was placed in the fort under Colonel Jonathan Bagley                                          |
| Summer of 1756                      | New army raised from Provincial troops to mount another proposed expedition to Crown Point. The army marched north for Fort Edward and Fort William Henry at Lake George. |
| Early July 1756                     | 7,000 troops arrived in Lake George                                                                                                                                       |
| Summer of 1756                      | Huts built by soldiers and storehouses likely constructed                                                                                                                 |
| Late summer 1756                    | Ravelin completed; Col. Gridley finished by adding three embrasures for small artillery pieces                                                                            |
| Late summer 1756                    | Prior to the arrival of additional Regulars, Col. Gridley planned to consolidate the troops into a single, fortified encampment SW of the fort                            |
| By the end of summer 1756           | Additional Regular troops augmented the army at Lake George.                                                                                                              |
| Late August – early September, 1756 | Brick and lime kilns likely built                                                                                                                                         |
| September 1756                      | Detachment arrived from Ft. Edward to clear the associated parade ground                                                                                                  |
| Early to mid-September, 1756        | Construction of the Bridge/Sluice over the West Brook                                                                                                                     |
| September 16, 1756                  | Hawley reported that the “fascine entrenchment is completed” around the camp                                                                                              |
| November 10, 1756                   | Captain Edmund Wells reported that his troops began to “haule down the fascine batteree & expected that some of our Regts will march off soon”                            |
| November 1756                       | Wharf and pier constructed                                                                                                                                                |
| Early winter of 1756                | Troops were dismissed from Lake George, leaving behind a small garrison under Col. William Eyre. The former encampment was abandoned and the ditches likely filled.       |

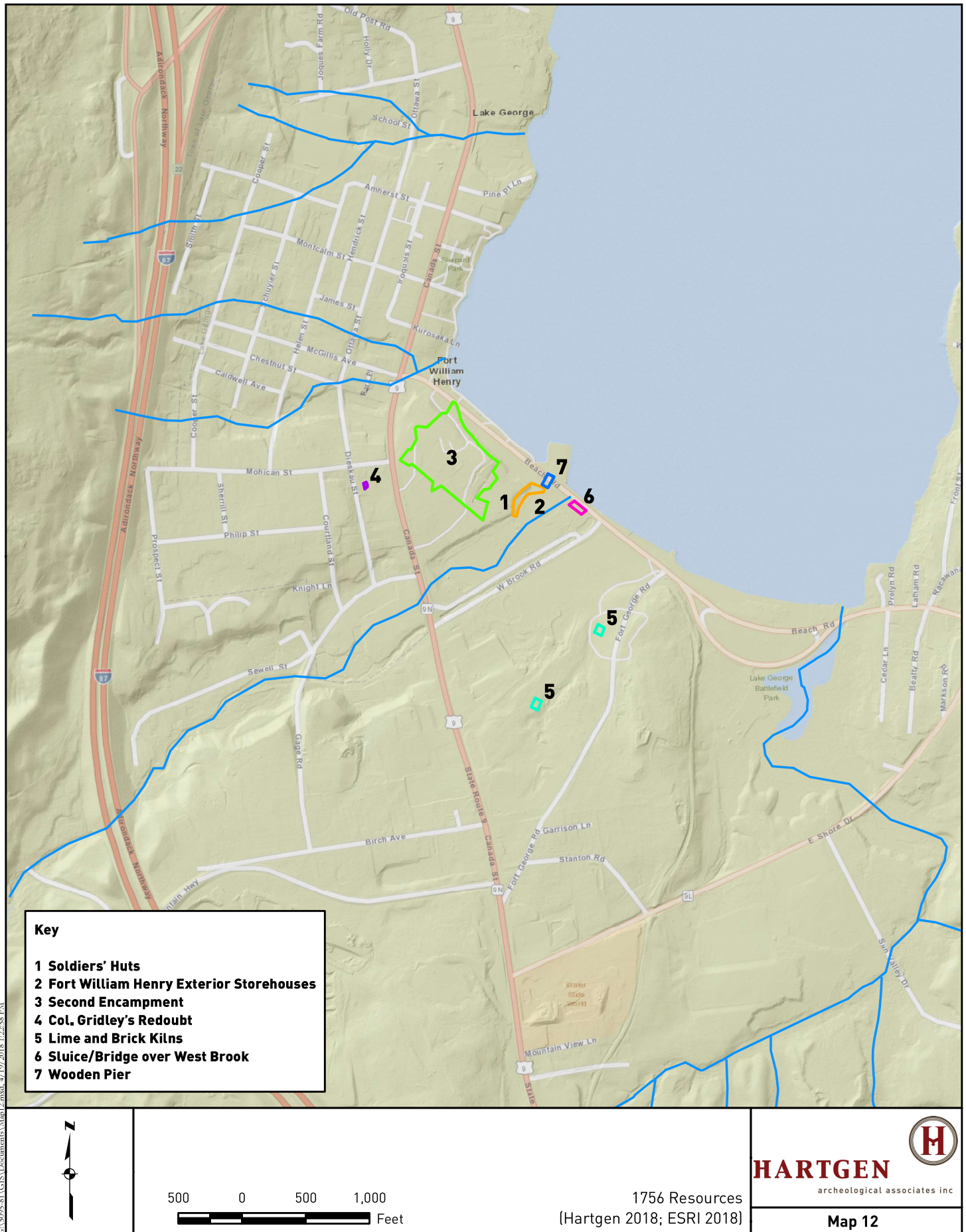
## 12.2 1756 Resource forms

In all, seven historical resources were identified for the year 1756 (Map 12)(Table 20). These all relate to Fort William Henry, it allied structures and defenses, as well as camps associated with supporting troops which could not be housed in the relatively small fort. There were no sizable battles and therefore no battlefield forms were created for this year.

Table 20. Identified Resources for the year 1756.

| <b>1756</b> |                                         |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1           | Soldiers' Huts                          |
| 2           | Fort William Henry Exterior Storehouses |
| 3           | Second Encampment                       |
| 4           | Col. Gridley's Redoubt                  |
| 5           | Lime and Brick Kilns                    |
| 6           | Wooden Pier or Wharf                    |
| 7           | Sluice/Bridge over West Brook           |







## **Appendix 1C**

French troops after they surrounded the capitulated fort. Similarly, Native allies began to force their way into the retrenched camp in search of arms and supplies (Bellico 2010:124).

Despite efforts by the French to post regular troops near the English fort and camp, the pillaging continued. The next morning the march back to Fort Edward commenced but, as Frye noted, the “plundering” did not stop, and instead quickly spiraled out of control. Fearful that the French officers would deny them their promised bounty, the Native allies acted quickly to secure English supplies. In the resulting melee sick soldiers were killed and others beaten and harassed. The Native allies also picked out the English Native allies and black soldiers “and carried them off” (Frye and Frye 1819:366).

Even as the troops marched out of the retrenched camp, the attacks continued along the Military Road. Some English troops took to the woods to escape the chaos. They likely fared no better. The relentless attack on the English troops continued for at least three miles along the Military Road (Bellico 2010:128).

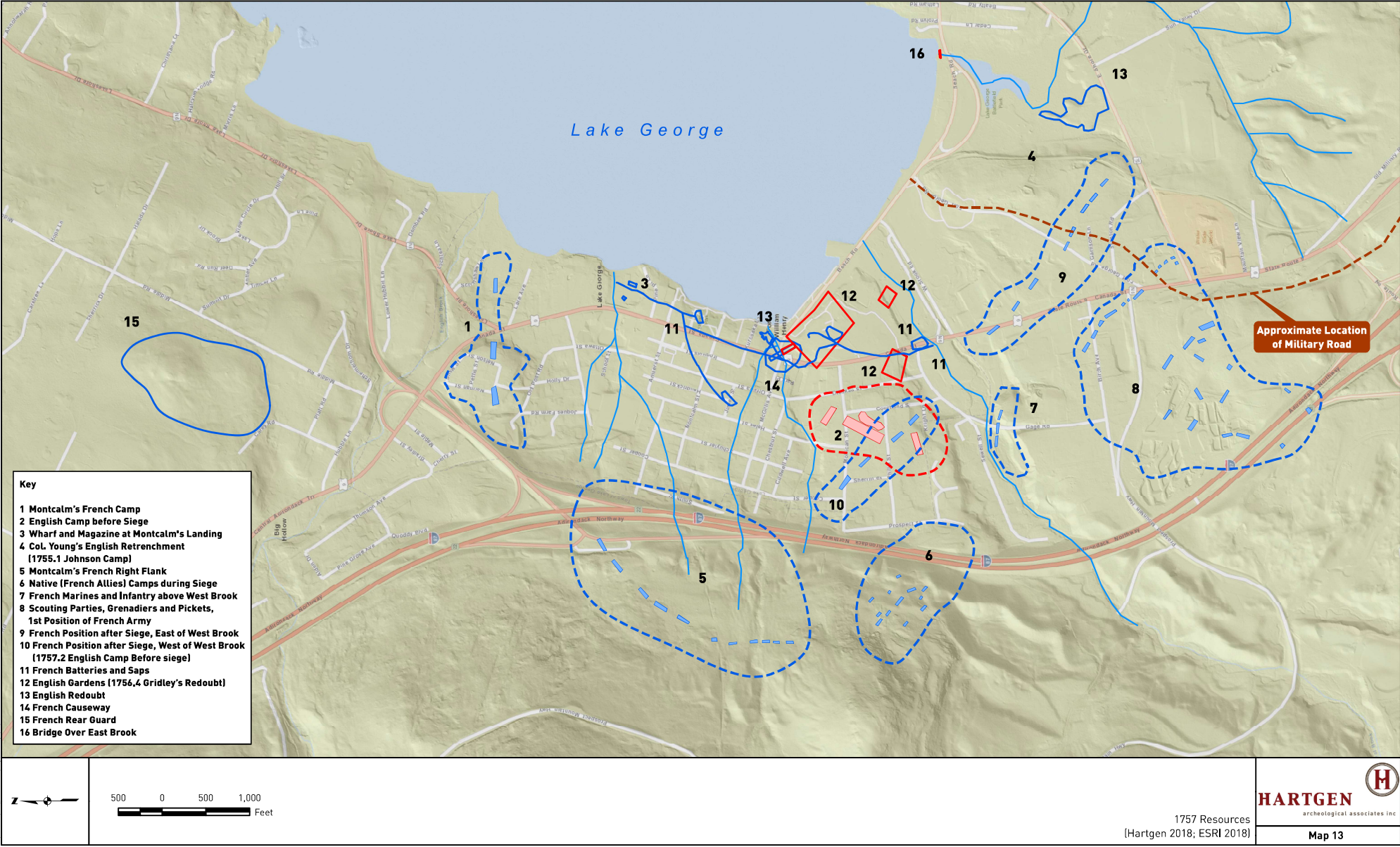
The post-siege fighting claimed between 50 and 300 soldiers, as well as women, children and civilians that were part of the English camps. It lasted until Colonel Monro was escorted back to Fort Edward with last of the English and Provincial troops on August 14 (Bellico 2010:128-129).

### 13.2 1757 Resource Forms

In all, 16 difference historical resources were identified and mapped for the year 1757 (Table 22)(Map 13). The vast majority are associated with the summer siege of Montcalm. The English camp before the siege and the English construction of a sluice and bridge over the Eat Brook, represents some of the few improvements that were made prior to the siege. Further, the camp was abandoned as an unsustainable positon and replaced with Colonel Young’s retrenched encampment just prior to the siege. Two battlefield forms were also created for the winter and summer raids by the French.

Table 23. Identified Resources for the year 1757.

| <b>1757</b> |                                                                            |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1           | Montcalm’s Camp                                                            |
| 2           | English Camp before Siege                                                  |
| 3           | Wharf and Magazine at Montcalm’s Landing                                   |
| 4           | Col. Young’s Retrenchment                                                  |
| 5           | Montcalm’s Right Flank                                                     |
| 6           | Native Camps during Siege                                                  |
| 7           | French Marines and Infantry above West Brook                               |
| 8           | Scouting Parties, Grenadiers and Pickets, 1 <sup>st</sup> Position of Army |
| 9           | French Position after Siege, East of West Brook                            |
| 10          | French Position after Siege, West or West Brook                            |
| 11          | French Batteries and Saps                                                  |
| 12          | English Gardens                                                            |
| 13          | English Redoubt                                                            |
| 14          | French Causeway                                                            |
| 15          | French Rear Guard                                                          |
| 16          | Bridge/Sluice over East Brook                                              |
| B1          | Rigaud’s Winter Raid                                                       |
| B2          | Montcalm’s Summer Siege of Fort William Henry                              |



## **Appendix 1D**

By October 1758, Abercromby was relieved of duty and replaced with General Jeffery Amherst. Amherst visited Lake George on October 5, and thus began the plans for a new expedition to be conducted the following year. Between the 16th and 25th Abercromby ordered all the boats sunk, and cannons and various stores buried for future use, and all that could not be moved to be destroyed as to deprive the enemy anything of defensive value during the winter and spring of 1759 (Nester 2008:196).

In the spring of 1759, Amherst began construction of a new fort (Fort George) as well as a new picket fort and hospital. Two buildings were thus placed into the defensive works in 1759, replacing the destroyed L-shaped building of 1758.

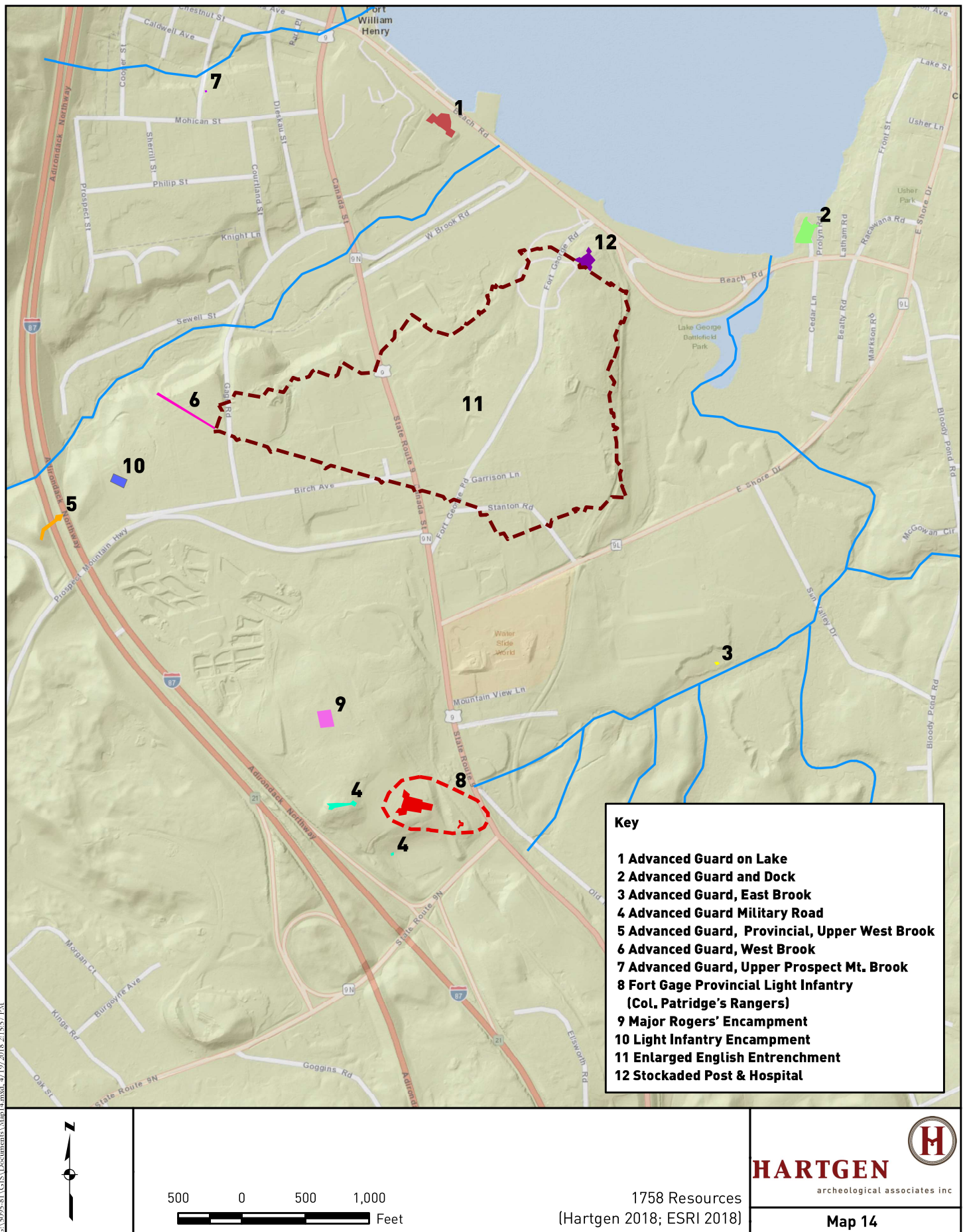
#### 14.2 1758 Resource forms

In all, 12 inventory forms were created for 1758 (Table 25)(Map 14). Each of which is related to Abercrombie's large encampment at the head of Lake George. Originally thought to be a short-term camp, after the disastrous losses at Fort Carillon, the army was forced to spend the summer and fall at the south end of Lake George. As a result, a series of fortifications, structures, camps, and posts were created. There were no battles at the southern end of the lake that year, and therefore no battlefield resource forms were created.

Table 25. Identified Resources for the year 1758.

| <b>1758</b> |                                                                 |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1           | Advanced Guard on Lake                                          |
| 2           | Advanced Guard and Dock                                         |
| 3           | Advanced Guard, East Brook                                      |
| 4           | Advanced Guard, Military Road                                   |
| 5           | Advanced Guard, Provincial, Upper West Brook                    |
| 6           | Advanced Guard, West Brook                                      |
| 7           | Advanced Guard, Upper Prospect Mt. Brook                        |
| 8           | Fort Gage -Provincial Light Infantry, (Col. Patridge's Rangers) |
| 9           | Major Rogers' Encampment                                        |
| 10          | Light Infantry Encampment                                       |
| 11          | Enlarged English Entrenchment                                   |
| 12          | Stockaded Post & Hospital                                       |





## **Appendix 1E**

completed. He requested that Montresor add a “casemate under the Rampart of the East Flank of the Bastion” and hoped work would continue the following year (Bellico 2010:214). A number of French prisoners were kept at the bastion over the winter. One described the fort in early December as “a square fort measuring about 80 toises (511 feet) on each exterior side. The lower part of the rampart is more than 18 feet thick and made of masonry. The parapet is timbers placed one on top of the other, are well cut to size and banked up with earth twelve feet thick....a bastion completed, entirely casemated like a redoubt” (Bellico 2010:214). It is likely that, by the end of 1759, the British once again destroyed the wharves when leaving Fort George, as they had done the previous year.

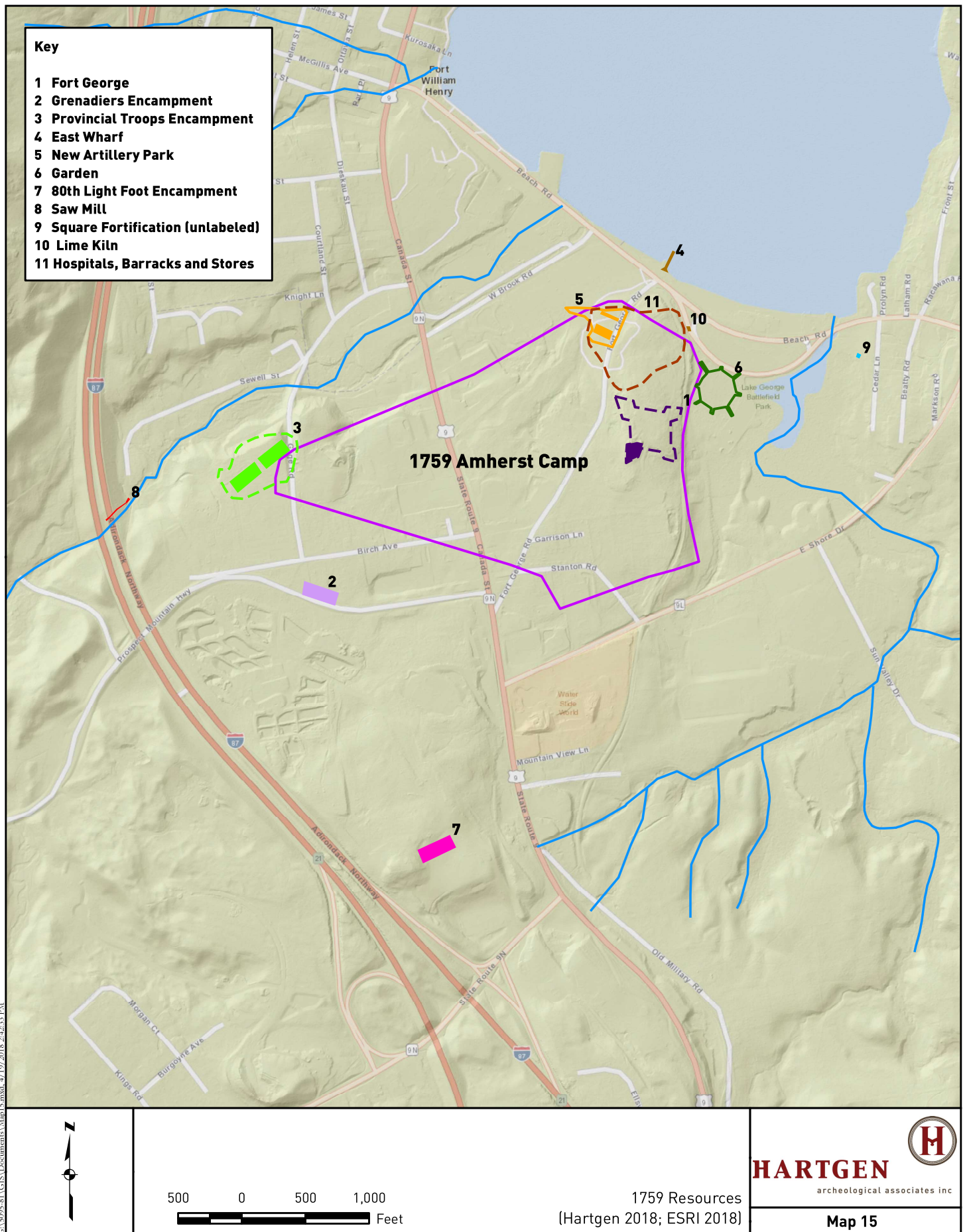
## 15.2 1759 Resources Forms

In all, 11 resources were identified for the year 1759 (Table 28)(Map 15). The most important of which was the initial construction of the southwest bastion of Fort George. The other resources include new camp sites for various regiments (mostly Rangers, Grenadiers, and Light Infantry), different than those of 1758. A new wharf, garden, saw mill, and lime kiln were all constructed under Amherst’s army to facilitate the expedition northwards. Also new hospitals, barracks, and storehouses were constructed to meet the needs of the new army at the lake. There were no major battle in 1759 and therefore no battlefield resource forms were created.

Table 28. Identified Resources for the year 1759.

| <b>1759</b> |                                                           |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1           | Fort George                                               |
| 2           | Grenadiers Encampment                                     |
| 3           | Provincial Troops Encampment (southeast of stockade post) |
| 4           | East Wharf                                                |
| 5           | New Artillery Park                                        |
| 6           | Garden                                                    |
| 7           | 80 <sup>th</sup> Light Foot Encampment                    |
| 8           | Saw Mill                                                  |
| 9           | Square Fortification (unlabeled)                          |
| 10          | Lime Kiln                                                 |
| 11          | Hospitals, Barracks, and Stores                           |

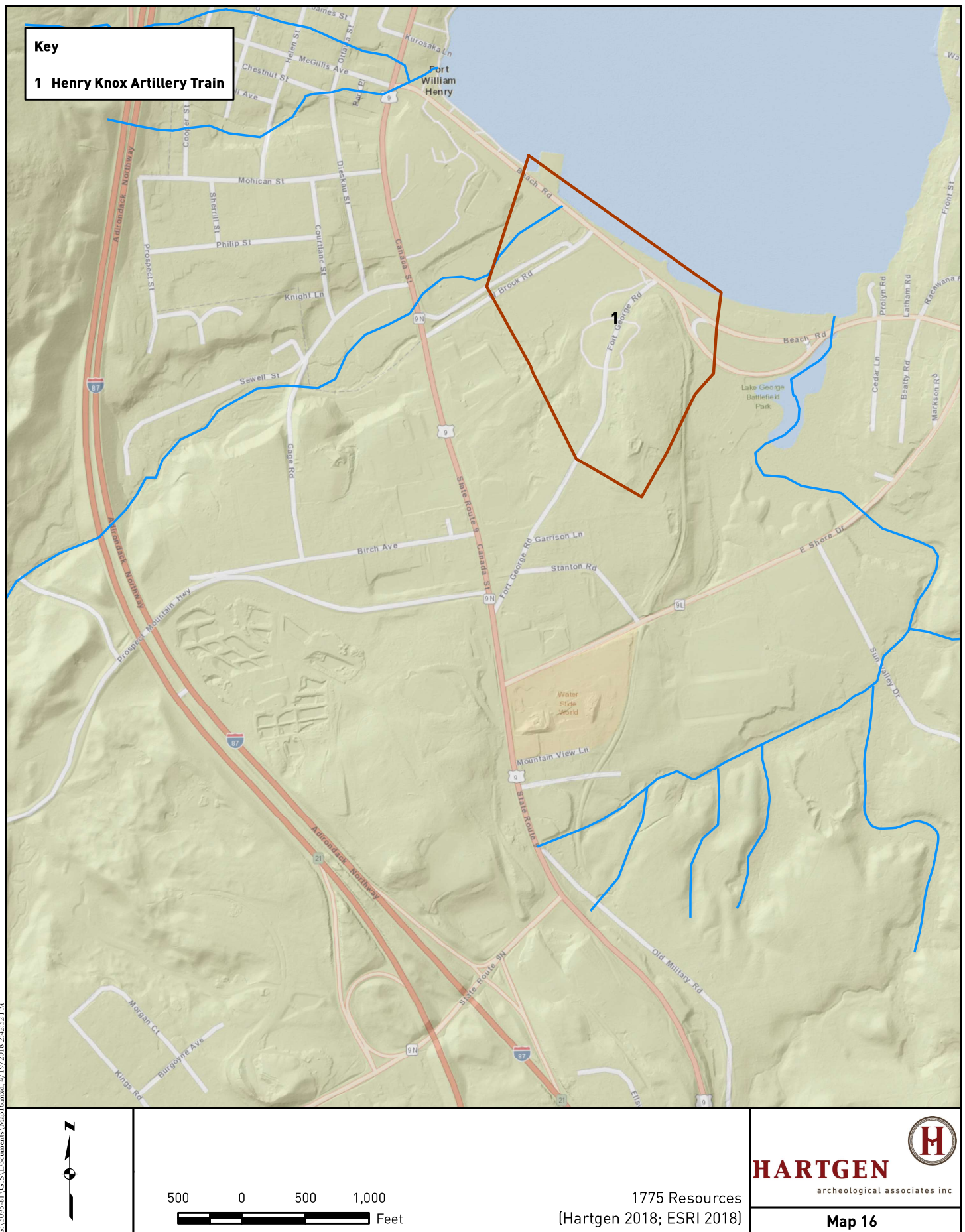




## **Appendix 1F**

Table 29. Identified Resources for the years 1775-1780.

| <b>1775-80</b> |                                          |
|----------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1775-1         | Henry Knox Artillery Train               |
| 1777-B1        | Battle of Diamond Island-Battlefield     |
| 1780-B1        | Second Battle of Bloody Pond-Battlefield |
| 1755-1780      | Military Burials                         |



## Appendix 3A



Table 6. Summary of 18<sup>th</sup>-century archeological sites within the Town and Village of Lake George.

| Map Number | OPRHP Site No.                | Site Identifier                  | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Approximate location                                      | Resource ID        |
|------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1          | 11302.000003/<br>11302.000031 | Bloody Pond Massacre Site        | Site of one of three separate engagements which are known as the "Battle of Lake George" between the French & English and their Indian Allies on Sept 8, 1755. 250 men from Fort Edward surprised a party of 300 Canadians and Indians here and under Captain McGinnis overwhelmed them. The slaughtered were thrown in to the pond, which gave it its name.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Bloody Pond, east of Route 9                              | 1755-3;<br>1755-B1 |
| 2          | 11302.000002                  | Fort Gage                        | Site of military outpost occupied by the British from Fort William Henry in 1757 as an outpost previous to the attack by Dieskau (mis-information recorded on site form, see resource form 1758-8).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | South of Fort William Henry, between Northway and Route 9 | 1758-8             |
| 3          | 11302.000005                  | Fort George                      | Earthworks of military outpost constructed in 1759 by Commander Lord Jeffrey Amherst, but never completed. Abandoned in 1777, but re-occupied after Battle of Saratoga by American troops. Captured by Major Carlton in 1780.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | East of Fort George Road, northeast of Garrison Lane      | 1759-1             |
| 4          | 11302.000008                  | Diamond Island Battlefield       | Relics from the Colonial War period have been found on the lake Bottom near the island; in 1777, the British were moving large quantities of supplies and storing them on the island; the Americans attempted to seize the island, but were defeated.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Diamond Island                                            | 1755-8             |
| 5          | 11302.000010                  | Diamond Island Site (ALB 116)    | A peace monument was erected on the northern end of the island, the inscription reads, "Peace Here the conqueror of many wars 1666-1777, French Armies passed this island under Courcelles 1666, St. Helene 1690, Manteth 1693, Vaudreull 1745, Dieskau 1755, Montcalm 1757-1758, Colonist-English army under Abercrombie and Howe after defeat 400 here encamped, Island called Diamond 1777, Two companies 47th British Infantry Co. Montresor and Capt. Aubrey fortified and Sept 24th defeated Americans 23 days before British surrender at Saratoga..."; chert flakes also found south of the monument. | Diamond Island                                            | 1755-8             |
| 6          | 11302.000017                  | Wiawaka Bateau Site              | NRL; "The Sunken Fleet of 1758" remnants on the bottom of Lake George. They along with the Land Tortoise, the sloop Halifax and dozens more bateaux were intentionally scuttled to protect them from French patrols.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Southern Lake George                                      |                    |
| 7          | 11302.000018                  | Birch Avenue Military Encampment | NRE; artifacts uncovered include: axes, metal buttons, gun flints, gun parts, coins cannon balls, musket balls, hand blown green bottle glass, plain and decorated and delftware (See Collamer 1993, 1994, 1997).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | West of Evergreen Cemetery                                | 1759-10            |

| Map Number | OPRHP Site No. | Site Identifier                                          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Approximate location                                                 | Resource ID                |
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| 8          | 11302.000019   | Radeau Land Tortoise Wreck Site                          | National Historic Landmark (NHL), Discovered in 1990, this 51 foot vessel was built by the Royal and Provincial forces in 1758. It is remarkably intact for a vessel of its age and has provided information about the construction of radeaux in the 18 <sup>th</sup> century which up unto this point was unobtainable. | Northeast of Tea Island                                              |                            |
| 9          | 11302.000032   | British Advanced Guard and Dock Site                     | Built in 1758; houses and street built on the site in the 20 <sup>th</sup> -century.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | North of Prolyn Road                                                 | 1758-2                     |
| 10         | 11302.000033   | Fortified British camp site                              | No more information.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | East of Fort George Road, northeast of Garrison Lane                 | 1758-11                    |
| 11         | 11302.000051   | Brookside Historic Site                                  | Single lead musket ball.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | North of Route 9L                                                    |                            |
| 12         | 11302.000054   | Lake George Battlefield Campground Prehistoric Site      | NRL; both historic and precontact artifacts including 5 chert flakes, 1 chert biface, 1 delftware fragment, and 1 pipe stem (See Curtin 2001).                                                                                                                                                                            | East of Fort George Road, northeast of Garrison Lane                 |                            |
| 13         | 11341.000002   | Fort William Henry                                       | NRL; historic military site. The original fort was constructed in 1755 by Major General William Johnson during the French and Indian War for protection against the French invasion. Johnson named the site for the grandson of King George II.                                                                           | South of Beach Road                                                  | 1755-6                     |
| 14         | 11341.000007   | Montcalm Street Site                                     | This site was a portion of the interconnecting Montcalm's fortifications which played a role in the communications of the French Army during the French and Indian War.                                                                                                                                                   | Montcalm Street in between Ottawa and Iroquois Streets               | 1757-1                     |
| 15         | 11341.000019   | Nimo Human Skeleton                                      | The excavation and removal of a human skeleton on Mohican Street; most likely the remains of a young 18 <sup>th</sup> -century soldier.                                                                                                                                                                                   | Northwestern corner of Mohican and Canada Streets                    | 1755-1780 Military Burials |
| 16         | 11341.000025   | Submerged 18 <sup>th</sup> -century bateau historic site | 18 <sup>th</sup> -century bateau is likely covered by delta sediment; it has not yet been recovered but there is a high probability it is there.                                                                                                                                                                          | Off the western shore of Lake George, near the end of Scrimshaw Lane |                            |
| 17         | 11341.000028   | Fort William Henry Military Cemetery and Precontact Site | Prehistoric and historic site with human remains. 18 <sup>th</sup> -century artifacts include Rhenish stoneware, pipe stem fragments, and green window glass.                                                                                                                                                             | Just south of Beach Road, northwest of Fort William Henry            | 1755-1780 Military Burials |

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| Map Number | OPRHP Site No. | Site Identifier                                  | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Approximate location                                                  | Resource ID                |
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| 18         | 11341.000033   | Lake George Battlefield Campground Human Burials | Partial remains of two people, probably of Euro-American descent dating to unknown time period (See NYSM 2011).                                                                                                                                                                                     | North of Lake George Forum, east of Route 9, west of Fort George Road | 1755-1780 Military Burials |
| 19         | 11341.000036   | The Million Dollar Beach Historic Site           | 194 historic and precontact artifacts recovered including 18 <sup>th</sup> -century artifacts such as a lead musket ball and a piece of hand-blown olive-green bottle glass; also uncovered was a large circular stone feature, most likely an 18 <sup>th</sup> -century lime kiln (See NYSM 2013). | Just south of Beach Road near the auxiliary parking lot               | 1756-5                     |



Table 7. 18<sup>th</sup>-century National Register Listed property in the Town and Village of Lake George.

| NR number | Property Name                                  | Status | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Location and Proximity to Project                                                                   |
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| 11NR06215 | Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District | NRL    | This historic district includes the Lake George Battlefield Park, the Lake George Battleground Campground and Lake George Beach State Park; numerous archeological sites associated with a series of conflicts between c.1755 and c. 1814.                                                                                                                                                                                            | Southern shore of Lake George, encompasses Million Dollar Beach                                     |
| 92PR02515 | Wiawaka Bateaux Site                           | NRL    | The "Sunken Fleet of 1758"; seven 1758 bateaux, also known as the "Wiawaka Bateaux Cluster," are 25 to 36 feet long and 4 to 5 feet wide; these warships lie roughly perpendicular to shore over a 450-foot long area, suggesting they were all scuttled at once; only the bottom planks, the lower part of the ribs, some cleats and garboards remain; stones, apparently used to help sink them, can be found on the bottom planks. | Approximately one mile north of Lake George Beach on the east side of the lake                      |
| 95NR00819 | Land Tortoise (radeau) Shipwreck Site          | NHL    | Floating gun battery, built by provincial troops under the direction of Samuel Cobb in 1758; appears to be the sole survivor of this class of military vessels unique to Lake George and Lake Champlain in the eighteenth century; it also has been designated by the Smithsonian Institution as "the oldest intact war vessel in North America."                                                                                     | Located in the south basin, nearly two miles north of Lake George Beach.                            |
| 66NR00891 | Adirondack Forest Preserve                     | NHL    | First state forest preserve in the United States; established in 1885 to preserve several million acres of forest land.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Located in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, St. Lawrence, and Warren Counties; |

Table 8. Previous surveys within the Town and Village of Lake George.

| Map ID | Project/Phase                                              | Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Citation            |
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| 1      | Proposed Pirates Cove Miniature Golf, Phase I              | The site of Fort Gage and the old military road from Lake George to Fort Edward border the project site. The Fort Gage site is well-defined outside the project by the record and descriptions of earlier investigators. The old military road intersects with modern Route 9 opposite the south end of the project. No evidence of archeological sites could be located through shovel testing. No additional work was recommended.                                                        | (Curtin 2000)       |
| 2      | Proposed Campground, Lake George Battlefield Park, Phase 1 | The project contains several important colonial military facilities. These include Fort George, the bastion of a partially constructed French and Indian War Fort. The project area also contains a portion of the site of the 1755 Battle of Lake George, and part of the site of the 1757 massacre subsequent to the surrender of Fort William Henry. French and Indian War period artifacts and features were recovered. Avoidance of any disturbance within the project is recommended. | (Curtin 2001)       |
| 3      | Victoria's Grant Subdivision, Phase I                      | The Phase IB incorporated visual inspections of the exposed soils in disturbed areas with the excavation of 100 shovel tests in the remaining lots where development had not occurred. Only one glass windowpane fragment was recovered. No foundations, earthworks, midden areas or other indications of either precontact or historic occupation were identified. No further archeological work was recommended.                                                                          | (Arch Tech 2004)    |
| 4      | Hampton Inn, Phase I                                       | One piece of white salt-glazed stoneware was uncovered from 61 screened shovel tests. No precontact or significant historical deposits were encountered. No further work was recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | (Hartgen 2003)      |
| 5      | Wakonda Lodge, Phase I                                     | No archeological deposits or sites were identified. No further work was recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | (Black Drake 2007a) |
| 6      | PIN 1805.66.101 Site #1, Phase I                           | Eight shovel tests were excavated in the Lake George portion of the project. One fragment of whiteware was found. No buried archeological sites were identified and no further work was recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | (Hartgen 2005)      |
| 7      | Proposed Wingate Inn, Phase I and II                       | One precontact site (11341.000024) was identified and one historic site was identified. The Wingate Historic Site 2 was identified as a find spot where an 18 <sup>th</sup> -century musket ball was found. Avoidance of the precontact site was recommended. The location of Wingate Historic Site 2 was located in severely disturbed soils. No further work was recommended for this find spot.                                                                                          | (Landmark 2005)     |
| 8      | Lake George Special Communications Facility, Phase I       | Eight shovel tests were excavated at the site of the proposed tower and along testable portions of the access road. No archeological resources were encountered. No additional work was recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | (Hartgen 2006)      |

| Map ID | Project/Phase                                                     | Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Citation                                    |
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| 9      | Proposed Cora Court 15-Lot Subdivision, Phase I                   | Two precontact sites were identified. The Bloody Pond Road Site was identified as a small lithic scatter. Avoidance of this site was recommended. A chert biface midsection fragment and a small thinning flake were uncovered at the French Mountain Site. This site may have been a temporary hunting camp. This site is located outside of the Area of Potential Effect (APE) and is not at risk for destruction. No further work was recommended for this site.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | (Hudson Mohawk 2006)                        |
| 10     | Wingate Prehistoric Site, Phase III                               | Small, temporary camp utilized by a hunting and gathering group probably in the fall/winter season.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | (Collamer 2007)                             |
| 11     | Beach Road Reconstruction, Phase I                                | The three areas of potential effects are covered by twentieth-century fill deposits that greatly exceed the depth of the projects expected impacts. No natural soils were uncovered, and no archeological deposits were identified. No additional work was recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | (Hartgen 2011)                              |
| 12     | Route 9 and West Brook Project Area, Phase I                      | The project has been subjected to extensive disturbance, and no precontact or historic archeological resource were identified.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | (Berger 2009)                               |
| 13     | West Brook Stormwater Facility, Phase IB and addendum             | The project had at least 10 feet of modern fill and all project disturbances were within this fill. No further work was recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | (Birchwood 2012; Black Drake 2007b)         |
| 14     | Mountain's Edge Subdivision, Phase I and addendum                 | Historic Midden consisting of 20 <sup>th</sup> -century artifacts were recovered from two shovel tests. No precontact artifacts were found. No further work was recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | (Collamer 2006; Collamer & Associates 2008) |
| 15     | Lochlea Subdivision, Phase I and II                               | One precontact site and three historic sites were identified. The Lochlea Precontact site was identified as a hunting/ activity preparation area. The Lochlea Mansion Site was identified by seven positive tests which included redware, whiteware, green asbestos tiles, window glass, brick fragment and a cut nail. The Gatehouse Site was identified by brick fragments, cut nails, redware, white-glazed stoneware, window glass, and clear bottle glass; the one fragment of white salt-glazed stoneware was produced from 1720 to 1805, as this artifact was found within an isolated shovel test context, eight radial confirmation tests were excavated; no additional 18th-century artifacts were found within any of the eight radial confirmation tests excavated around Shovel Test 132. The Old Mill at Lochlea Historic Site was identified as remnants of 19th-century retaining wall and dam associated with a mill. These sites did not fulfill the requirements for National Register eligibility, and no further work was recommended. | (Hartgen 2009a, b)                          |
| 16     | Diamond Lookout Subdivision Project, Phase I                      | No cultural features were identified and no archeological sites were found. No further work was recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | (Birchwood 2009)                            |
| 17     | West Brook Conservation Initiative Project, Supplemental Phase IB | No sites were identified. Two precontact artifacts were recovered. 69 historic artifacts were recovered. All historic artifacts were uncovered from fill.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | (Birchwood 2012)                            |

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| 18     | Shower Building and Water/Gas Lines Replacement, Phase I                     | 119 shovel tests were excavated. One precontact site was identified, the Lake George Battlefield Campground Precontact Site was identified as a site consisting of 3 deposits of lithic remains. Avoidance of locus 2 was recommended. 18 <sup>th</sup> -century artifacts were recovered, such as a piece of delft and a musket ball.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | (New York State Museum 2009)               |
| 19     | Proposed Brookside Estates Development, Phase I, II, and Additional Phase II | Lead musket ball and precontact artifacts uncovered during the Phase I. During the Phase II, there was limited metal detecting in the vicinity of the musket ball find. No significant historic archeological materials found during the Phase II for the Brookside Historic Site. Additional precontact artifacts were found during the Phase II for the Brookside Precontact Site and this site was recommended for a phase III.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | (Curtin 2009a, b, c, 2010)                 |
| 20     | Carr Condominium Project, Phase I and Additional Phase I                     | No archeological sites were identified in the Phase I. No further work was recommended. Additional work identified earthen features associated with the 18 <sup>th</sup> -century occupation of the Birch Avenue Historic Site.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | (Black Drake 2010a; Taconic Research 2006) |
| 21     | 372 Bloody Pond Road, Phase I                                                | No potentially significant deposits were identified. No precontact remains were found.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | (Black Drake 2013)                         |
| 22     | West Brook Road Sidewalk, Phase I                                            | Previous surveys on either end of the APE identified several feet of fill through the channel of West Brook. Hartgen conducted limited testing to the depth of the project impacts (approximately 16 inches) and recorded fill throughout the APE from the mid-20 <sup>th</sup> -century creation of the battlefield park. No battlefield artifacts were recovered and no further work was recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | (Hartgen 2015)                             |
| 23     | Million Dollar Beach Site, Phase I and II                                    | Two precontact sites were identified. One historic site was identified. 194 historic and precontact artifacts recovered including 18 <sup>th</sup> -century artifacts such as a lead musket ball and a piece of hand-blown olive-green bottle glass; also uncovered was a large circular stone feature, most likely an 18 <sup>th</sup> -century lime kiln;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | (New York State Museum 2013)               |
| 24     | The Hawley-Missale Commercial Building Project, Phase I                      | The Phase IB field reconnaissance did not recover any cultural materials, which determined that the project would not impact any archeological sites. No further archeological work was recommended                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | (Hartgen 2016)                             |
| 25     | Military Sites at Gage's Hill Town of Lake George, Phase I                   | The site of Fort Gage was partially excavated in 1975 under the direction of Paul Huey. At that time, the area investigated was known as Fort Gage, however the footprint of the historic remains may actually have been those of the Provincial Light Infantry post, occupied by Col. Partridge's Massachusetts's Rangers. Colonel Thomas Gage's own light infantry appears to have occupied the same height of land the following year, in 1759 when under the command of General Amherst. As of 2015, the site of Fort Gage, Major Roger's Encampment and the Southwest Redoubt were situated on two lots in the Town of Lake George. The site of Rogers' Rangers Encampment is on an 18 acre parcel owned by the Boychuk Family (Lot 264.03-2-3.1) and the Southwest Redoubt site is on the 9 acre parcel formerly the Ramada Hotel (Lot 264.03-2-2). | (Walling 2016)                             |

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| 26     | Village of Lake George Evaluation and Treatment Plant Upgrade Initiative Project, Phase I | 13 shovel tests were excavated and most tests encountered fill deposits. No archeological deposits were uncovered. Project clearance was recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | (Landmark 2017)                |
| 27     | Excavation and Removal of Human Remains on Mohican Street                                 | The excavation and removal of a human skeleton on Mohican Street; most likely the remains of a young 18 <sup>th</sup> -century soldier                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | (Starbuck 2001)                |
| 28     | Fort William Henry Hotel Reconstruction, Phase I                                          | 19 <sup>th</sup> - and 20 <sup>th</sup> -century artifacts were found during the excavation of trenches. Also found were four features associated with the Fort William Henry Hotel. One partial projectile point was found from an unknown provenience. No significant precontact or historical artifacts were identified during the investigation. Nor further work was recommended.                                                                                                        | (Hartgen 1993)                 |
| 29     | Beach Road Stormwater Project, Phase IA                                                   | Soil borings conducted to a depth of five feet determined that the soils in the project consist of sandy fill and that the project will not impact buried cultural resources to a depth of five feet. However, because the borings did not reach six to eight feet, the maximum depth of planned excavation, there remains a potential of encountering significant cultural resources within the last one to three feet. Monitoring is recommended for all excavation that exceeds five feet. | (ACOE 2006)                    |
| 30     | Fenimore Woods Subdivision, Phase I                                                       | An isolated precontact spear point, and two modern historic artifacts were uncovered. These findings were not significant archeological deposits. No further work was recommended,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | (Black Drake Consulting 2010b) |
| 31     | Excavation of Undocumented Burial in the Lake George Battlefield Campground               | Partial remains of two people, probably of Euro-American descent dating to unknown time period, but most likely 19 <sup>th</sup> century based on nails associated with a wooden (decayed) coffin.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | (New York State Museum 2011)   |
| 32     | Birch Avenue Substation, Phase I, II, and III                                             | Over 2,000 artifacts were recovered and 96 subsurface features and visible military earthworks were identified. The features and artifacts found are consistent with occupation and use by the 18 <sup>th</sup> century military. Frasier's map indicates that the location of Rodgers Rangers encampment or the 1758 encampment of General Gage's Light Infantry Brigade is near or at this location. This could not be verified through this investigation.                                 | (Collamer 1993, 1994, 1997)    |
| 33     | Ottawa Street Wastewater Treatment Plant, Phase I                                         | This area has experienced extensive soil disturbance. No additional work was recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | (Hartgen 1993)                 |
| 34     | I-87 Fiber Optic Glens Falls-Canada, Phase I                                              | Four areas along the Warren County section of the corridor were selected for subsurface testing. The areas that were tested include Area 4 located in the Town of Queensbury, Areas 22 and 23, situated in the Town of Warrensburg, and Area 29 located in the Town of Chester. No subsurface testing was conducted in the town of Lake George.                                                                                                                                               | (Hartgen 1999)                 |

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| 35     | Lake George Shoreline Improvement, Phase IA                          | Backhoe trenching was recommended in areas where the excavation could exceed the known depth of fill. Of particular concern was a series of fortifications and earthworks constructed in 1757 during the siege of Fort William Henry such as Montcalm's third battery which was located near the public restrooms in the southwest corner of the project area. This battery was connected to the others by means of a fortified trench which may also be located in the project area. It was also recommended that all construction be monitored by a qualified archeological consultant throughout the duration of the project.                                                                                                                     | (Hartgen 1997)              |
| 36     | Proposed Wetland Restoration, Lake George Beach State Park, Phase IA | Based on the extensive military activity in the area and the lack of good documentation on the source and extent of the fill, subsurface testing of the storm sewer and the wetland reclamation was recommended. It was also recommended that the wetland be tested at regular intervals to document the type and extent of fill in the impact area. It was suggested that the best way to test this area was from a backhoe under the supervision of an experienced archeological crew.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | (Hartgen 1998b)             |
| 37     | Lake George Forum, Phase I                                           | A single artifact (gunflint) associated with the 18 <sup>th</sup> century military occupation of the Lake George region was recovered; the blond gun flint was of French origin but British form; the immediate vicinity of the test was heavily disturbed from the construction of a guest cottage and its associated water and sewer lines. No additional 18 <sup>th</sup> -century material was recovered. Due to the scarcity of 18 <sup>th</sup> - and 19 <sup>th</sup> -century material and the modern disturbances from motel construction, no further work was recommended,                                                                                                                                                                 | (Hartgen 2003)              |
| 38     | Wildwest Stable & Ranch, Phase IA                                    | Sawmill and logging operations on the property from the 1940s until 1993 greatly disturbed and modified much of the project. Description of the planned impact of the project indicated that the primary area of modification would be in the area at the northern end of the project that was already greatly disturbed. Modification in the rest of the project consisted of widening and grading of existing logging roads throughout the wooded portions of the property. These activities would disturb very little additional area. Therefore, archeological testing was not recommended. It was said that if modifications were later considered in undisturbed portions of the project, an archeological survey would be deemed appropriate. | (Hartgen 1994)              |
| 39     | Lake George Recreation Center, Phase IA                              | The area had been greatly disturbed, therefore, no archeological investigations were recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | (Hartgen 1998a)             |
| 40     | Warren County Sanitary Sewer, Phase I                                | It was recommended that the construction of the sanitary sewer would not have any adverse effects upon any cultural resources in the area that might be eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | (Hagerty 1976c; Henke 1979) |

| Map ID | Project/Phase                                                         | Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Citation                    |
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| 41     | Village of Lake George Sewage Transmission Facilities, Phase I and II | The subsurface testing along the portion of Montcalm Street between Iroquois and Canada Streets showed evidence of a crescent-shaped depression which was believed to be associated with Montcalm's first battery during the Siege of Fort William Henry in 1757. The possible association with trenches connecting other batteries made further subsurface exploration necessary. | (Hagerty 1976a, b, c, 1978) |
| 42     | SUNY Adirondack Field School, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2014, and 2015        | Field school directed by David Starbuck, excavations at the Southwest bastion of Fort George, barracks, possible blacksmith shop, hut sites, and                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | (Starbuck 2014b)            |

## 6 Colonial Wars

In general, between about 1689 and 1763, the Lake George area was part of a major travel corridor through which numerous armies and troops traveled north and south, between quarreling groups in Canada (Montreal primarily) and New York (principally Albany). The corridor was the western extension of the larger area known as the Champlain-Hudson lowlands connecting Montreal in the St. Lawrence Valley, through the Richelieu River Valley and Lake Champlain, and via Wood Creek or a portage into the Hudson River Valley. This was also a favorable trading route. Lake George sits higher than Lake Champlain which feeds the larger lake to the north through La Chute River and its confluence with the lake at Ticonderoga.

This route, while useful for those traveling northeast, was not as heavily trafficked as the Wood Creek to South Bay route (though modern-day Skenesborough). Both routes were critically important, and served as the focal point of the "borderland" clashes between the imperial powers of France (New France) to the north and England (New York and New England) to the south. The traders and troops involved in these various conflicts include European, (French, Dutch, and English, among others), Africans (in the form of freed and enslaved peoples), and Native Americans (including Iroquoian and Algonquian peoples).

Below is a table that identifies the various colonial conflicts that affected the area, a brief summary of events, and a sense of the scale of the number of individuals who may have traveled through the area (Table 9). Of more particular note is the construction of Fort Burnet in the 1720s in the town of Greenwich. Although identified as a fort, the outpost was more likely a patrolling point as New York officials tried to interrupt the rampant trade between colonial interests in Albany and Montreal, despite that fact that the parent countries were at war.

Table 9. Various colonial conflicts that affected the Lake George area between 1628 and 1763 (name of conflict in European theatre in parenthesis).

| Date      | Name of the War                                    | Relation to Lake George                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 1626-1628 | Mohawk-Mohican War                                 | Likely small scattered Native settlements in and around Hudson River and Lake George regions                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1675-1676 | King Philip's War                                  | Though largely contained to western Massachusetts, fighting between the Wampanoag and European settlers extended through Connecticut, Rhode Island, through Schaghticoke, NY, and up into Maine, likely passing through the Lake George region.                                                                 |
| 1689-1697 | King William's War (War of the League of Augsburg) | Hundreds of French and Indian soldiers, in addition to Albany militia, likely moved through the area. Saratoga settlement attacked and garrisoned for short time. First iteration of Fort Anne (Fort Schuyler) built 1692. Lake George likely corridor for troops and scouts.                                   |
| 1702-1713 | Queen Anne's War                                   | Peter Schuyler, Samuel Fetch, and Francis Nicholson assemble large army and flotilla of bateaux on Lake Champlain for Canadian expedition in 1709-abandoned<br>Second expedition with a large force in 1711-also abandoned<br>Fort Anne replaces Fort Schuyler<br>Troops and scouts likely passed through area. |

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| 1720s-1730s | Uneasy Peace                               | Fort Burnet built (on east side of Hudson River near Schuylerville),<br>Fort St. Fredrick at Crown Point constructed by the French                                      |
| 1739-1748   | War of Jenkins' Ear                        | Fort Clinton built (on west side of Hudson River near Schuylerville)                                                                                                    |
| 1744-1748   | King George's War                          | Four battles at Fort Clinton, likely hundreds of French and British troops,<br>and hundreds of Native allies traveled through area.                                     |
| 1756-1763   | French and Indian War<br>(Seven Years War) | Beginning of sustained use of the Lake George corridor in response to the<br>French construction of Fort Carillon at Ticonderoga at the northern end of<br>Lake George. |

The first significant battle in New York during the colonial period involved the French and Iroquois occurred in 1609 in what is today the Town of Crown Point on Lake Champlain. The event is significant for several reasons. First, it demonstrated the willingness of the French to fight on behalf of their Native allies, and the extent to which they were able to penetrate deep into the Champlain Valley at an early date. Secondly, the French developed an early understanding of the geography of the Champlain Valley and the strategic importance of the region. This knowledge of the area likely shaped much of the actions of the colonial government throughout the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

The Battle of Lake Champlain, as it later came to be known, involved an attack on a group of Mohawk warriors. Samuel de Champlain personally led the expedition with a group of Montagnais, Algonquin, and Huron in an effort to bolster his personal prestige among his allies (Starna and Brandao 2004:727). For the Native Americans, the battle is clearly part of a protracted and expansive conflict between the Iroquois and their neighbors. The French likely had little understanding of this and engaged in the battle thinking it would end the overall conflict, but instead it simply enflamed the situation.

The battle was fought on a cape at the west side of the lake near present-day Crown Point. Champlain had hoped to surprise the Mohawk contingent, but they were aware of the French war party's approach. As a result, the Mohawk "began to fell trees with poor axes...and barricaded themselves well." The following day Champlain used arquebuses and killed two Mohawk leaders and injured a third while several others were also killed and 10-12 prisoners were taken (Bellico 2010:10). The battle marked the first time the Mohawk faced firearms in battle. The confusion caused by the firearms likely had a more dramatic impact on the enemy than the effectiveness of the weapons themselves. The Mohawk, however, regrouped and continued to press the French and their allies.

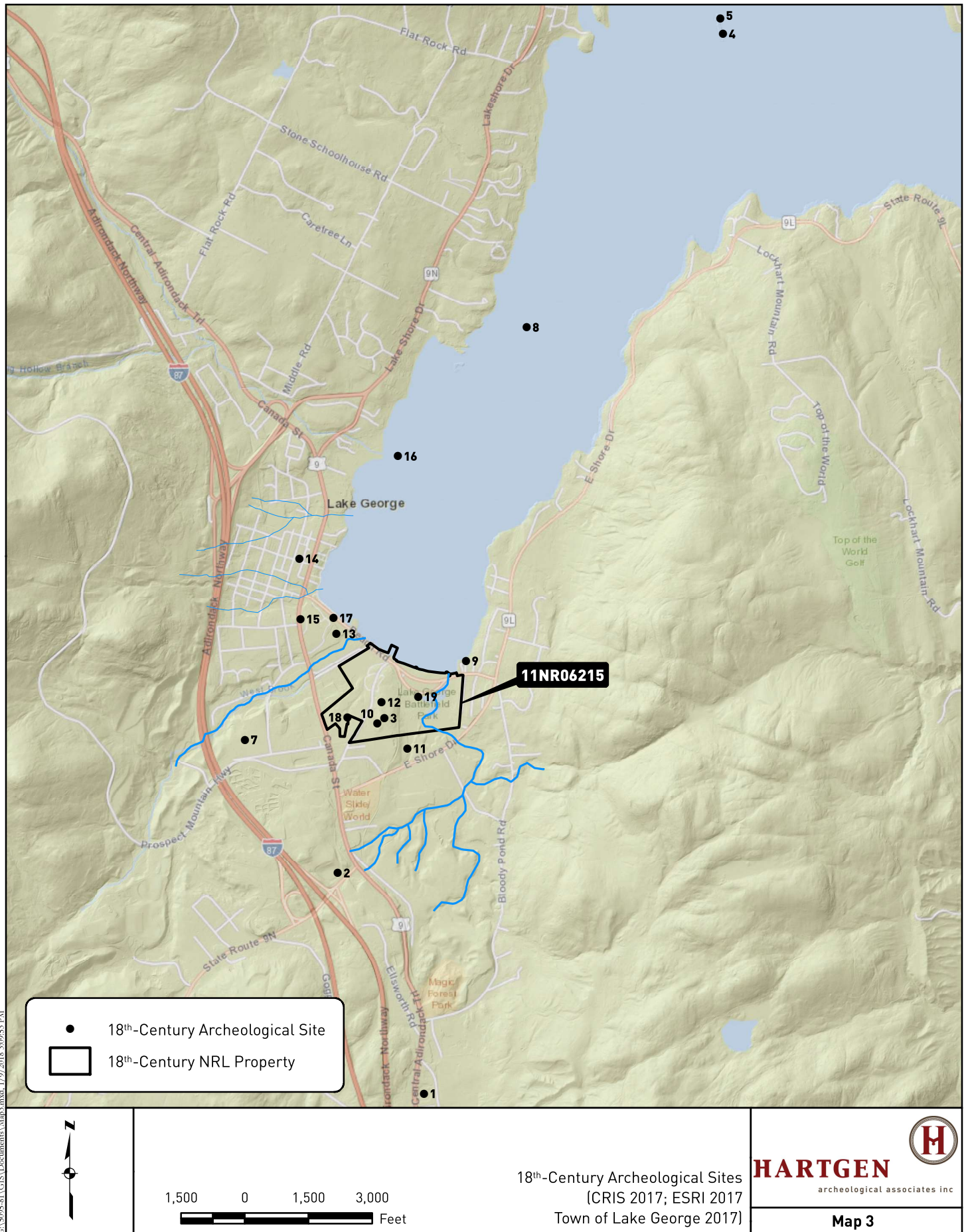
The subsequent governor of New France did not share Champlain's resolve, and throughout the rest of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the colony focused on negotiation and diplomacy with the Iroquois. When this failed, smaller skirmishes were inevitable. However, large-scale, preemptive coordinated attacks did not occur again until later in the century. In the meantime, the Iroquois continued to fight with their neighbors as part of the broader Mourning Wars.

French incursion against the Iroquois continued throughout the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century and beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. At the same time, French missionaries tried to secure Iroquois allegiance through proselytizing. French soldiers, missionaries, and traders worked throughout New York, from which they gained an intimate knowledge of the landscape and settlements of the region. The soldiers and volunteers became increasingly familiar with new, untapped agricultural lands of the Champlain lowlands and associated areas, and scouted the locations of future trading outposts that could draw Native traders further into the French sphere of influence. Their actions also had the effect of disrupting Mohawk villages, pressuring the tribe to (at the very least) adopt a posture of neutrality against the French colonists and their Native allies.

The French recognized the need to better protect its borders from incursion, especially from the Mohawk. Part of the answer was to engage the Mohawk and other neighboring native nations in trade. To that end, in 1700, French Canadians established a trading post at Pointe a la Chevelure near Crown Point (Coolidge 1989:115). This outpost was not truly fortified until 1730 or 1731 however, under Sieur Hertel de la Fresniere and M. de la Corne with a small garrison of 20-30 soldiers. Yet, the outpost served an important purpose: to watch the frontier and gather useful intelligence about the defense and movement of the nearby English colonists. By the

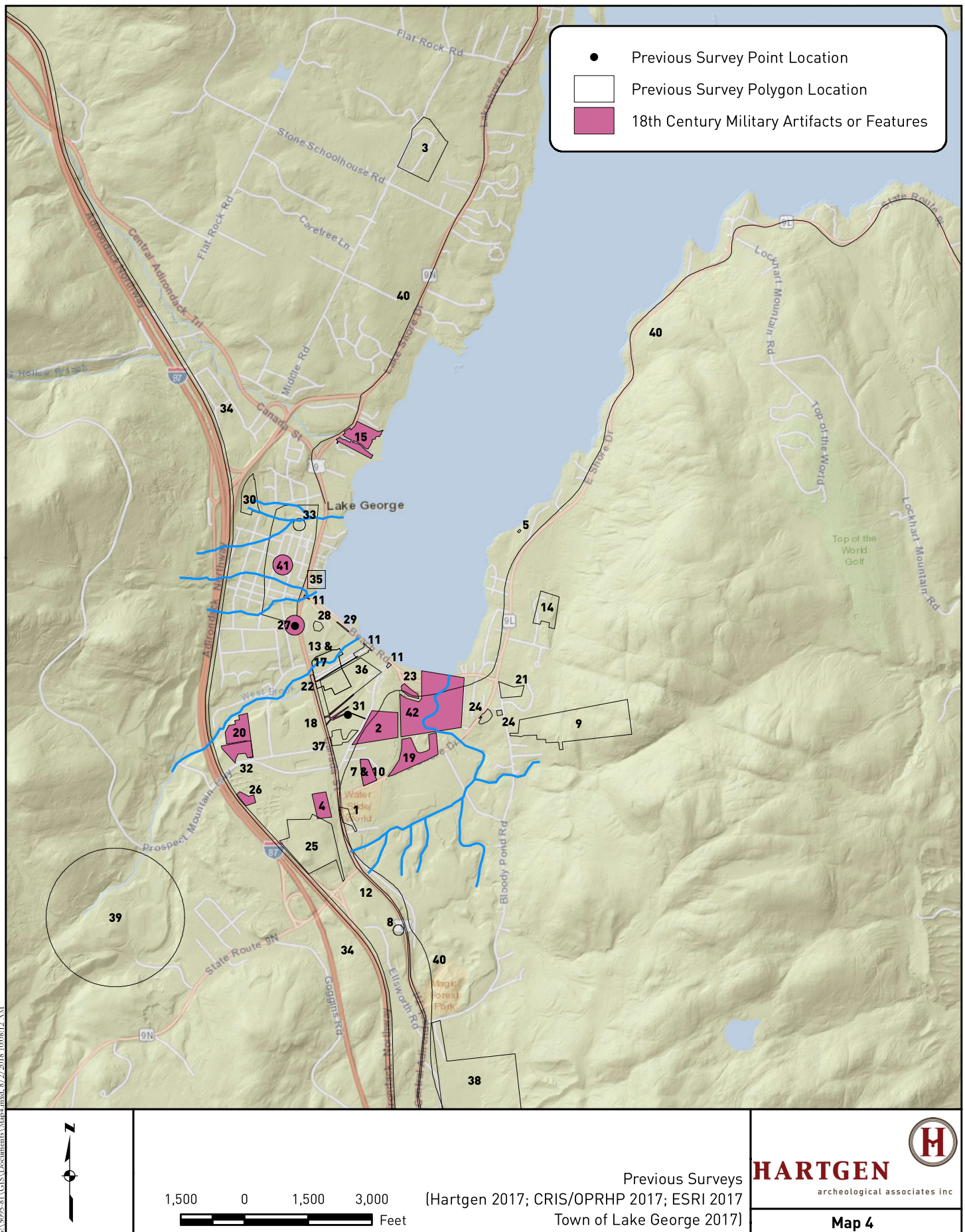


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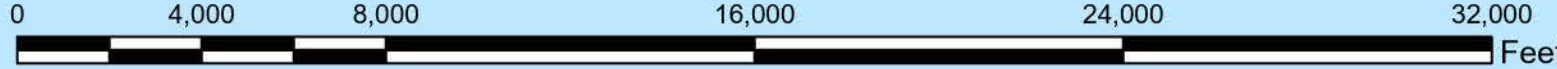






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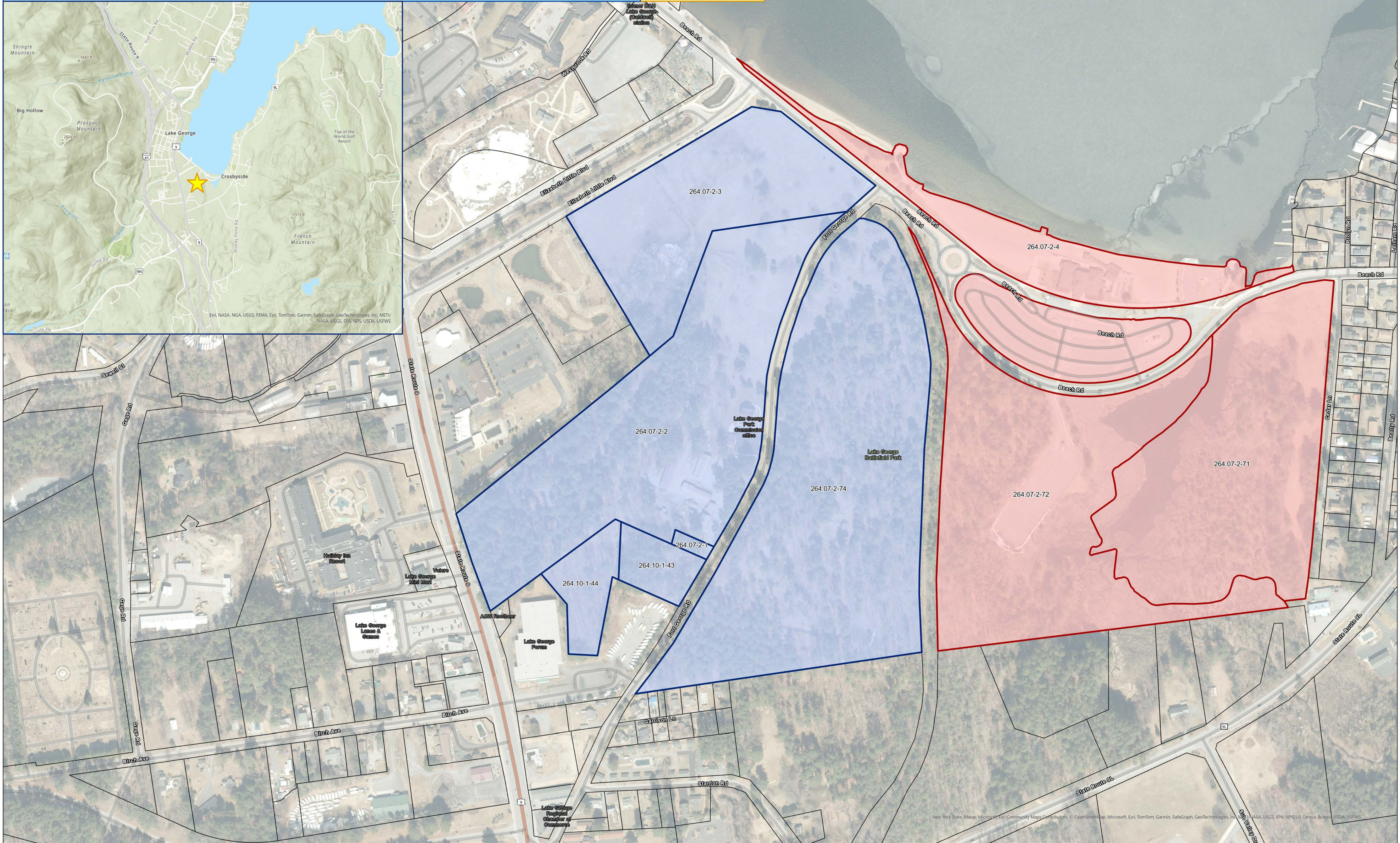
## Battlefield Park Land Use



 Intensive Use

Historic Use

☐ Tax Parcels



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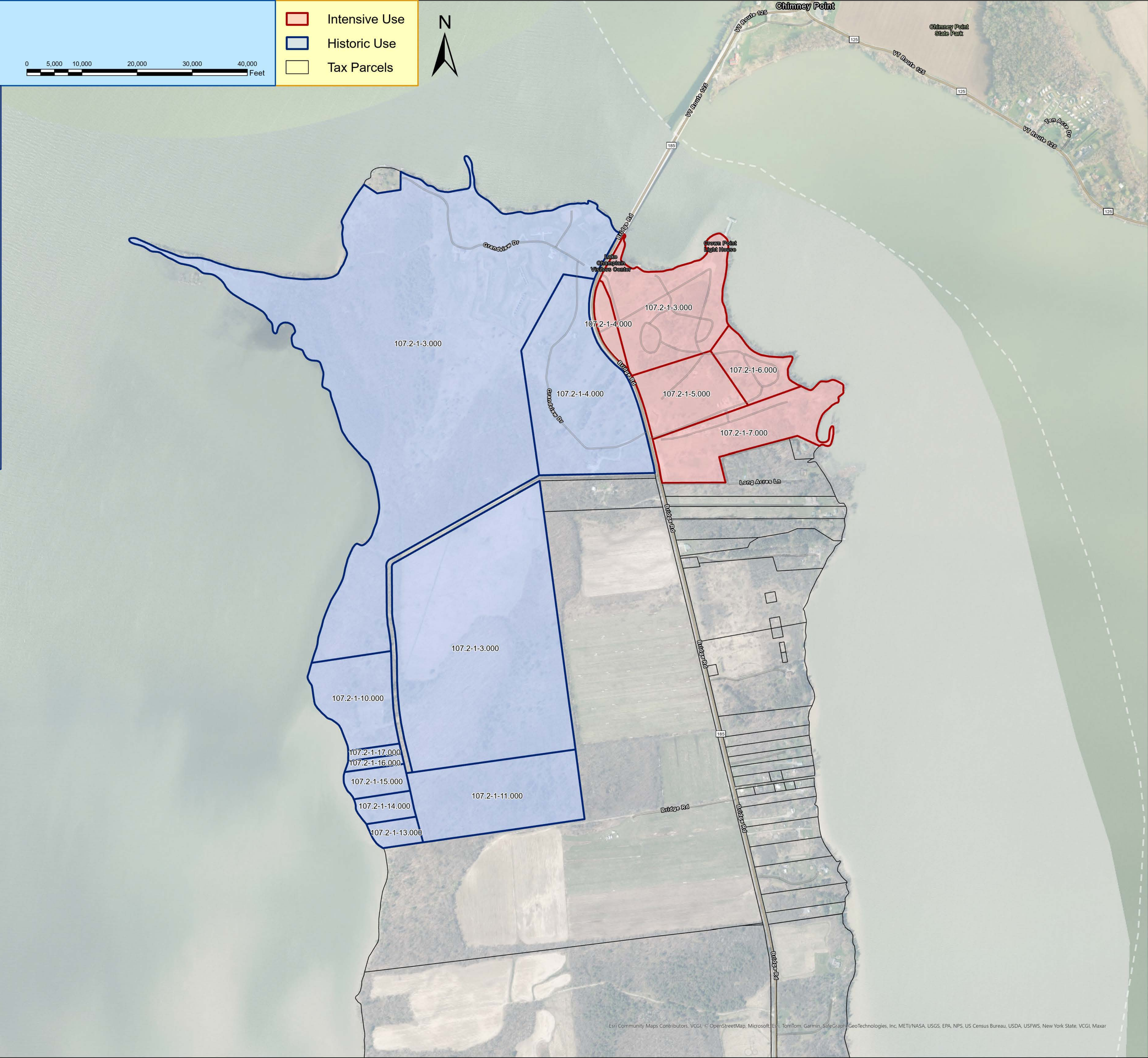


# Exhibit B

## Crown Point Land Use



- Intensive Use
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Dear Deputy Director:

I am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the State Land Master Plan.

1) Both Owen Lyons and William Chapman White's boards should be in the introduction.

2) With the advent of Climate Change, there is now an even more urgent reason to protect wildlife through migrations and corridors. This should be reflected strongly in the planning process.

3) Conservation Easement - APA should take a more prominent role in planning for them & then monitoring them. They are ideal for wildlife management including game species, restoration of extirpated species and enhancing endangered species. APA should be part of this process!

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- 4) Barrier Control structures should be prohibited in Wilderness areas except when life or health could be impacted!!
- 5) When roads are closed in Wilderness areas re-vegetation should be performed in all cases where the road is not to become a trail.
- 6) Area description and delineation should be updated to reflect changes and the addition of new acquisition with the change of acreage. Wild Forest areas should also be considered here for inclusion.

My sincere thank for enabling me to express my opinions!

Yours Truly  
Pete V. O'Shea





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October 29, 2024

Megan Phillips, Deputy Director of Planning  
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Dear Ms Phillips,

"We at ESSLA (East Shore Schroon Lake Association) strongly support the allowance of Loon Nest Floating Platforms offshore of state land, which is currently restricted. We offer the following reasons for this support:

- Climate change is increasing the frequency and intensity of heat and precipitation events during Adirondack summers.
- Loons are unable to walk on land and must nest at the water's edge, which makes their nests more susceptible to high water events, which are very common at Schroon Lake, due to our very large watershed.
  - In the past 10 years Schroon Lake has experienced rain events which raise the lake level 2 to 4 feet in the matter of days. These events now happen annually and often multiple times, through spring and summer. Each one of these events will wash out any loon nests on the entire shore of Schroon Lake
- Schroon Lake has experienced and proven the benefit of Floating Loon Nest Platforms, having produced 3 loon chicks, (2 in 2023 and 1 in 2024) which would have, without the Platforms, have never survived our high-water events.
  - Due to APA and DEC restrictions, we have only been able to place our Platforms offshore of private land, severely limiting the overall effectiveness of this program. Offshore private land is not at all an optimal place for reproduction success as Loons prefer quieter, less populated parts of the lake
  - Offshore State land tends to be quieter and welcoming to loon nesting and therefore nest platforms placed off state land improve our chances for loon reproductive success and a continued thriving loon population at Schroon Lake and throughout the Adirondacks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Colegrove".  
Robert Colegrove, President



Dear Megan Phillips, 11/4/24

you are the big Loon

the wilderness is the baby

loon. I am a Registered Nurse

in Developmental Disabilities.

1. There is a very small amount of wilderness left.

2. Once you fire up a motor in wilderness guess what?

you guessed it! - it is no longer wilderness

3. I took people with Developmental Disabilities camping for many years! There are SO MANY places to camp and view in the Adirondacks.

4. Personally it is difficult for me to express how upsetting it is that in 2024 anyone would try to infringe on wilderness land for any reason.

Gregory A. Wait  
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RE: Adirondack Park Agency State Land Use Master Plan Amendments – Public Comment

Dear Ms. Phillips:

The Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance (LGBPA) is hereby submitting formal comment to the Adirondack Park Agency regarding its 2024 State Land Use Master Plan amendments. While these comments are not immediately germane to any of the *current* proposed amendments, we believe they are intrinsically warranted and need to be considered for thorough review at this time as a potential *additional* amendment to be included in the current proposal.

The current draft amendment includes a change to the definition of “historic use”. With immediate relevance to the topic of “historic use”, the LGBPA seeks to have the APA consider the re-classification of six (6) parcels of New York State land within the Town of Lake George, specifically Tax Map Nos. 264.07-2-1, 264.07-2-2, 264.07-2-3 and 264.07-2-74, 264.10-1-43 and 264.10-1-44 (See Exhibit A), from “Intensive Use” to “Historic Use”. These properties make up a large part of what is known as the Lake George Battlefield Park (LGBP), and include the Lake George Battleground Campground property, the Lake George Battlefield Park Day Use Area and other acreage within the Battlefield Park Historic District (NR No. 11NR06215). In a similar light, the APA had previously classified a *portion* of the State-owned lands at Crown Point [one of five (5) properties so classified] “Historic” and the LGBPA feels that the Battlefield Park Historic District should not be treated any differently since it is as (and arguably more) historically significant as the Crown Point property. See the attached Exhibit B which depicts the portion of the lands at Crown Point which are designated “Historic”.

The very names of the Lake George *Battlefield* Park and Lake George *Battleground* Campground call out their historic character. It is important to remember the reason for the initial purchase and dedication of this land by New York State in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century – to commemorate the Battle of Lake George-- and why it was placed on the National

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Register of Historic Places: to preserve its unique history. The Intensive Use classification that it holds today is wholly inappropriate for such a consequential historic land that played a critical role in both the French and Indian and the American Revolutionary Wars. The historic nature of the subject lands is well known and corroborated by many scholarly books and journals, as well as the report prepared by Hartgen Archeology Associates in October of 2018 ("Hartgen Report") through a National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program grant (GA 2287-16-05) awarded to the Town of Lake George, and spearheaded by our Trustee, Town Director of Planning and Zoning Dan Barusch.

This grant's scope included an "Analysis of the Military Campaigns associated with Fort George" (the ruins of which lie within the LGBP Day Use Area) and its "Environs". The Hartgen Report, both in its Cultural Resource Inventories and accompanying maps, details extremely historically significant military actions, fortifications and related facilities and structures having taken place or been constructed on this property, primarily associated with the French and Indian War, and are listed below in Table 1, and appended to this comment letter. The referenced maps within the report (Appendix 1a-f), which depict the locations of these cultural resources, generally cover the period 1755-1759. They also include a separate map regarding the 1775 Henry Knox Artillery Train, which was a critical event that traversed this property, and which Historian Victor Brooks has called "one of the most stupendous feats of logistics in the entire Revolutionary War". Specifically relevant Cultural Resource Inventories can be found in Appendix 2a-f.

**Table 1: Cultural Resource Inventory Forms, "Analysis of Military Campaigns at Fort George and Environs", 2018**

| <b>Year</b>           | <b>Applicable Cultural Resource Inventory Form</b>                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1755<br>(Appendix 2a) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 - William Johnson Encampment</li> <li>• 2 - Military Road</li> <li>• 5 - Magazine, Marquee and Artillery Park</li> </ul>                         |
| 1756<br>(Appendix 2b) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 - Lime and Brick Kilns (Brick Kiln located on campground parcel)</li> </ul>                                                                      |
| 1757<br>(Appendix 2c) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 - Colonel Young's Retrenchment "Entrenched Camp"</li> <li>• 9 - French Positions after the Siege</li> </ul>                                      |
| 1758<br>(Appendix 2d) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 - English Enlarged Encampment (entire DEC property west of Fort George Road)</li> <li>• 12 - Stockaded Post and Hospital</li> </ul>             |
| 1759<br>(Appendix 2e) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 - Fort George Southwest Bastion</li> <li>• 5 - Artillery Park</li> <li>• 10 - Lime Kiln</li> <li>• 11 - Hospital, Barracks and Stores</li> </ul> |
| 1775<br>(Appendix 2f) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Henry Knox Artillery Train</li> </ul>                                                                                                              |

The historic nature of the subject lands is also validated by information in the Hartgen Report such as the identification of individual sites within the Park that have National or State-Register eligibility and are identified as important “18<sup>th</sup> century archaeological sites” (Table 6, Appendix 3a) by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation . Within the already-designated Historic District, there exist the ruins of Fort George (Map No. 3, OPRHP Site No. 11302.000005) and earthworks of the military outpost constructed in 1759 by Commander Lord Jeffery Amherst. Fort George was captured by patriot forces in 1775, abandoned to the British in 1777 (who used it to support Burgoyne’s unsuccessful campaign that ended in defeat at Saratoga), re-occupied after the Battle of Saratoga by American troops, and captured and ultimately destroyed by British Major Christopher Carleton in 1780.

Also within the LGBP are what is known as the Lake George Battleground Campground Prehistoric Site (Map No. 12, OPRHP Site No. 11302.000054), which is part of the National Register Listing and where several artifacts have been found, as well as the Lake George Battleground Campground Human Burials (Map No. 18, OPRHP Site No. 11341.000033), where partial remains of several people, probably of Euro-American descent dating to an unknown time period, were found.

The Cultural Resource inventory forms also point out instances of artifacts and relics of cultural significance that have been uncovered on these properties (Table 8, Appendix 3a). Prior archaeological surveys which have been performed within the grounds of the LGBP have also resulted in important historic findings which should not be overlooked. During the Phase 1 that was completed for the Battleground Campground (Map ID# 2), French and Indian War period artifacts and features were recovered. During the Phase 1 and Phase 2 analyses for the Million Dollar Beach Site (Map ID# 23), which was partially conducted on the subject parcel to the east of Fort George Road, two pre-contact sites and one historic site were identified, while 194 historic and pre-contact artifacts were recovered including 18<sup>th</sup> century artifacts such as lead musket balls and a large circular stone feature, believed to be an 18<sup>th</sup> century kiln. Finally, during SUNY Adirondack Field School investigations directed by Dr. David Starbuck (1999, 2000, 2001, 2014 and 2015; Map ID#42) a possible blacksmith’s shop and several hut sites were identified.

Furthermore, but not included in the Hartgen report, additional and critically important historic events are known to have taken place in the LGBP, most commonly associated with the Revolutionary War Era. Those include but are not limited to:

- 1775: The Recapture of Fort George by American Patriots. Roughly concurrent with the capture of Forts Ticonderoga and Crown Point, Captain Bernard Romans led a contingent of patriots who took control of the British outpost at the head of Lake George in May 1775. This allowed the patriots control of the entire 33-mile length of the lake at a very early stage of the Revolution.
- 1775: Henry Knox's Artillery Train. Col. Knox arrived at Fort George early in December 1775 and used the fort as his base both before and after retrieving 60 tons of artillery that he would ultimately transport to General Washington in Boston. The “train”, which in total traveled approximately 300 miles, traversed the current LGBP

as the first portion of Knox's incredible overland trek, providing the key resources for Washington to force the British evacuation of Boston in March 1776.

- 1776: Continental Army General Hospital. In July 1776, in an effort to lessen the spread of smallpox among Continental troops, a general hospital was established on the grounds of modern-day LGBP to treat infected soldiers separately from the fortresses at Ticonderoga and Crown Point. More than 3,000 patients were housed here, serving as the Army's largest during that period. The 44 or more remains scheduled to be reinterred at Lake George Battlefield Park in 2026 are believed to be among those who perished at the hospital in 1776.
- 1777: British Supply Depot Supporting the Burgoyne Campaign. Having been abandoned by the Continental Army in the face of Burgoyne's capture of Fort Ticonderoga, Fort George was occupied by the British and German armies and used as a supply depot to provide logistical support as the General moved south toward his planned capture of Albany in the summer and early fall of 1777. Burgoyne's defeat at Saratoga caused the British to depart Fort George and retreat to Canada.
- 1780: Destruction of Fort George by the British. "Carleton's Raid", under the direction of Major Christopher Carleton, cut a swath of violence and destruction in the Lake George-Lake Champlain Region in October 1780, including the destruction of Fort George by the British and the killing or capture of the entire Continental Army contingent stationed there.

Finally, the LGBP is home to several historically sensitive and relevant memorials dedicated to fallen American military. Aside from the ever-important Unknown Soldiers memorial honoring four French and Indian War soldiers who perished in 1755 and whose remains are located on the knoll of the LGBP overlooking the Lake, the property is set to be home to the "Repose of the Fallen" project, which is a commemorative reinterment of 44 Continental soldiers and others who were discovered on a construction site in 2019 in the Village of Lake George. These soldiers are believed to be among the First Pennsylvania Battalion (among others) who perished at the smallpox hospital at Lake George in 1776. This project was approved by both the APA and the NYSDEC and has garnered support from both houses of the State Legislature, the United States Army Office of Cemeteries, and US Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer.

We are familiar with the current uses of the Battleground Campground and Day Use Areas. We are not advocating for the cessation of, or even a change to, such uses, but believe a Historic classification will help protect the properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural and open space resources. This will serve to limit the construction of new structures and proposals to develop additional uses that could be considered a threat to the critical historic resource. The change in classification would also facilitate the State's enhanced stewardship of the property to reflect prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation. Again, the property involved in our request is a National Register-Listed Property referenced as the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District, and clearly meets eligibility requirements for the APA's Historic classification.

Beyond the reclassification of this land to Historic, these preservation goals can also be achieved through the development of a Special Historic Area Unit Management Plan

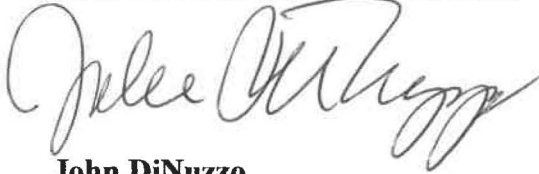


(UMP), similar to the one that has been drafted for Crown Point, to acknowledge the present uses, focus on current and future preservation efforts, and prevent topographical alterations and the construction of new buildings.

We urge the APA, based on the aforementioned information, to consider an additional amendment to the APA State Land Use Master Plan, that would include (portions of) the Lake George Battlefield Park and Battleground Campgrounds as the APA's sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) "Historic " property, to help further protect this critically important resource. We recommend you contact the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the State Board for Historic Preservation for their concurrence on this proposal, to substantiate the credibility and eligibility behind this request. We sincerely appreciate your attention to this proposal and thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the proposed amendments to the APA State Land Use Master Plan.

Should you need anything further, or any additional clarification on this information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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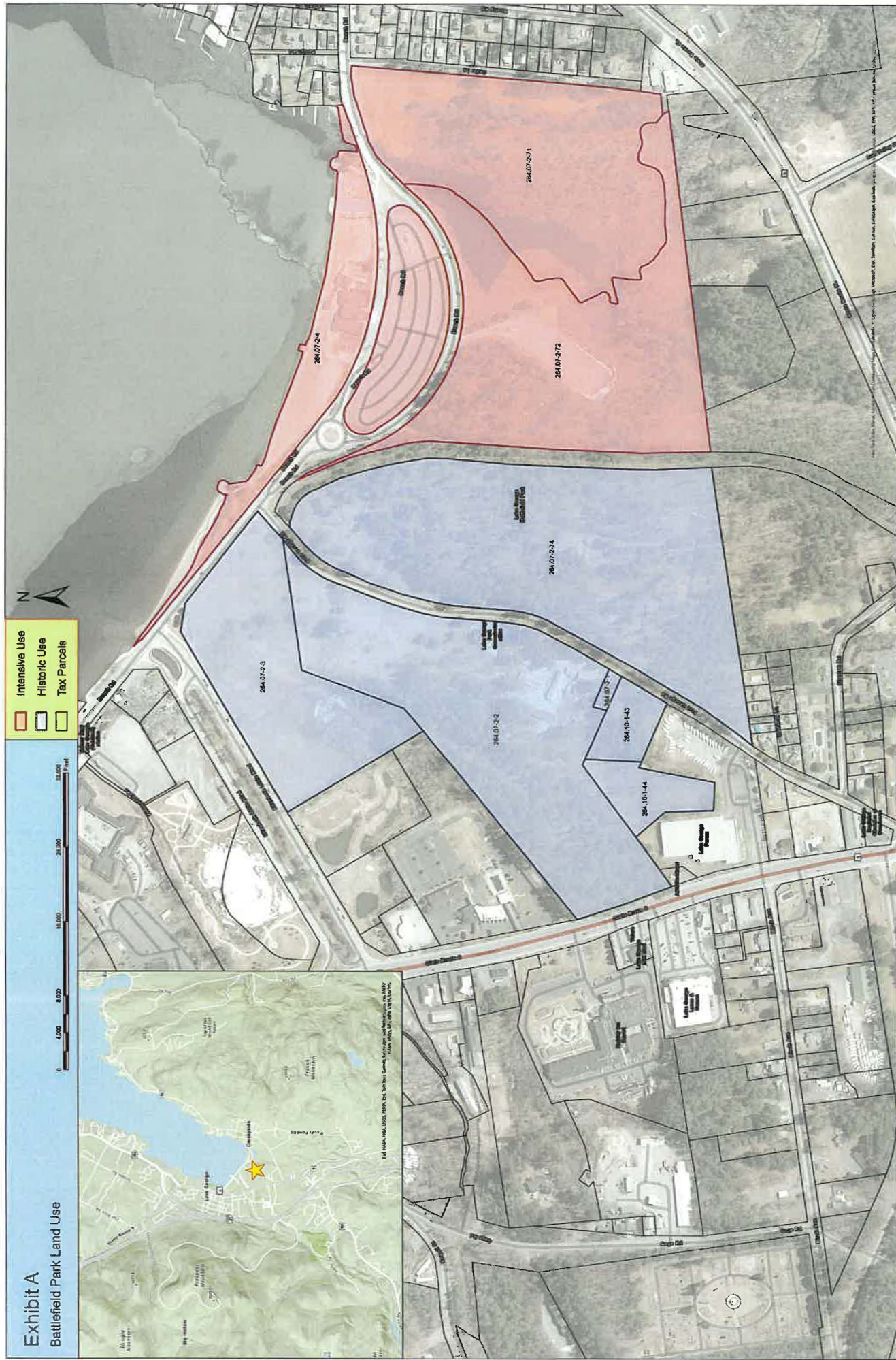
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**John DiNuzzo**

President

Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance

## Battlefield Park Land Use





## Crown Point Land Use



## **Appendix 1A**

| Date              | Event                                                                                                         |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Late summer 1755  | French forces under Baron Dieskau massed to blunt any English attempts at Crown Point                         |
| September 4, 1755 | Dieskau led a strong detachment of troops to Fort Lyman (later Fort Edward)                                   |
| September 8, 1755 | Battle of Lake George: Baron Dieskau's French force defeated at Lake George by<br>Generals Johnson and Lyman  |
| October 1755      | French withdrew to Ticonderoga Point, where they began constructing Fort Carillon (later<br>Fort Ticonderoga) |

## 11.2 1755 Resource Forms

In all, Hartgen has identified nine resources with the potential for a distinct archeological signature and clearly defined location based on historical maps (Map 11). These include the William Johnson encampment in August 1755 to the construction of Fort William Henry late in the fall of 1755 (Table 17).

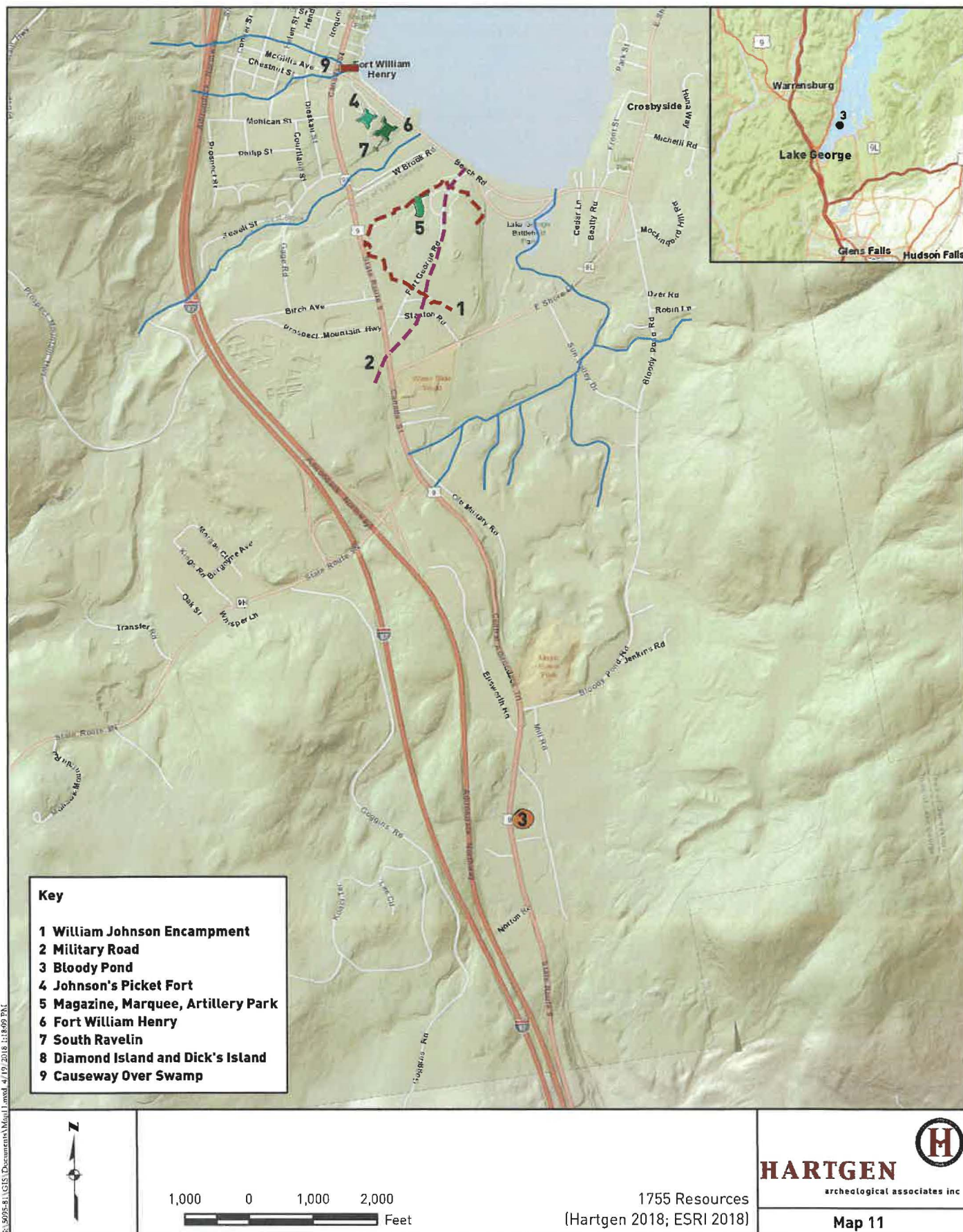
In addition, we have identified one large battlefield with three smaller distinct engagements related to the Battle of Lake George, Bloody Morning Scout ambush and skirmish, the French attack of the Johnson encampment, and a rear guard action at Bloody Pond late in the day.

Table 17. Identified Resources from 1755 in Lake George.

| Resource ID | Resource                           |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>1755</b> |                                    |
| 1           | William Johnson Encampment         |
| 2           | Military Road                      |
| 3           | Bloody Pond                        |
| 4           | Johnsons' Picket Fort              |
| 5           | Magazine, Marquee, Artillery Park, |
| 6           | Fort William Henry                 |
| 7           | South Ravelin                      |
| 8           | Diamond Island and Dick Islands    |
| 9           | Causeway over swamp                |
| B1          | Battle of Lake George              |



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## **Appendix 1B**

The pier was likely completed in November to take advantage of the ice. The ice was likely cut, with the final caisson dropped into place. The landside portions of the wharf were likely constructed before the lake iced over. The end of the dock was approximately 6 feet 8 inches below water surface, with an additional 3 feet of the wood dock exposed above the waterline.

In the early winter of 1756, the troops were dismissed from Lake George, leaving behind a small garrison under Colonel William Eyre, the fort's original engineer. The former encampment to the southwest was abandoned and the ditches likely filled, so as not to provide an advantage to potential enemy forces. The area was never re-occupied by troops. In 1757, only a small force was stationed in Lake George, and the former encampment was converted to a garden for the garrison. Troops that could not be accommodated in the fort were positioned further to the southwest and later in the Young Retrenchment.

Table 19. Lake George-specific timeline, 1756.

| Date                                | Event                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Winter of 1755                      | Following the construction of Fort William Henry in 1755, a winter garrison was placed in the fort under Colonel Jonathan Bagley                                          |
| Summer of 1756                      | New army raised from Provincial troops to mount another proposed expedition to Crown Point. The army marched north for Fort Edward and Fort William Henry at Lake George. |
| Early July 1756                     | 7,000 troops arrived in Lake George                                                                                                                                       |
| Summer of 1756                      | Huts built by soldiers and storehouses likely constructed                                                                                                                 |
| Late summer 1756                    | Ravelin completed; Col. Gridley finished by adding three embrasures for small artillery pieces                                                                            |
| Late summer 1756                    | Prior to the arrival of additional Regulars, Col. Gridley planned to consolidate the troops into a single, fortified encampment SW of the fort                            |
| By the end of summer 1756           | Additional Regular troops augmented the army at Lake George.                                                                                                              |
| Late August – early September, 1756 | Brick and lime kilns likely built                                                                                                                                         |
| September 1756                      | Detachment arrived from Ft. Edward to clear the associated parade ground                                                                                                  |
| Early to mid-September, 1756        | Construction of the Bridge/Sluice over the West Brook                                                                                                                     |
| September 16, 1756                  | Hawley reported that the "fascine entrenchment is completed" around the camp                                                                                              |
| November 10, 1756                   | Captain Edmund Wells reported that his troops began to "haule down the fascine batteree & expected that some of our Regts will march off soon"                            |
| November 1756                       | Wharf and pier constructed                                                                                                                                                |
| Early winter of 1756                | Troops were dismissed from Lake George, leaving behind a small garrison under Col. William Eyre. The former encampment was abandoned and the ditches likely filled.       |

## 12.2 1756 Resource forms

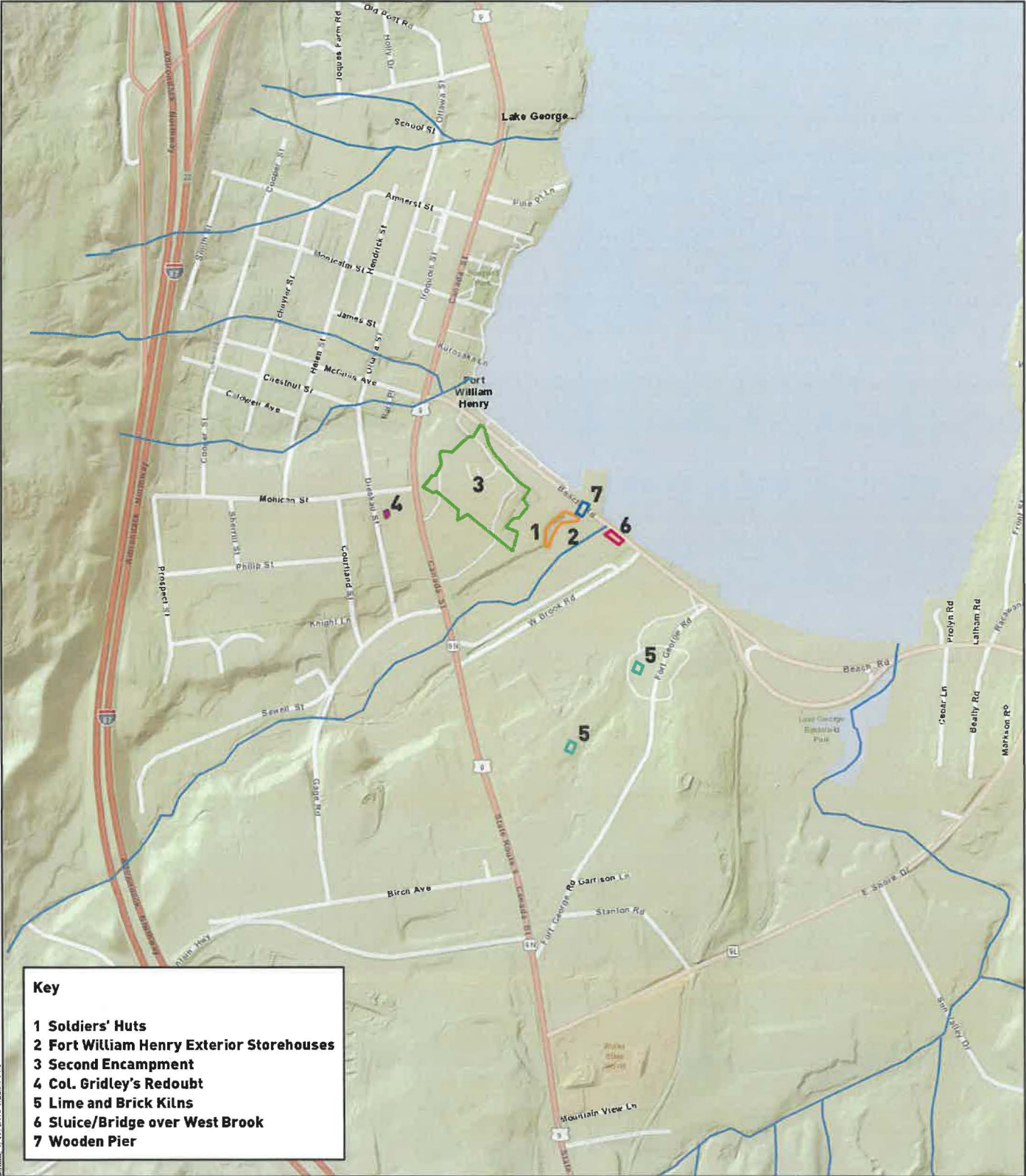
In all, seven historical resources were identified for the year 1756 (Map 12)(Table 20). These all relate to Fort William Henry, its allied structures and defenses, as well as camps associated with supporting troops which could not be housed in the relatively small fort. There were no sizable battles and therefore no battlefield forms were created for this year.

Table 20. Identified Resources for the year 1756.

| 1756 |                                         |
|------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1    | Soldiers' Huts                          |
| 2    | Fort William Henry Exterior Storehouses |
| 3    | Second Encampment                       |
| 4    | Col. Gridley's Redoubt                  |
| 5    | Lime and Brick Kilns                    |
| 6    | Wooden Pier or Wharf                    |
| 7    | Sluice/Bridge over West Brook           |



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1756 Resources  
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## **Appendix 1C**

French troops after they surrounded the capitulated fort. Similarly, Native allies began to force their way into the retrenched camp in search of arms and supplies (Bellico 2010:124).

Despite efforts by the French to post regular troops near the English fort and camp, the pillaging continued. The next morning the march back to Fort Edward commenced but, as Frye noted, the “plundering” did not stop, and instead quickly spiraled out of control. Fearful that the French officers would deny them their promised bounty, the Native allies acted quickly to secure English supplies. In the resulting melee sick soldiers were killed and others beaten and harassed. The Native allies also picked out the English Native allies and black soldiers “and carried them off” (Frye and Frye 1819:366).

Even as the troops marched out of the retrenched camp, the attacks continued along the Military Road. Some English troops took to the woods to escape the chaos. They likely fared no better. The relentless attack on the English troops continued for at least three miles along the Military Road (Bellico 2010:128).

The post-siege fighting claimed between 50 and 300 soldiers, as well as women, children and civilians that were part of the English camps. It lasted until Colonel Monro was escorted back to Fort Edward with last of the English and Provincial troops on August 14 (Bellico 2010:128-129).

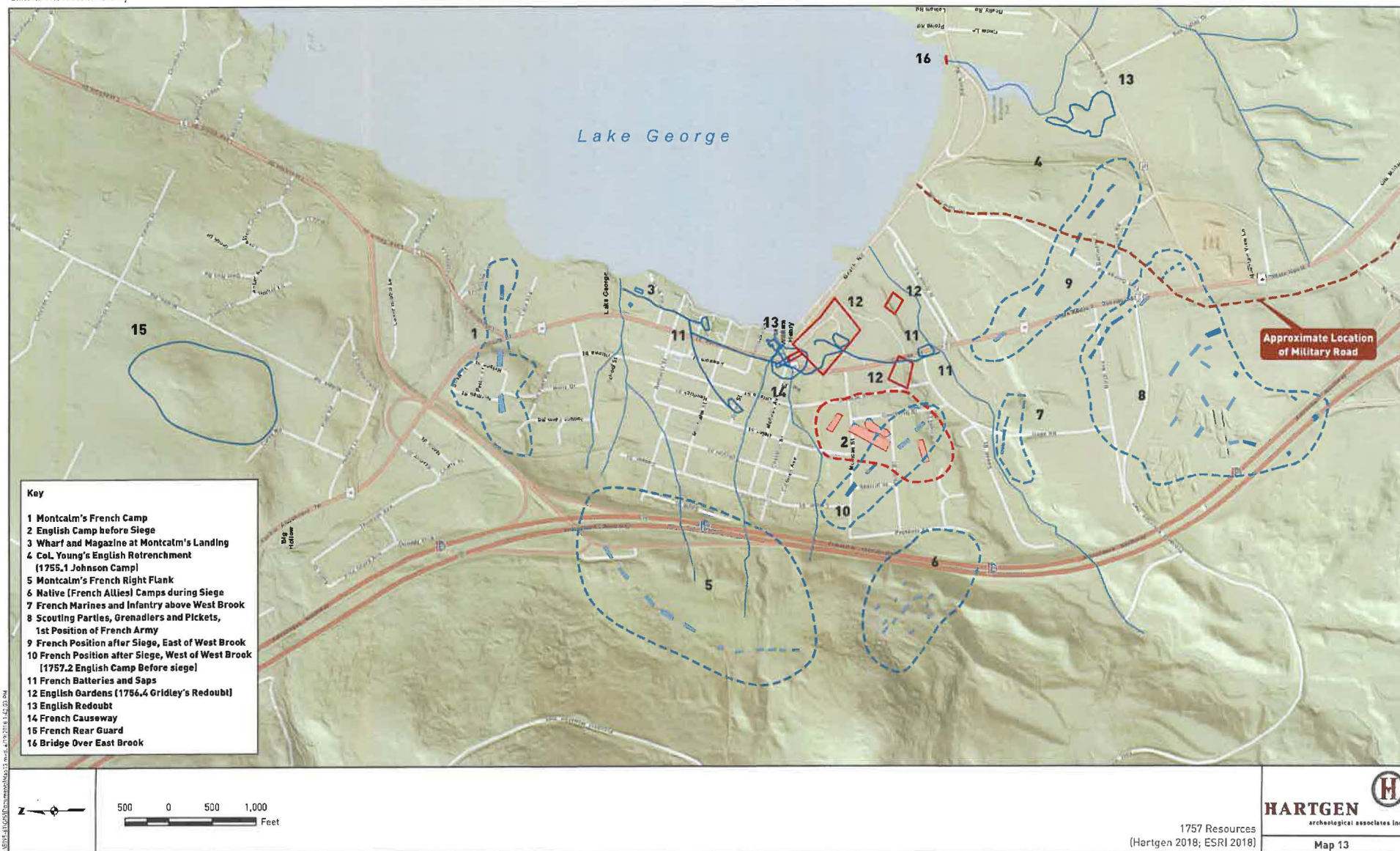
### 13.2 1757 Resource Forms

In all, 16 difference historical resources were identified and mapped for the year 1757 (Table 22)(Map 13). The vast majority are associated with the summer siege of Montcalm. The English camp before the siege and the English construction of a sluice and bridge over the Eat Brook, represents some of the few improvements that were made prior to the siege. Further, the camp was abandoned as an unsustainable positon and replaced with Colonel Young’s retrenched encampment just prior to the siege. Two battlefield forms were also created for the winter and summer raids by the French.

Table 23. Identified Resources for the year 1757.

| <b>1757</b> |                                                                            |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1           | Montcalm’s Camp                                                            |
| 2           | English Camp before Siege                                                  |
| 3           | Wharf and Magazine at Montcalm’s Landing                                   |
| 4           | Col. Young’s Retrenchment                                                  |
| 5           | Montcalm’s Right Flank                                                     |
| 6           | Native Camps during Siege                                                  |
| 7           | French Marines and Infantry above West Brook                               |
| 8           | Scouting Parties, Grenadiers and Pickets, 1 <sup>st</sup> Position of Army |
| 9           | French Position after Siege, East of West Brook                            |
| 10          | French Position after Siege, West or West Brook                            |
| 11          | French Batteries and Saps                                                  |
| 12          | English Gardens                                                            |
| 13          | English Redoubt                                                            |
| 14          | French Causeway                                                            |
| 15          | French Rear Guard                                                          |
| 16          | Bridge/Sluice over East Brook                                              |
| B1          | Rigaud’s Winter Raid                                                       |
| B2          | Montcalm’s Summer Siege of Fort William Henry                              |





## **Appendix 1D**

By October 1758, Abercromby was relieved of duty and replaced with General Jeffery Amherst. Amherst visited Lake George on October 5, and thus began the plans for a new expedition to be conducted the following year. Between the 16th and 25th Abercromby ordered all the boats sunk, and cannons and various stores buried for future use, and all that could not be moved to be destroyed as to deprive the enemy anything of defensive value during the winter and spring of 1759 (Nester 2008:196).

In the spring of 1759, Amherst began construction of a new fort (Fort George) as well as a new picket fort and hospital. Two buildings were thus placed into the defensive works in 1759, replacing the destroyed L-shaped building of 1758.

#### 14.2 1758 Resource forms

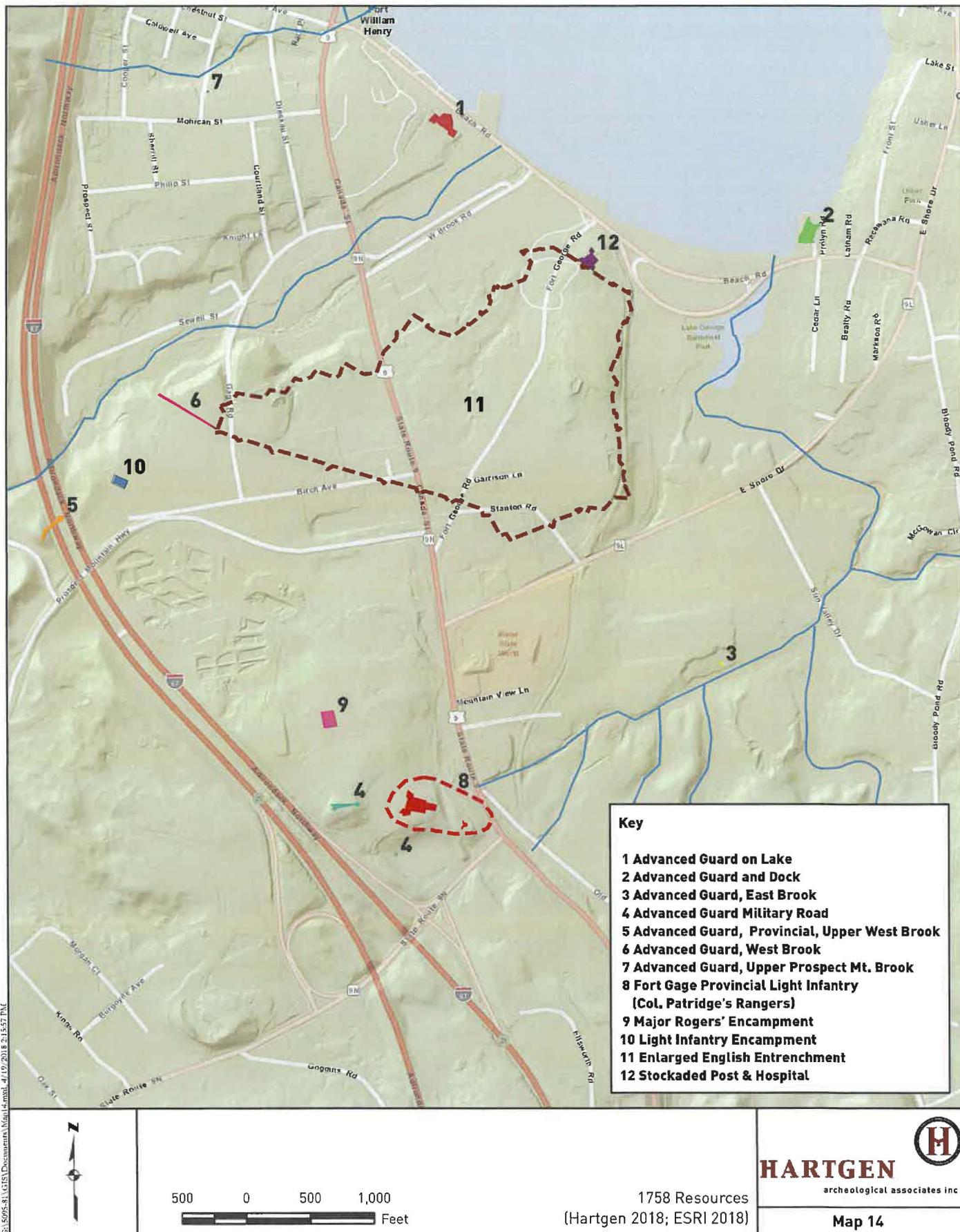
In all, 12 inventory forms were created for 1758 (Table 25)(Map 14). Each of which is related to Abercrombie's large encampment at the head of Lake George. Originally thought to be a short-term camp, after the disastrous losses at Fort Carillon, the army was forced to spend the summer and fall at the south end of Lake George. As a result, a series of fortifications, structures, camps, and posts were created. There were no battles at the southern end of the lake that year, and therefore no battlefield resource forms were created.

Table 25. Identified Resources for the year 1758.

| <b>1758</b> |                                                                 |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1           | Advanced Guard on Lake                                          |
| 2           | Advanced Guard and Dock                                         |
| 3           | Advanced Guard, East Brook                                      |
| 4           | Advanced Guard, Military Road                                   |
| 5           | Advanced Guard, Provincial, Upper West Brook                    |
| 6           | Advanced Guard, West Brook                                      |
| 7           | Advanced Guard, Upper Prospect Mt. Brook                        |
| 8           | Fort Gage -Provincial Light Infantry, (Col. Patridge's Rangers) |
| 9           | Major Rogers' Encampment                                        |
| 10          | Light Infantry Encampment                                       |
| 11          | Enlarged English Entrenchment                                   |
| 12          | Stockaded Post & Hospital                                       |



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## **Appendix 1E**

completed. He requested that Montresor add a “casemate under the Rampart of the East Flank of the Bastion” and hoped work would continue the following year (Bellico 2010:214). A number of French prisoners were kept at the bastion over the winter. One described the fort in early December as “a square fort measuring about 80 toises (511 feet) on each exterior side. The lower part of the rampart is more than 18 feet thick and made of masonry. The parapet is timbers placed one on top of the other, are well cut to size and banked up with earth twelve feet thick....a bastion completed, entirely casemated like a redoubt” (Bellico 2010:214). It is likely that, by the end of 1759, the British once again destroyed the wharves when leaving Fort George, as they had done the previous year.

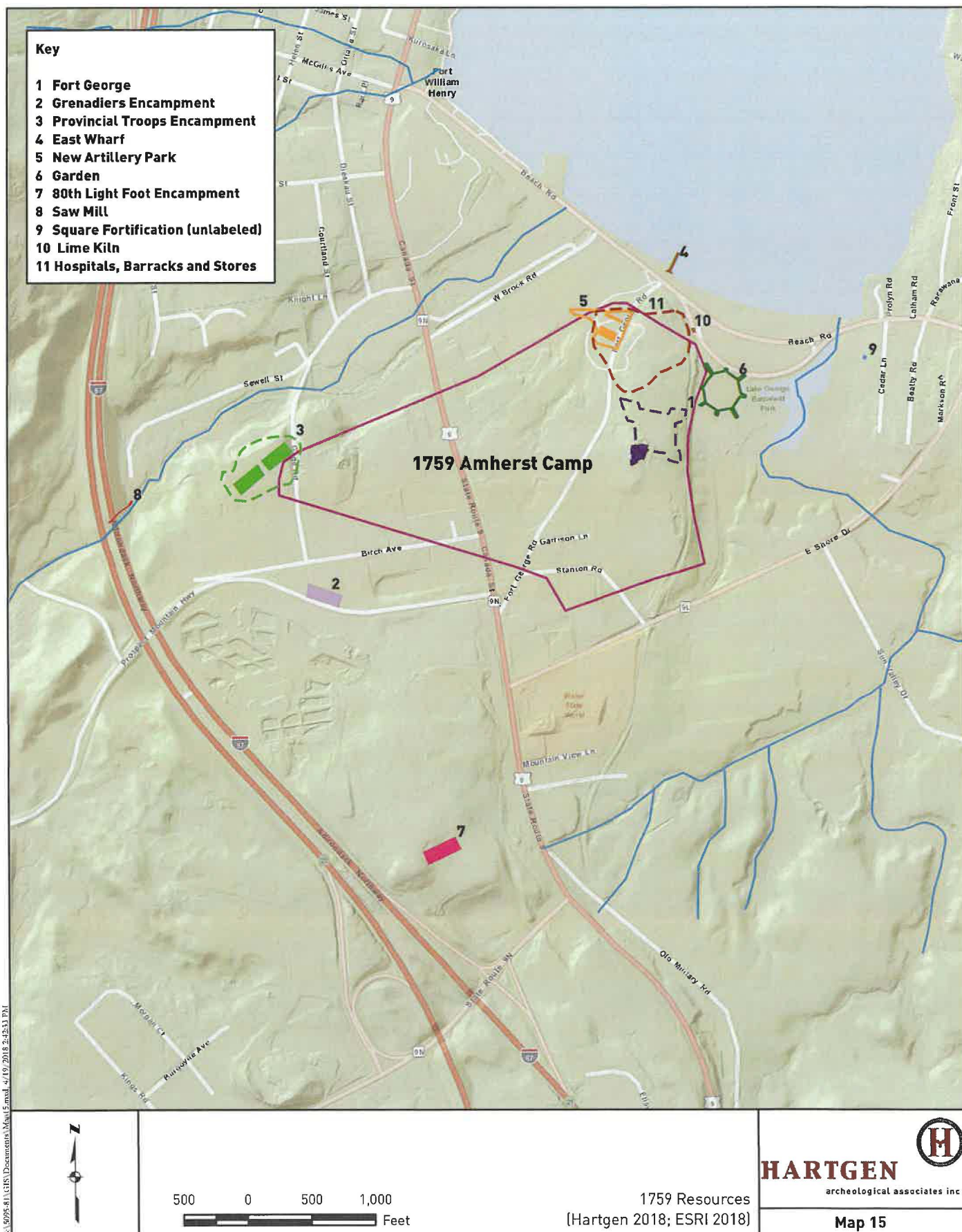
## 15.2 1759 Resources Forms

In all, 11 resources were identified for the year 1759 (Table 28)(Map 15). The most important of which was the initial construction of the southwest bastion of Fort George. The other resources include new camp sites for various regiments (mostly Rangers, Grenadiers, and Light Infantry), different than those of 1758. A new wharf, garden, saw mill, and lime kiln were all constructed under Amherst’s army to facilitate the expedition northwards. Also new hospitals, barracks, and storehouses were constructed to meet the needs of the new army at the lake. There were no major battle in 1759 and therefore no battlefield resource forms were created.

Table 28. Identified Resources for the year 1759.

| <b>1759</b> |                                                           |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1           | Fort George                                               |
| 2           | Grenadiers Encampment                                     |
| 3           | Provincial Troops Encampment (southeast of stockade post) |
| 4           | East Wharf                                                |
| 5           | New Artillery Park                                        |
| 6           | Garden                                                    |
| 7           | 80 <sup>th</sup> Light Foot Encampment                    |
| 8           | Saw Mill                                                  |
| 9           | Square Fortification (unlabeled)                          |
| 10          | Lime Kiln                                                 |
| 11          | Hospitals, Barracks, and Stores                           |





## **Appendix 1F**

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Table 29. Identified Resources for the years 1775-1780.

| <b>1775-80</b> |                                          |
|----------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1775-1         | Henry Knox Artillery Train               |
| 1777-B1        | Battle of Diamond Island-Battlefield     |
| 1780-B1        | Second Battle of Bloody Pond-Battlefield |
| 1755-1780      | Military Burials                         |



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## Appendix 2A



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## Resource Inventory Form



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Town and Village of Lake George, Warren County, New York

Resource ID/Name: 1755-1 William Johnson Encampment

Resource Type: Fortified lines of wood, earth and stone, encampment

Resource Date: First identified on maps in 1755 and visible until 1757

### Historic Context:

In the late summer 1755, William Johnson amassed a small army at the southern end of Lake George. He had hoped to launch a flotilla northward to challenge Crown Point, a French strong-hold on Lake Champlain from which numerous attacks had been launched into New York and New England. The English colonies viewed Crown Point as a critical threat to their safety and security, and had for decades tried and failed to mount an attack.

French forces under Baron Jean-Armand Dieskau had massed to blunt any English attempts at Crown Point. From his forward position (at what would become) Fort Ticonderoga, he advanced southward to meet the English. Dieskau had intelligence that the English forces formerly at Fort Lyman (later Fort Edward) had split into two contingents. Johnson with 1,500 troops moved to Lake George, in an effort to avoid detection from the French who were carefully surveilling Lake Champlain (Bellico 1995:32).

Contrary to strict orders, Dieskau led a strong detachment of troops to Fort Lyman in hopes of destroying the nascent stronghold. Unfortunately for Dieskau, many of his Native allies chafed at attacking such a strong position. Instead, with excellent intelligence concerning Johnson's strength and disposition, Dieskau moved his forces northward.

Johnson had received word of the approach of French troops to Fort Lyman, but had little idea as to their strength. He sent a relief column on the morning of September 8, 1755 to assist Major General Phineas Lyman. The nearly 1,000 Provincial English and Native troops were ambushed in what would become known as the Bloody Morning Scout, near Bloody Pond (see Resource Form 1775-B1).

Johnson's retreating troops made their way back to his Lake George encampment that had only recently begun to be fortified (Figure 1). Here a pitched battle ensued. French drove at the southern end and eastern ends of the camp in several waves. Johnson's artillery, including at least one howitzer [Eyre to Johnson, 29 September 1755, (Johnson Papers Vol. II 1922:120)], dissuaded the enemy from approaching in an organized and orderly fashion (Bellico 1995:34). As a result, the faltering English troops were given time to rally and press back against the French. After Dieskau and his aide-de-camp Benoit-Francois (Joseph-Pierre) Bernier were wounded, the French assault dissolved and Johnson and his troops commanded the field at the end of the day. Despite Pierre-Andre Gohin's efforts to rescue his commander, Dieskau and Bernier were taken prisoner (Henderson 1979; Turnbull 1979).

Based on the historical maps and records, it appears that Johnson's fortified encampment underwent several iterations between August 28, 1755 and the summer of 1756 when Fort William Henry was completed (Table 1). The battle lines of September 8 appear to have been slightly south and west of the later camp. This is most clearly represented on the Clement and Johnson Map 1756. The last iteration of the encampment appears to



have been observed by the French after the fall of Fort William Henry, as Argenson renders Johnson's old lines in relation to the later English "retrenchment" (Argenson 1757).

### **Changes/Alterations to Encampment:**

The initial battle appears to have been fought along the southern breastwork of the camp, where the Provincial Troops (including Connecticut and Rhode Island troops) had settled. The breastwork was supported with artillery that included at least one howitzer, likely for firing mortar shells. According to William Blodget, at least four other field pieces were engaged during the battle, and may have included a 32-pounder, howitzer, and 6-pounder and well as one of the small mortars (Bellico 2010:65; Blodget 1756a:2-3) (Figure 2). Another seven artillery pieces and two smaller mortars were in the camp but not brought into action. The disposition of the fortifications were directed by William Johnson, who had little practical military training.

Aside from the tents, the encampment featured at least three storehouses (likely of log) that were under construction. Another log structure, perhaps also a storehouse, was built near Johnson's tent. It was largely completed at the time of the battles and served to house prisoners afterwards (Blodget 1756b:3). An informal magazine and store for the artillery had also been finished (Figure 2 and Map 1755.1a and. 1b). A powder house was completed around September 12 and by the 20<sup>th</sup> an additional storehouse (Moffett and Hill 1932:609-610).

After the battle, the breastworks were improved under the hand of William Eyre, a military engineer, who likely added salient angles and other important features to the surrounding breastwork of the camp (Figure 3). His influence on the fortification of the camp may have been minimal as he was distracted by the constructing of a picket fort (small palisaded work) (Resource 1755-4) and the main body of what would become Fort William Henry (Figure 4). By November, Eyre was deeply ill with a fistula, but enough of the works were completed that others appear to have stepped in to help complete them (Johnson Papers Vol. II 1922:280).

Through October, an additional 1,500 troops or so arrived at Lake George. Exactly how the encampment changed with this influx of men and allied women and sutlers is unclear. Many, it appears from Johnson's correspondence, were staying in tents, like the General himself. His marquee was situated at the northeast corner of the camp during the battle in September (Figure 4 and Map 1755.1a and. 1b). Yet by September 27, Johnson's tent is shown on the northwest side of the camp, near the Artillery Park and magazine. Since he was wounded and confined mostly to his tent, he perhaps moved to this area to overlook the ongoing construction of the proposed fort.

By October, some of the New England troops had started to construct "Hutts and Houses," perhaps anticipating that they might overwinter at Lake George. On October 30<sup>th</sup> the picket fort was ordered to be demolished, as the new fort was now underway (Moffett and Hill 1932:611)(Figures 5-8). In November, the artillery park, and likely the allied stores and magazines, had grown considerably to 20 or more pieces. Although not complete, the cannons and stores were moved into Fort William Henry by mid-November to better protect them and in preparation for a winter garrison. Johnson disbanded the camp and ordered the troops to return to winter quarters by the end of November. Since the fort was not completed, Johnson ordered the garrison troops to take the lumber and boards formerly at the camp to use in completing the necessary furnishings.

When the army returned to Lake George in the spring and summer of 1756, a new encampment was created largely to the west of the fort (Resource 1756-8 and 9). During the Siege of Fort William Henry additional troops were hurried from Fort Edward in support of Fort William Henry. The fort could not accommodate all of them and a retrenched camp was established near the old William Johnson encampment. The retrenched camp was smaller and focused on the eastern edge of the former camp.



In 1758, when General James Abercromby arrived with a large force destined to march to Fort Carillon, a large fortified camp was established in the same vicinity as the Johnson encampment and Young's Retrenchment (Resource 1757-4)(Figure 9). A portion of the lines along with the northeast and western segments of these camps may have overlapped. Archelaus Fuller wrote in his journal on July, 13, 1758, that while serving General Abercromby, he and his mates were "ordered to work upon the hill where the old breast work was to level it in order to build a fort" (Fort Ti Bulletin 1970:10). A new breastwork around the camp was ordered by the 17<sup>th</sup> and work on the new fort stopped (Fort Ti Bulletin 1970:11-12) (Figure 10).

The fortified camp remained in place after the failed expedition northward in 1758 and was largely re-occupied in the spring of 1759 by General Jeffery Amherst's troops (Figure 11). In the spring and summer of 1759, construction was renewed at Fort George, and the residual troops were concentrated around the planned outline of the fort. The fort's footprints overlapped with the northeast segment of Johnson's camp and likely obliterated portions of it.

Late development within and around the camp was relatively limited throughout the rest of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, much of the Johnson camp was protected within the state park. Some portions of the encampment's lines were likely destroyed or impacted by the park as it developed infrastructure and public facilities over the years. The development of hotels and other commercial properties along Route 9 in the 20<sup>th</sup> century also have likely negatively affected the resource. A small segment of the fortified encampment may be visible on the surface in the very northwest segment of the 1755 encampment, despite the construction of several 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>-century roadways, the small mounds of earth and rock appear to have survived. Archeological excavations would be necessary to confirm if these features are a part of the 1755 encampment or part of the later 1758/59 lines. Given how the feature appears to follow the natural landform, we suspect it is part of the former camp (1755) as opposed the latter (1758/9) which was more regular and following angles of projections, as opposed to the topography alone.

#### KOCCOA:

**Key Terrain:** The Johnson encampment was situated at the head of Lake George, considered the key terrain of the area. The camp was also situated along the higher ground just south of the lake, between the East Brook and West Brook.

**Observation and fields of fire:** From this higher ground Johnson's troops had the advantage of observation, although contemporary accounts suggest the vegetation limited this edge.

**Obstacles:** Both of the nearby streams and their associated wetlands served as natural obstacles for enemy advances towards the encampment. This was likely why the area was selected for an encampment.

**Avenue of Approach and Retreat:** Johnson's newly constructed military road (Resource 1755-2) was the principal avenue of approach and retreat to and from the camp from the south. The lake provided general access from the north. However, a wetland south of the beach strand limited movement. A causeway was later constructed to better facilitate movement from the lake to the camp. In time this would be a key terrain element as well.

**Integrity:**      Good ☐      Medium ☒      Poor ☐      None ☐      Unknown ☐

**Archeological Potential:** The archeological potential associated with this resource appears to be very high in undeveloped segments. There was little in the way of later development, except for the Dowling farm in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the later park (Figure 12). In developed portions where disturbance and filling has occurred, the potential is much lower. Overlapping later encampments from 1756, 1757, 1758, 1759 and even the 1770s may make it difficult, if not impossible, to archeologically discern the original Johnson encampment and its



archeological signature apart from the others. The archeological signature is likely to include hut and tent sites (domestic), as well as military features such as magazines, storehouses, and canon emplacements. In addition, the breastwork that surrounded the camp is likely to have the best chance of survival as it was still visible in the years following 1755.

Small portions of the fortified lines may be visible within the Lake George Battleground Park, just above a small branch of the West Brook (Figures 13 and 14, Photos 1 and 2). Piles of earth and stone, near a later roadway, appear to closely match the location of the lines on historical maps. The piles are subtle, less than one-foot tall, and were likely thrown up at the base of a horizontal wooden wall or breastwork (see Figure 15 for a contemporary 18<sup>th</sup> century rendering of breastworks).

The breastwork here does not appear to have been part of more conventional military practice. Typically breastworks involved a sap or trench with gabions and fascines covered with earth and stone over the whole of the works.

Here, there is no evidence of a trench (unless it was obscured by the later roadway). A review of the historical record suggests that the lines did not include gabions, but horizontal logs instead. The earth and stone may have been used to cover the front of the log, in order to provide additional protection from small arms and light artillery.

Johnson's troop began the works on August 29, 1755 the day after the main body arrived at the lake. Johnson started the work without the help of Captain Eyre and his other Engineers as they were initially engaged at Fort Lyman (Edward) [Johnson to Phineas Lyman 29 Aug. 1755, (Johnson Papers Vol. II 1922:889)].

I arrived here with about 1500 Men the 28<sup>th</sup> past in the Evening, all was thick Wood, not a Foot of Land cleared, Our time since has been chiefly spent in opening the Ground about us & forming some regular kind of Encampment building temporary Store houses for Provisions & c. these Matters are now nearly accomplished. We have fixt on a Spot for a Fort (likely later fort William Henry) it is clearing & near 400 Men employed, who I hope in a few days will have the Fort in great forwardness & that it will be put into a respectable Condition before the Army leaves this place. [Johnson to James DeLancey, 4 Sept. 1755, (Johnson Papers Vol. II 1922:6)].

#### **Current Ownership, Use and Threats to Resource:**

The lines are primarily within state land, namely the Lake George Battleground State Campground and Lake George Battlefield Park. However, portions clearly extend beyond the southern and western borders of the park into numerous private parcels. The line extends almost to Route 9 and the intersection of Stanton and Fort George Road. Here there are several private parcels. There are few threats to the resource on state lands, and potential but unknown threats to those sections of the encampment that extends beyond.





Table 1. Summary of accounts concerning Johnson's 1755 Encampment

| Source                                  | Encampment details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Citation                          |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Encampment before and during the battle |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                   |
| Edward-Cole                             | Describes how Rhode Island troops located between the Provincial and Connecticut troops, manned the breastworks and took the heat of the battle, one cannon dismounted behind breastworks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | New-York Mercury Nov. 17, 1755    |
| Samuel Blodget                          | "breastwork (such as it was) about it's [camp] front" and "the breast-work Gen. Johnson speaks of in his letter, which was nothing more than the Bodies of trees laid singly on the Ground...and not in Number sufficient to lie all of them contiguous to each other."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | [Blodget 1756b:2]                 |
|                                         | The troops had time to "throw up a breast-work of trees (as General Johnson calls it); to plant a number of cannon in suitable places about it; to take possession of some eminences on our left flank, under the guard of a field-piece advantageously situated; to line our breastwork throughout with men.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | [O'Callaghan 1849:692]            |
| William Johnson                         | "As we had thrown up a breastwork of trees round our encampment, and planted some field-pieces to defend the same, we immediately hauled some heavy cannon up there to strengthen our front, took possession of some eminences on our left flank, and got one field-piece there in a very advantageous situation: The breastwork was manned throughout by our people, and the best disposition made through our whole encampment, which time and circumstances would permit."                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | [Johnson Papers Vol. II 1922]     |
| After the battle                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                   |
| William Johnson (Sept. 16, 1755)        | "Our Breast work is strengthened and carried quite round our camp, a Picketted Fort is building here, the ground was cleared, and poor Coll: Williams was beginning [it], when the enemys visit put an end to his life and necessarily suspended the work."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | [Brodhead 1855:1015]              |
| Peter Wraxall (Sept. 18, 1755)          | "...considering our present Circumstances & our Situation with regard to the Enemy whom by intelligen<ce> there is some reason to think are not far off & may make another Attack, it is most adviseable to contract our present Encamp t. or Decamp to the Ground where the picketted Fort is building. It is the Opinion of this Council of War that the present Encamp t. be kept with the follow g Alterations That Col. Baglys & Col. Blanchards remove their Encamp t. & the Flank Breast work to run along the Flank of Col. Ruggles' & the Rocky Eminance on the Left Flank if found adviseable to be left without the Breast works, wch alterations are to be immediately set about." | [Johnson Papers Vol. II 1922:55]  |
| William Johnson (22 Oct. 1755 )         | "Most of the Carpenters in the 3 Massachusetts Reg ts. of Reinforcements are employed in building Hutts & Houses for their Men & officers, so that hitherto we have found little profit from them."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | [Johnson Papers Vol. II 1922:220] |
| Richard Smith (Nov. 6, 1755)            | Inventory of Artillery at Lake George -3-32 pounders, 2 18-pounders, 2, 12-pounders, 4, 6-pounders, iron, 4 brass 6-pounders, a 13-inch mortar, 2, 7-inch mortars, and 2 brass 9-inch mortars.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | [Johnson Papers Vol. II 1922:277] |
| Peter Wraxall (Nov. 15, 1755 )          | "By Advice of a Council of War we have moved our Artillery over to Fort William Henry & most of them are mounted there. We have almost finished a double Entrenchment round the Fort have removed thither our Powder Military Stores & Provisions... we judge will be more safe & formidable than in this Camp."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | [Johnson Papers Vol. II 1922:301] |
| Camp abandoned by end of November       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                   |



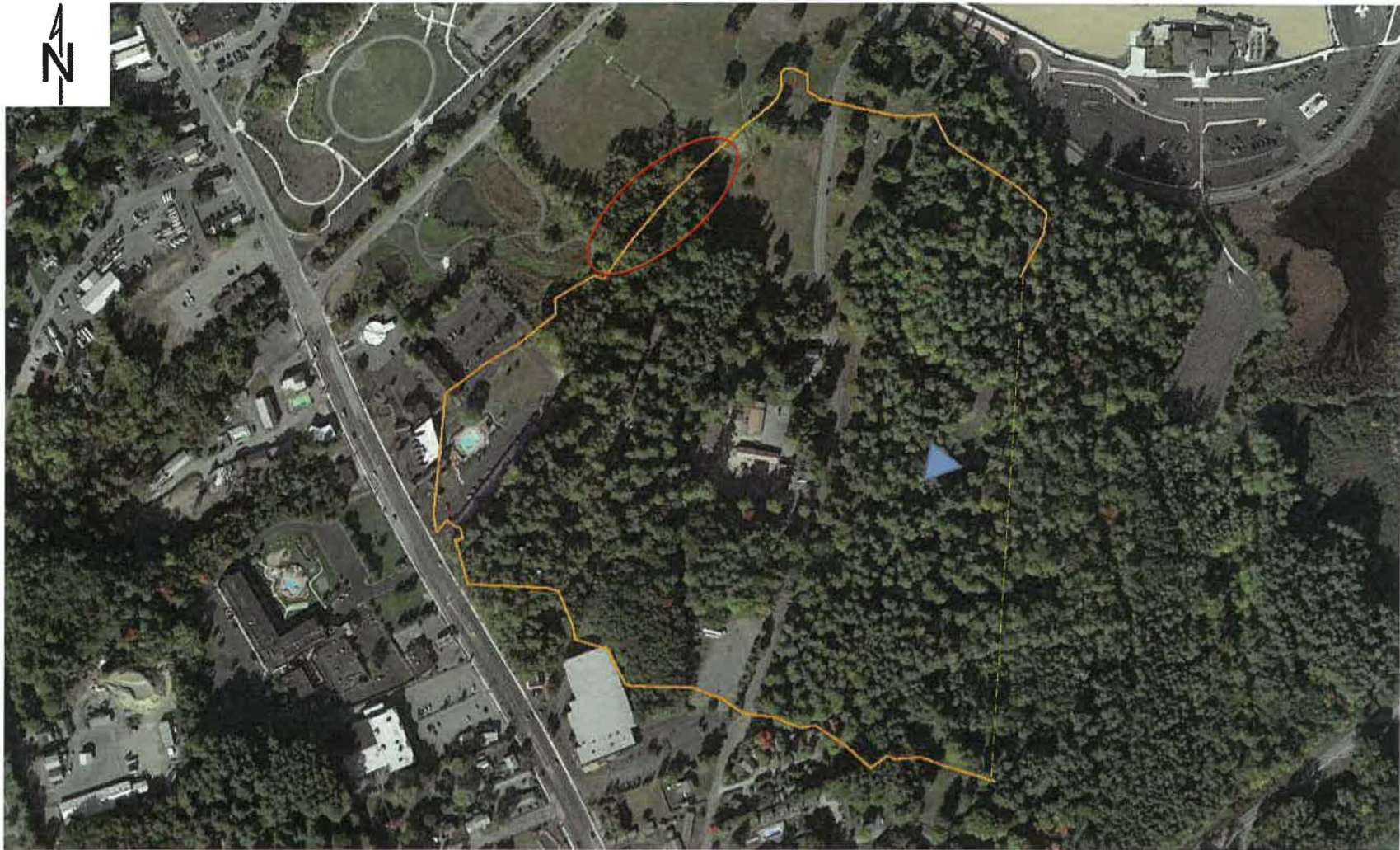


Figure 1. An orthoimage of the William Johnson breastworks, as rendered on the later 1757 Argenson [French] map of the siege of Fort William Henry shown in solid yellow. The eastern edge shown as a dotted line corresponds with a later breastwork. Initially, Johnson suggests his troops did not place a breastwork in the elevated "rocky eminence" to the east. The southwest bastion of Fort George is indicated by a blue triangle. The photos below were taken in the vicinity of the red oval.





Photo 1. Evidence of the fortified lines of Johnson's camp, after the 8 September 1755 battle, may be located within the Fort George State Park today. A later road/pathway appears to be cut just above a pile of earth and stone that may have been part of the lines. View is to the north. A small branch of the West Brook, likely spring fed, lies just to the west.



Photo 2. A detail of the earth and stone that may have been part of the lines, or possibly the later 1758/1759 fortified encampments of General Abercromby and/or Amherst (see Figure 10 below).





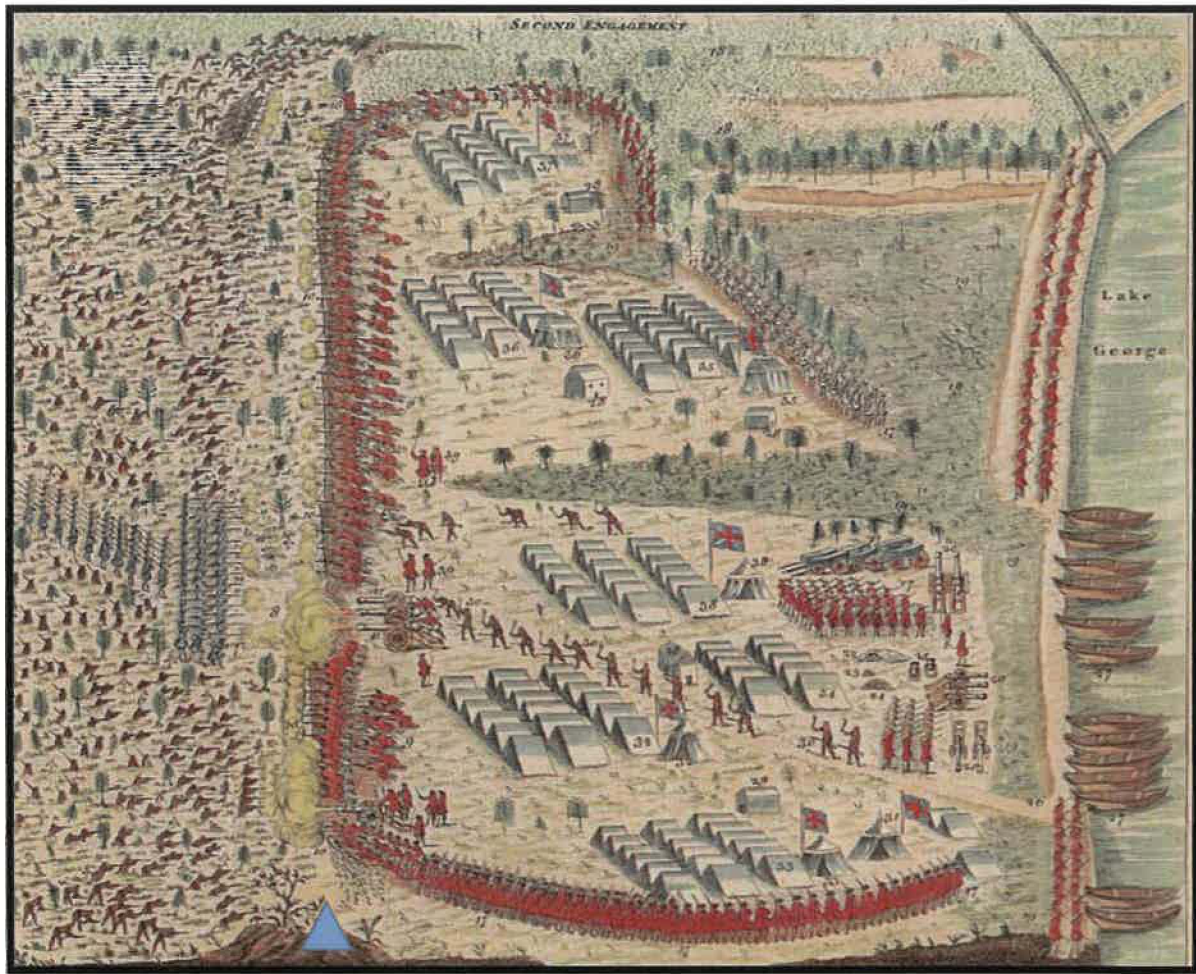


Figure 2. Blodget's 1755 (printed 1756) depiction of William Johnson's camp. His rendering appears to indicate the lines were located further west than the Argenson map. The approximate southwest bastion of later Fort George is indicated by a blue triangle (Blodget 1756b).



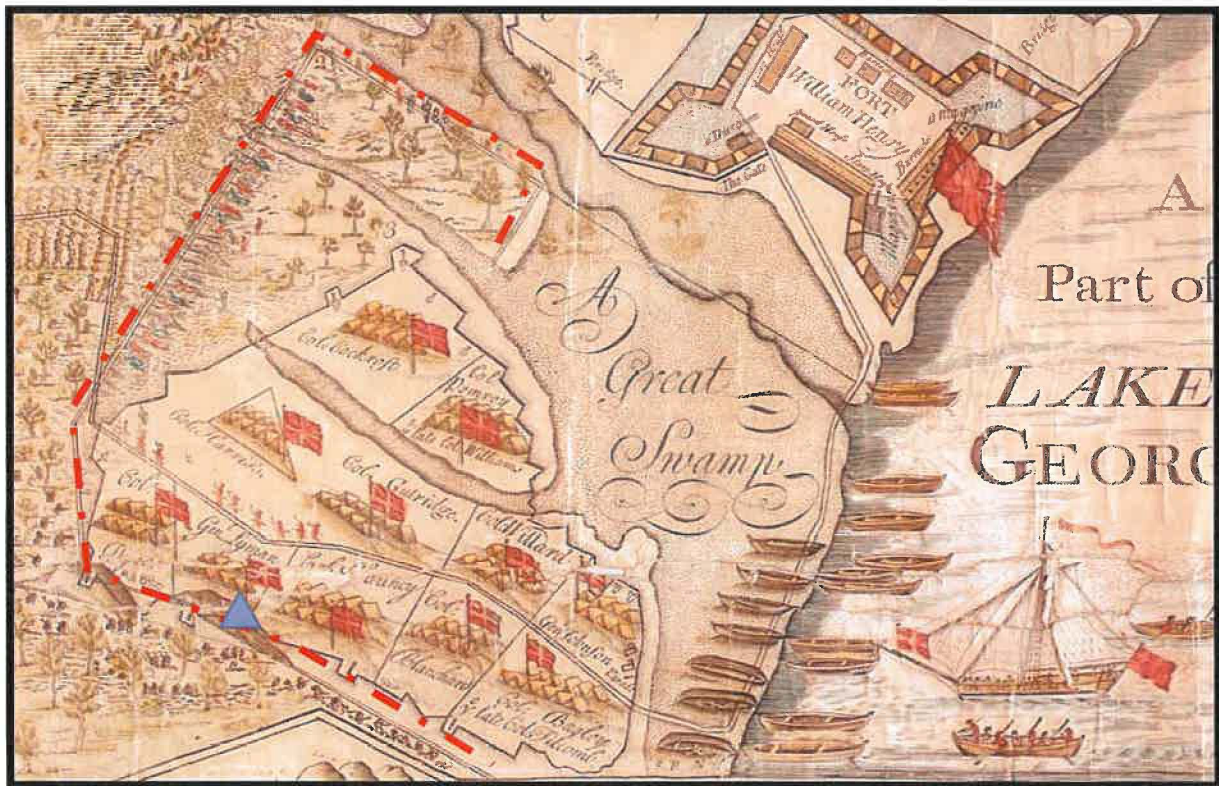


Figure 3. A schematic view of Johnson's camp after the battle. The battle lines from September 8, 1755 are shown extending beyond the later fortified works to the south and west (highlighted in red) (Clement and Johnston 1756). The approximate southwest bastion of later Fort George is indicated by a blue triangle.





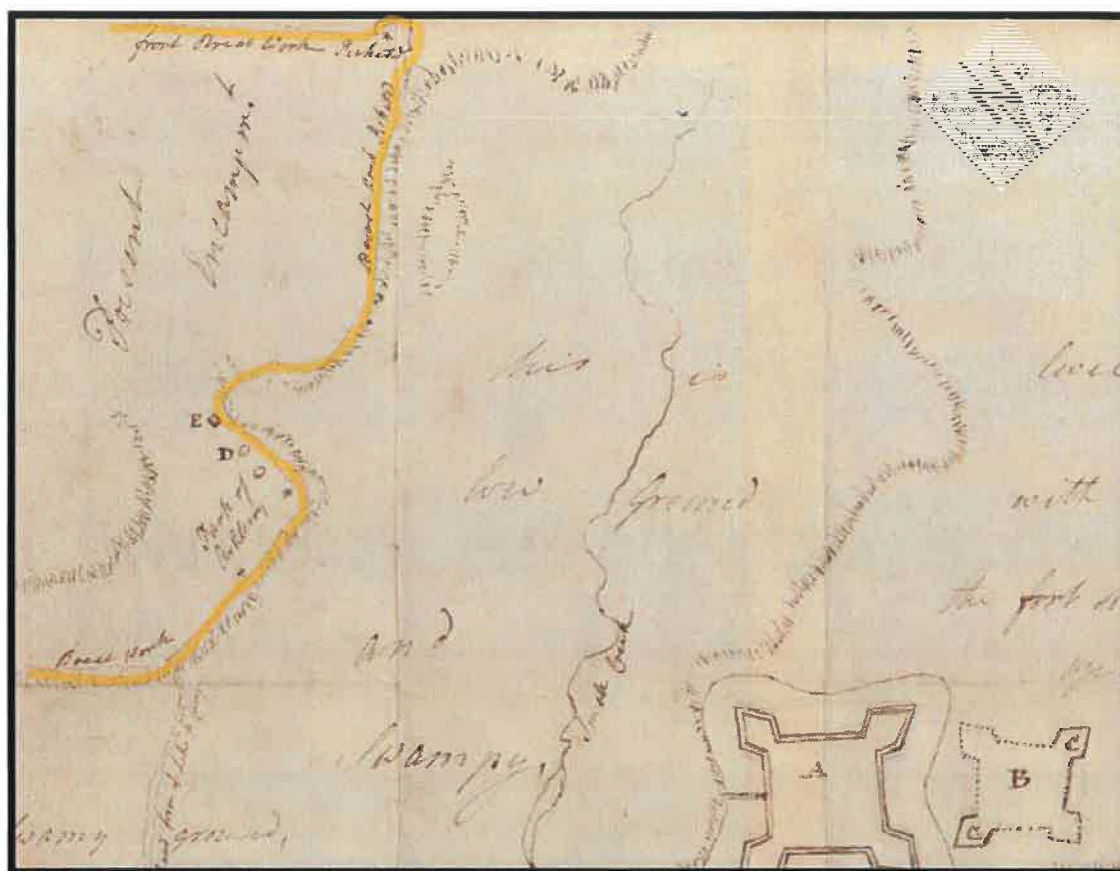


Figure 4. William Eyre's 27 September 1755 map of the Johnson encampment and picket fort and initial layout of fort William Henry (incomplete). A= Fort William Henry, B=the picket fort, and E= Johnson's tent, D= magazines) [Eyre 1755a].





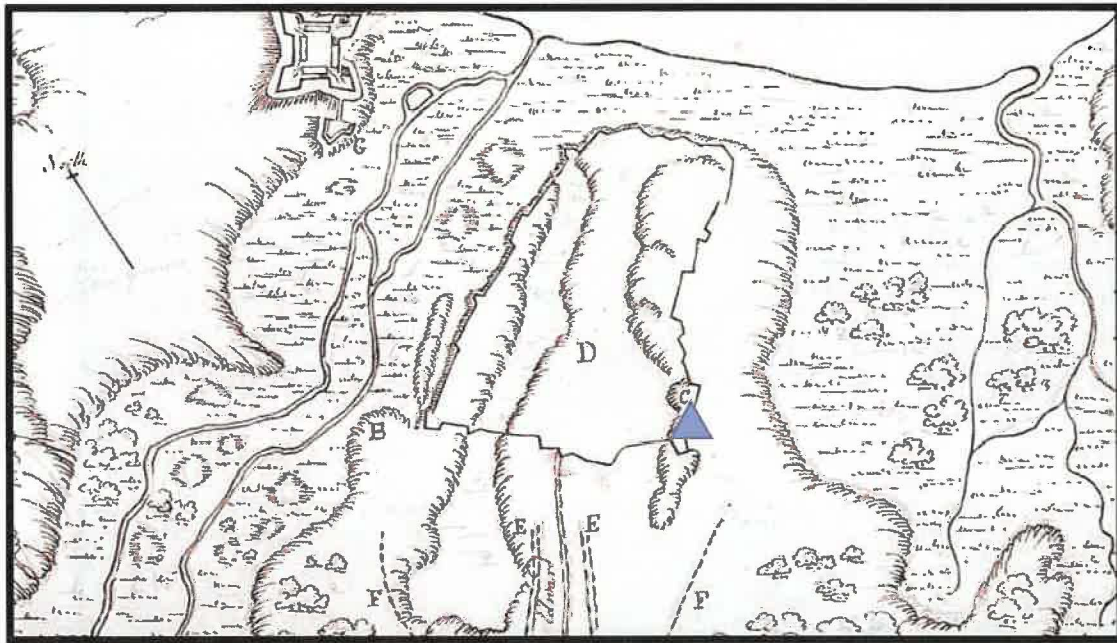


Figure 5. A refined map of the above, likely by Eyre, or copied from his work (Eyre 1755b). The approximate southwest bastion of later Fort George is indicated by a blue triangle.

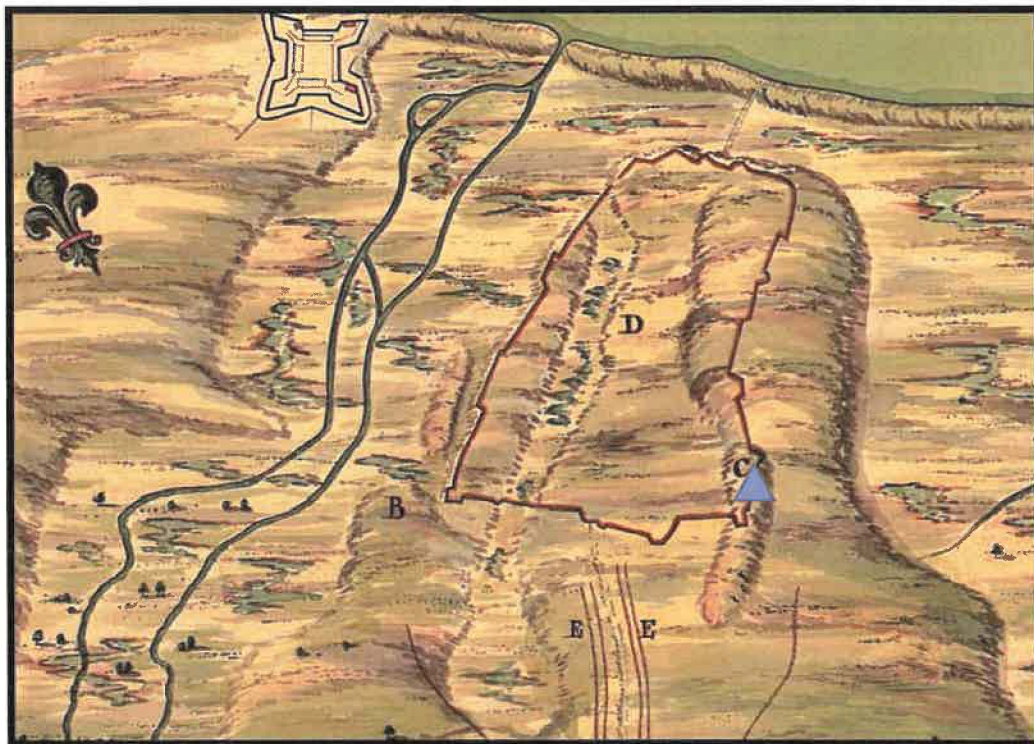


Figure 6. Eyre's 1756 rendering of the William Johnson camp relative to the newly constructed Fort William Henry. The approximate southwest bastion of later Fort George is indicated by a blue triangle (Eyre and Heath 1756).





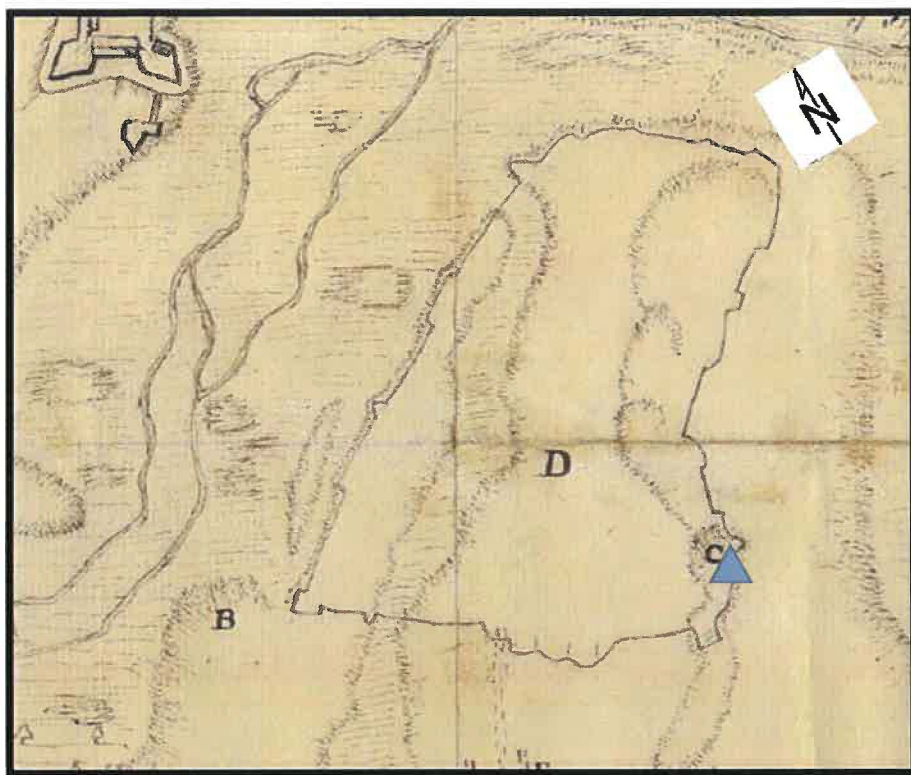


Figure 7. Another derivative view of the camp from Eyre (Eyre 1755b). The approximate southwest bastion of later Fort George is indicated by a blue triangle.

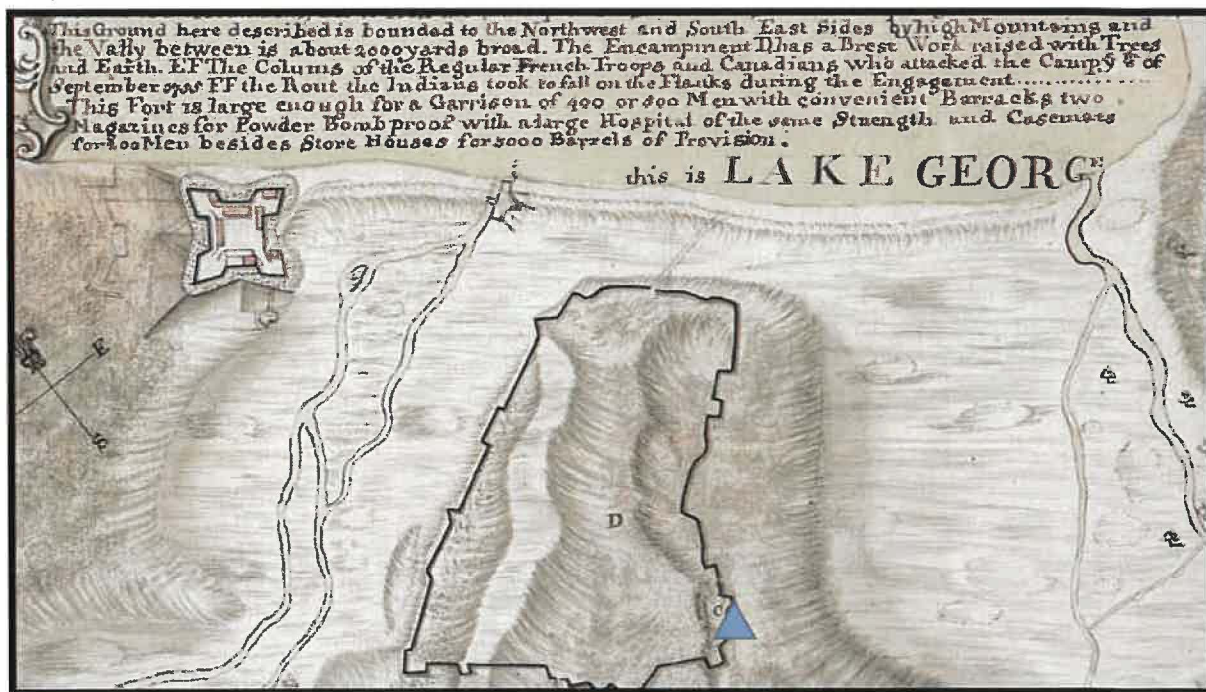


Figure 8. Yet another derivative view, this one attributed to Thomas Sowers (Sowers 1756). The approximate southwest bastion of later Fort George is indicated by a blue triangle.



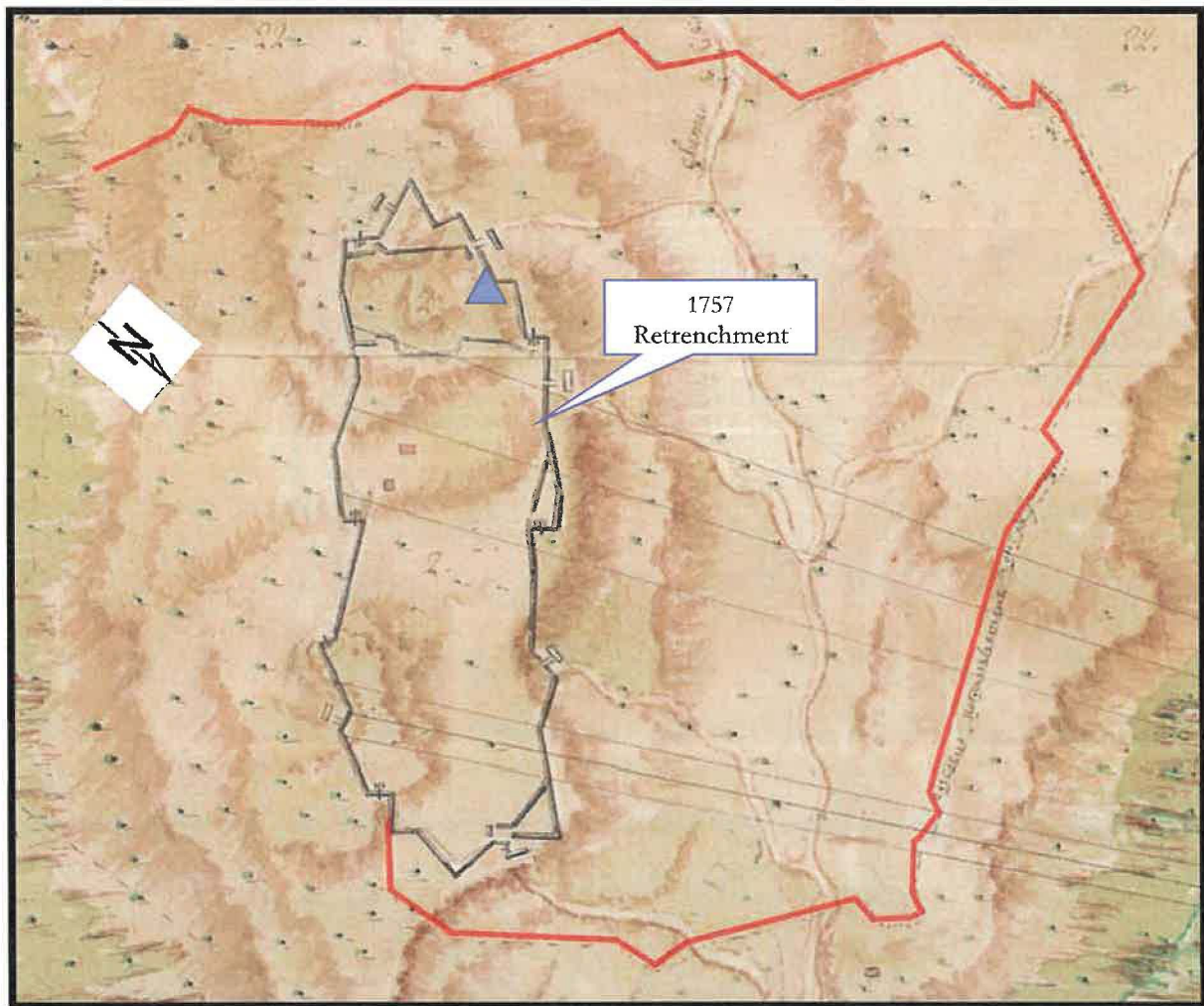


Figure 9. The 1757 Argenson map is a French rendering of the situation after the fall of Fort William Henry. The old lines of "Monsieur Johnson" are highlighted in red. The lines are likely those created after the battle. Despite being two years older, this map provides the most accurate and detailed information concerning the fortified encampment, until it was replaced with the smaller "retrenchment" shown in grey [Argenson 1757]. The approximate southwest bastion of later Fort George is indicated by a blue triangle.





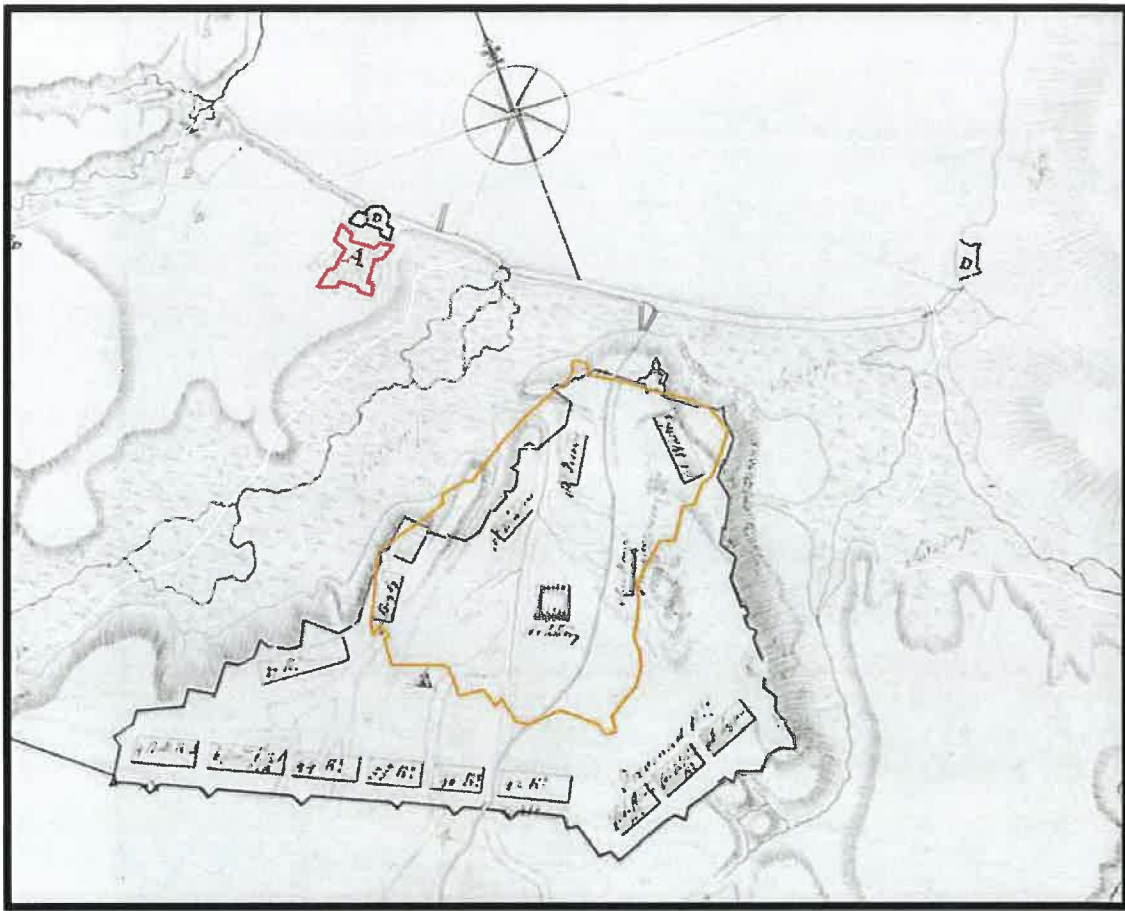


Figure 10. The 1758/1759 Ratzer map depicts the fortified encampment of Abercrombie, later occupied by Amherst relative to the 1755 Johnson encampment. Note portions of the northern and western section may have overlapped, as earlier breastworks may have been incorporated within the later works (Ratzer 1758).



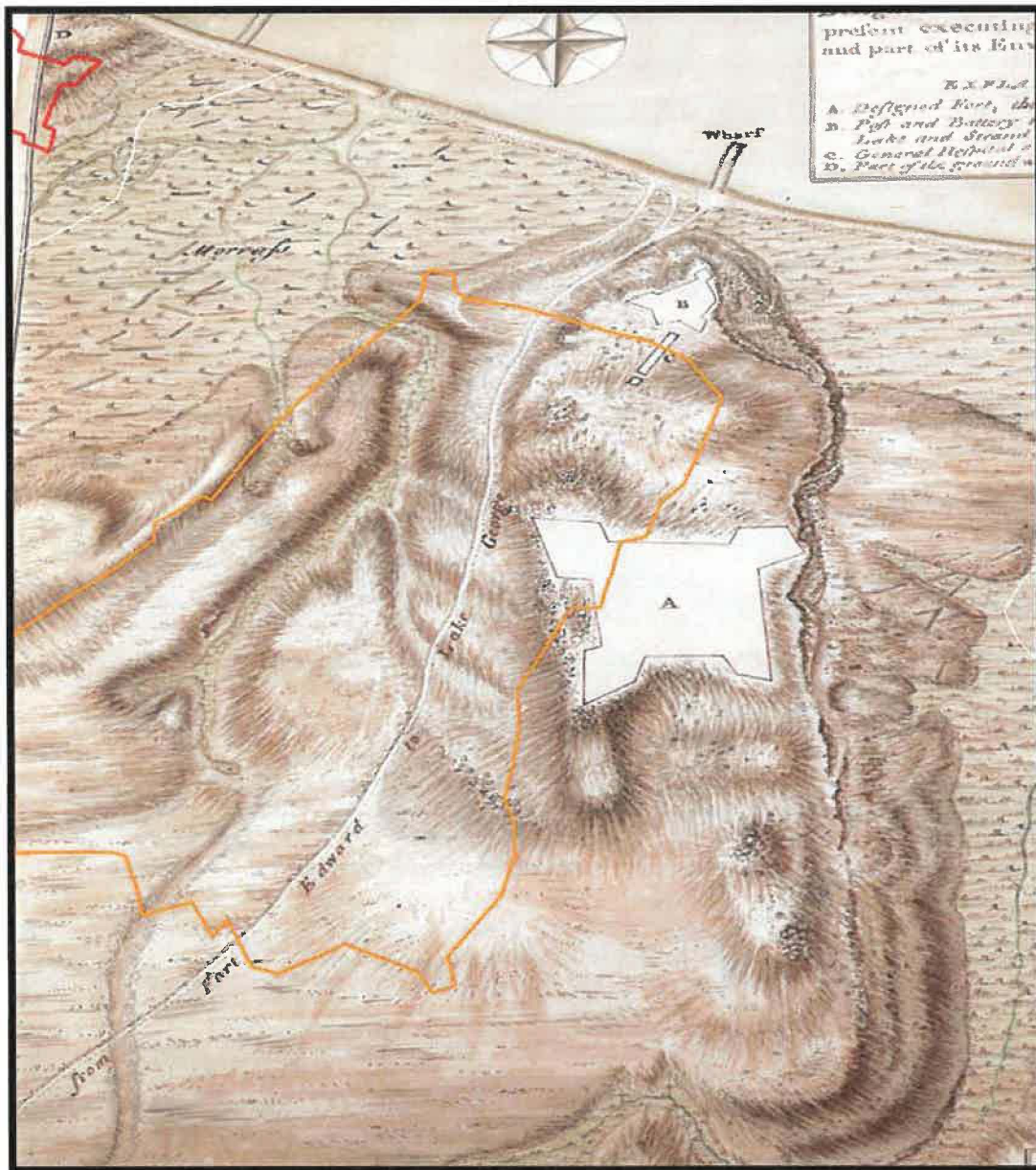


Figure 11. An approximate overlay of the 1755 Johnson encampment on the 1759 Brasier map with the proposed Fort George (A). The ruins of Fort William Henry are to the top left. The construction appear to have obliterated portions of the northeast portion of the 1755 breastwork and allied fortifications [Brasier 1759].



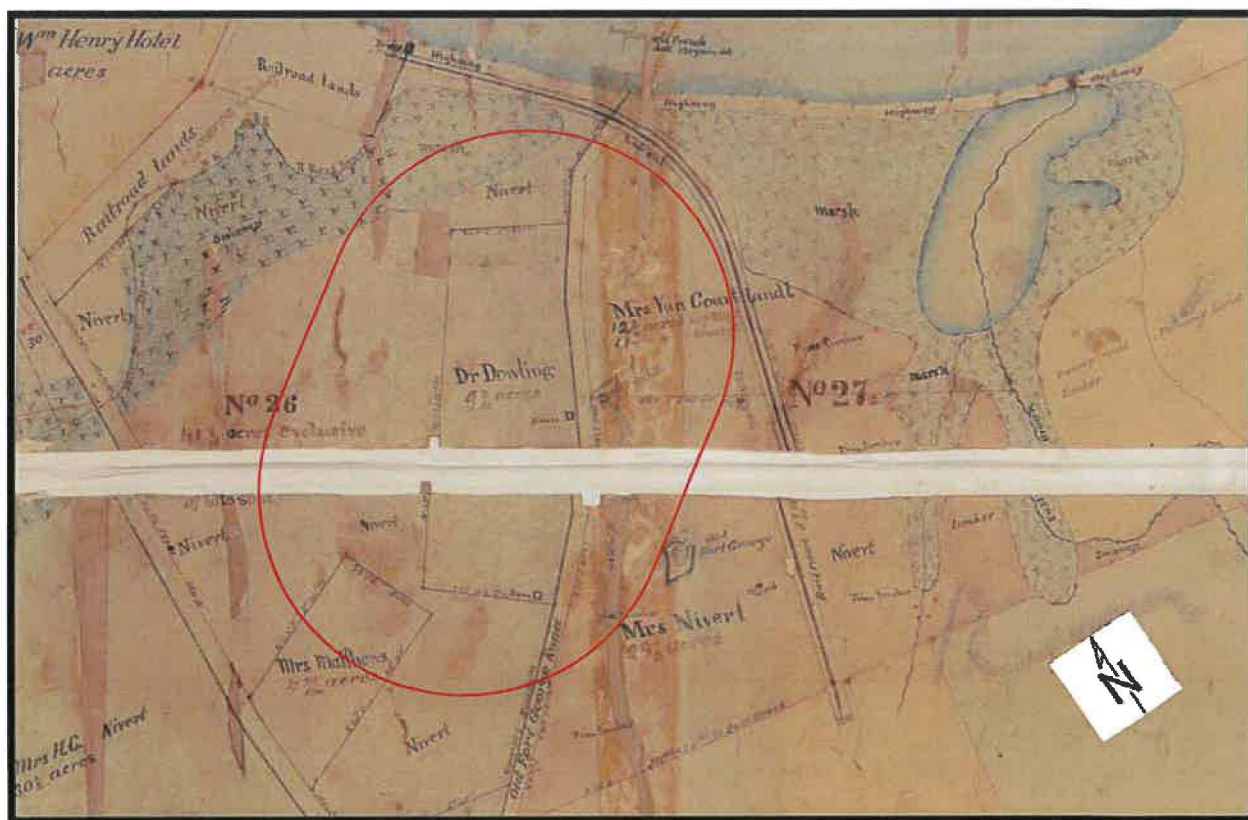


Figure 12. The approximate location of the encampment in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Fort George Road now crosses the encampment, the Dowling farm complex has had limited impacts, and to the east the railroad line has disturbed a portion as well. By and large, the area has been relatively undeveloped to this date (Arnold 1891).





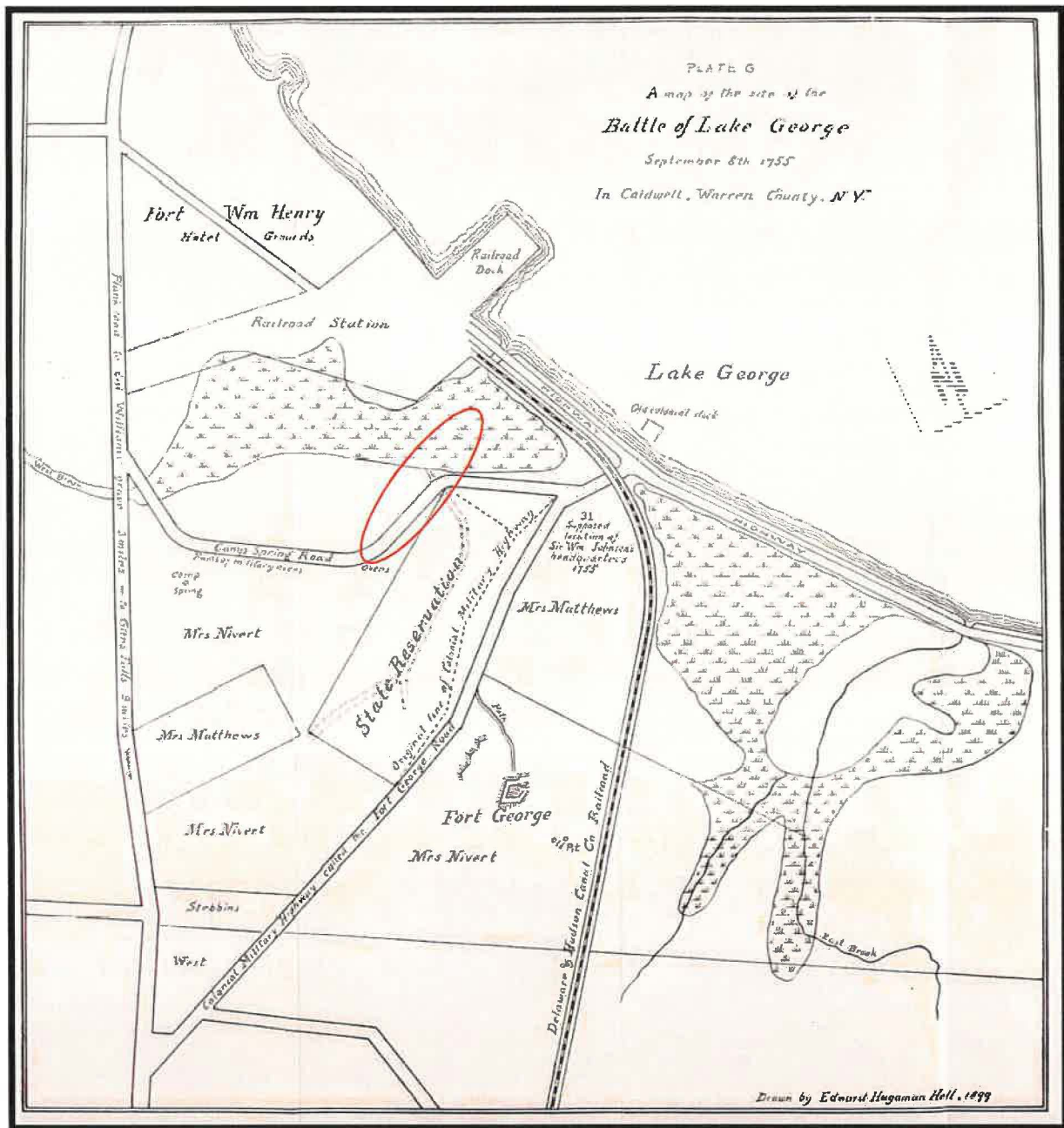


Figure 13. The approximate location of the surface evidence of a breastwork, perhaps from the Johnson encampment, along Camp Spring Road on this 1899 map of the proposed state park, at the time in the possession of the Society for the Preservation of Scenic Historic Places and Object [Society for the Preservation of Scenic Historic Places and Objects 1900:48-Plate G].



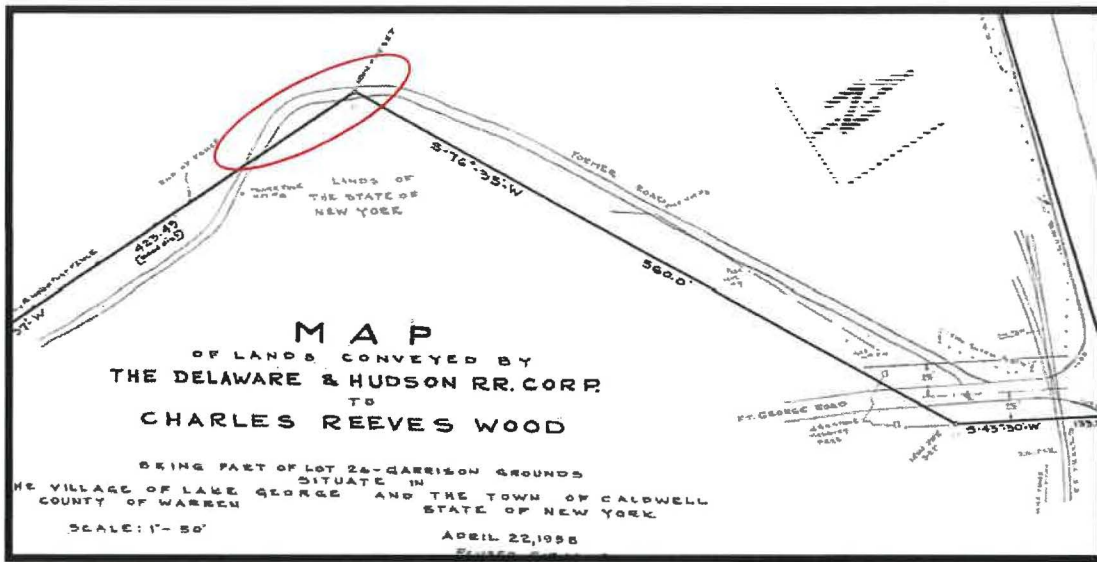


Figure 14. The approximate area of the possible breastwork along the western perimeter of the Johnson Encampment located during a site visit in the fall of 2017 (Coulter 1958-1974). The work parallels a former roadway and the natural landform.

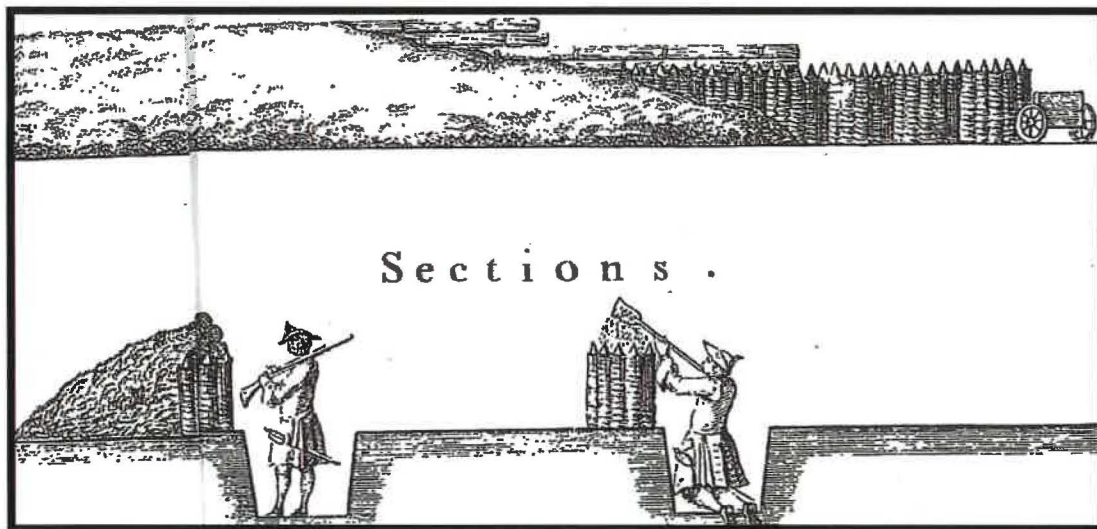


Figure 15. A contemporary view of breastworks with fascines, covered with earth and soil on the exterior and an interior ditch for cover (Muller 2004 (1757) Plate IX).



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# ABPP Fort George Documentation 2017-2018

## Resource Inventory Form



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Town and Village of Lake George, Warren County, New York

Resource ID/Name: 1755-2 Military Road

Resource Type: Transportation

Resource Date: First identified on maps in 1755, persists today incorporated into modern road system

### Historic Context:

The 1755 Military Road from Fort Edward to Lake George has been the subject of intense research over the years. Most recently Thomas Nesbitt has conducted a study of the various iterations of the road from its inception in 1755 through the Revolutionary War, and beyond. His remarkable ABPP study is heavily based on historical maps, much like the current study. As a result, we have largely followed his interpretations of the road and related mapping work (Figures 1-3).

The road itself is an important feature for current archeology as numerous defensive features and related skirmishes and battles occurred along the road, especially during the French and Indian War. Thus, identifying the exact route of the former road would assist in locating these related archeological expressions and features.

The road was likely part of a larger network of Native American trails that connected Lake George with the larger Hudson River drainage system. These pathways generally followed, level, dry ground that did not require long or complex stream crossings (Beeman 1982) (Figure 4).

The military road was a matter of necessity for William Johnson to move his assembled army from Fort Edward (Carrying Place) to Lake George for its expedition to Crown Point. As Nesbitt points out, this road may have had its antecedents in 1709-11 when Lieutenant Governor Francis Nicholson also tried to mount a campaign northward (Nesbitt and Urrico n.d.:8). However, by 1755, little remained of any improvements made to the path systems.

With a force of nearly 2,000 men, opening a pathway suitable for wagons, men, and other animals was no small task. The road itself would eventually extend some 14 miles, largely paralleling modern Route 9. Here we concentrate on that small portion within the Town and Village of Lake George, totaling about 3 miles (Figure 3).

From the south, the original military road likely lies east of Route 9, and west of a small stream known as Cold Brook. The later Delaware & Hudson railroad line is situated on the west side of the brook. The topography through this section is relatively level, although it is through a relatively narrow defile, bordered on the east by the steep hillside of French Mountain and the west by unnamed hills. The road is largely north-south oriented, but veers westward as it nears Lake George, avoiding the numerous swales that form the headwaters of the East Brook. Fragments of this "old Military road" may coincide with the modern Old Military Road, just south of the village. Near the modern intersection of Old Military Road, Route 9N, and Route 9, the original road likely veered west (towards the former location of Fort Gage) and then slightly northeast to the lake. The road then may have followed near the path of modern Fort George Road to the lakeside.

Captain Edmund Wells' diary of 1756 and 1757 outlined the attendant dangers of working on the road between Lake George and Fort Edward (Figures 5-7). In particular, ambushes by the French and their Native allies

were particularly worrying (Wells 1756-7:10). In response, large detachments were often sent out along the road to sweep out raiding parties.

One of the more dangerous portions of the road likely lay along the modern Lake George-Queensbury town line in the vicinity of Bloody Pond (Figure 6). Here, the narrow dale of the Cold Brook is hemmed in by numerous hills and slopes that would have provided cover for ambushes and small raiding parties (Nesbitt and Urrico n.d.:37-40).

Through time, outposts were placed along the road. The later “Fort Gage” area was likely one important stop (Nesbitt and Urrico n.d.:36), located about 1 mile from the lake (Figure 8). This location also provided observation southward into the drainage of Cold Brook that was not possible further north and east. Wells also related the ceremonial march of John Campbell, also known as Lord Loudon, in October 1756 from Fort William Henry back to Fort Edward. He was selected along with other officers and 100 men to escort the Lord from the camp to approximately “one mile” south. From there the escort returned to the fort (Wells 1756-7:50). This anecdote suggests the location of Fort Gage, prior to its construction in 1759 along the road was already an important post along the military road.

The work on the road took on extra importance in 1758 and 1759 when the British assembled a large army to advance northward towards Fort Carillon. In October 1758, Captain Alexander Monypenny reported that a detachment of over 300 men were sent out “to work on the road between the Camp and Half Way Brook” (Fort Ti Bulletin 1970). The road was described as “a bowling green” totaling 14 miles from Fort Edward to Lake George (*New-Hampshire Gazette* 1758), likely meaning flat, wide, and level. The road needed to accommodate the over 1,000 wagons that were brought into service to assist the movement of the army (Nesbitt and Urrico n.d.:16; *New-Hampshire Gazette* 1758).

The same continual activity of improving the road extended into 1759, when General Jeffery Amherst brought his army northward (Figure 8). He decided to clear the road 30 yards on each side, and to “leave small borders of trees on each side.” Amherst thought this was practical as a “defence for any parties marching along the road...and not so liable to be surprised by skulking parties” (Amherst 1931:38).

After about 1760, the need for a large military road waned, and the pathway slowly deteriorated and once again became largely overgrown. By 1784, after the American Revolution, the military road was made into a public highway consisting of a four-rod wide road (Nesbitt and Urrico n.d.:59). Much of the road eventually became Route 9 from Fort Edward to Lake George with minor variations (Figures 9-10).

#### KOCOA:

The military road would have been a **Key Terrain** element as the principal overland route between southern Lake George and the Hudson River. The road provided the major access point from the lake to points south and east. As a result, it was the main **Avenue of Approach and Retreat** in several battles especially the Battle of Lake George in 1755 (Resource 1755-B1). It was also a critical escape route for the English in the 1757 Siege of Fort William Henry which the French were able to cut off. It was also the main approach of the Carleton expedition against Fort George in 1780.

As large portions of the road followed low-lying and level areas, **Observation** from the road was often difficult, if not impossible and therefore movement of troops and materiel could be easily scouted by the enemy. This proved true during the ambushes of the Battle of Lake George in 1755 and against in 1780 during the Second Battle of Bloody Pond (Resource 1780-B1). Carleton then used the former location of Fort Gage, one mile south to observe Fort George. He was able to determine the fort was lightly defended and could be taken with minimal effort.

**Cover and concealment** on the road was difficult, but could be easily obtained along the hills and dales aside the road (Figure 4). **Obstacles** along the road were few, an intent of the road builders. The path crossed relatively few large streams or wetlands. Trees were removed along most of the path as well as rocks and other





possible hindrances. But the cover and concealment along the sides of the military road, and the obstacles of hills and rocky terrain nearby made several locations very vulnerable to ambushes, as seen in two of the battles.

**Integrity:**      Good ☐      Medium ☐      Poor ☒      None ☐      Unknown ☐

**Archeological Potential:** The archeological potential of the road itself is likely very limited, with later roads, plank roads, railroads, highways and street systems built over top. The related features of encampments, scouting parties, small skirmishes, and mile posts or other advanced guards might still have archeological visibility. This is especially true in areas where there is limited commercial and residential development along Route 9 eastward to Cold Brook.

**Current Ownership, Use and Threats to Resource:** There are numerous private landowners along the historic road. In fact, the vast majority of the area is in private hands. The Delaware & Hudson rail trail and modern road systems are in public trust (Photo 1 and 2). There are likely multiple threats to the resource, especially given the developmental pressure along Route 9.



Figure 1. An orthoimage of the northernmost extent of the Military Road, as understood from Frye's 1757 map.







Figure 2. Thomas Nesbitt's work suggest at least three iterations of the road between 1757 and 1759 [solid red line, dotted red line, and the yellow dotted line].





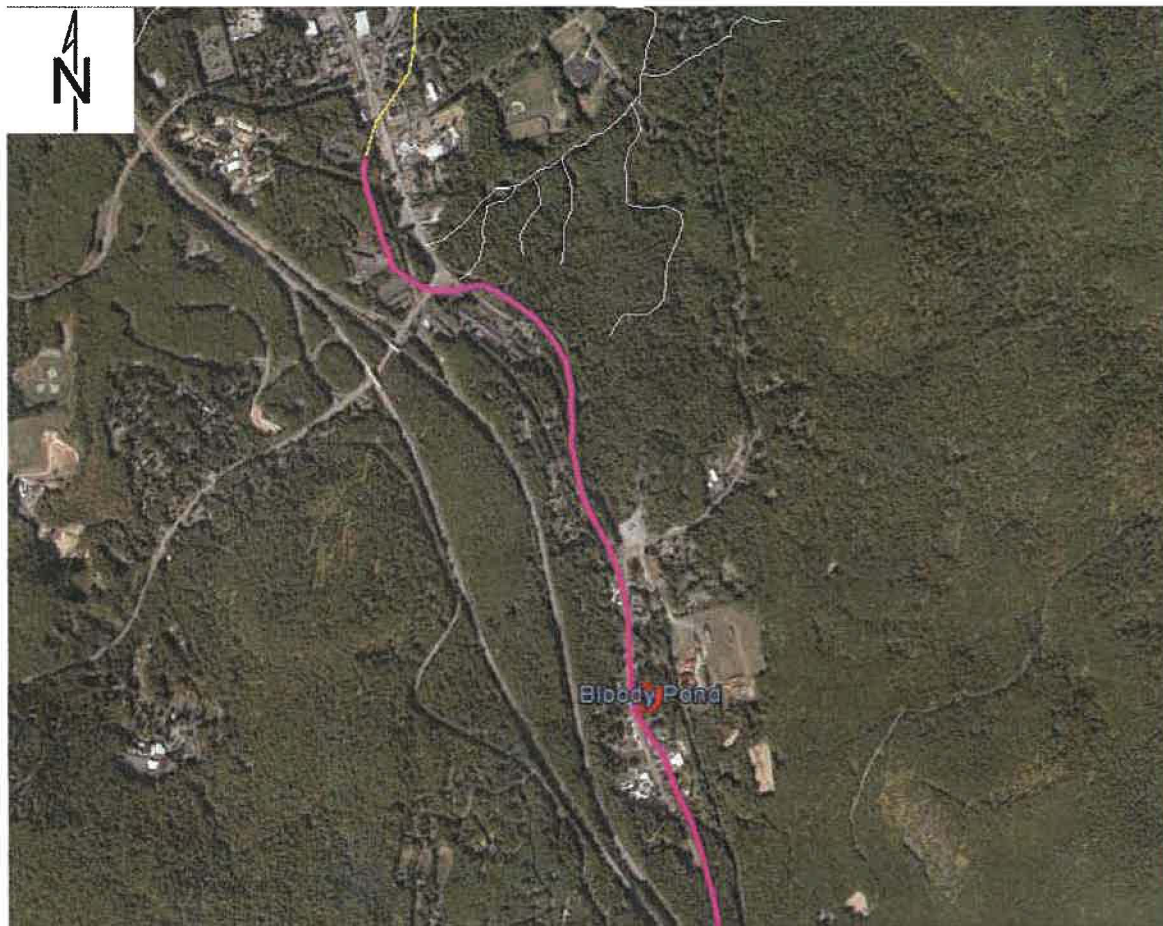


Figure 3. Orthoimage of the southern end of the military road (purple line), largely paralleling Route 9 to the Lake George/Queensbury border, just south of Bloody Pond.



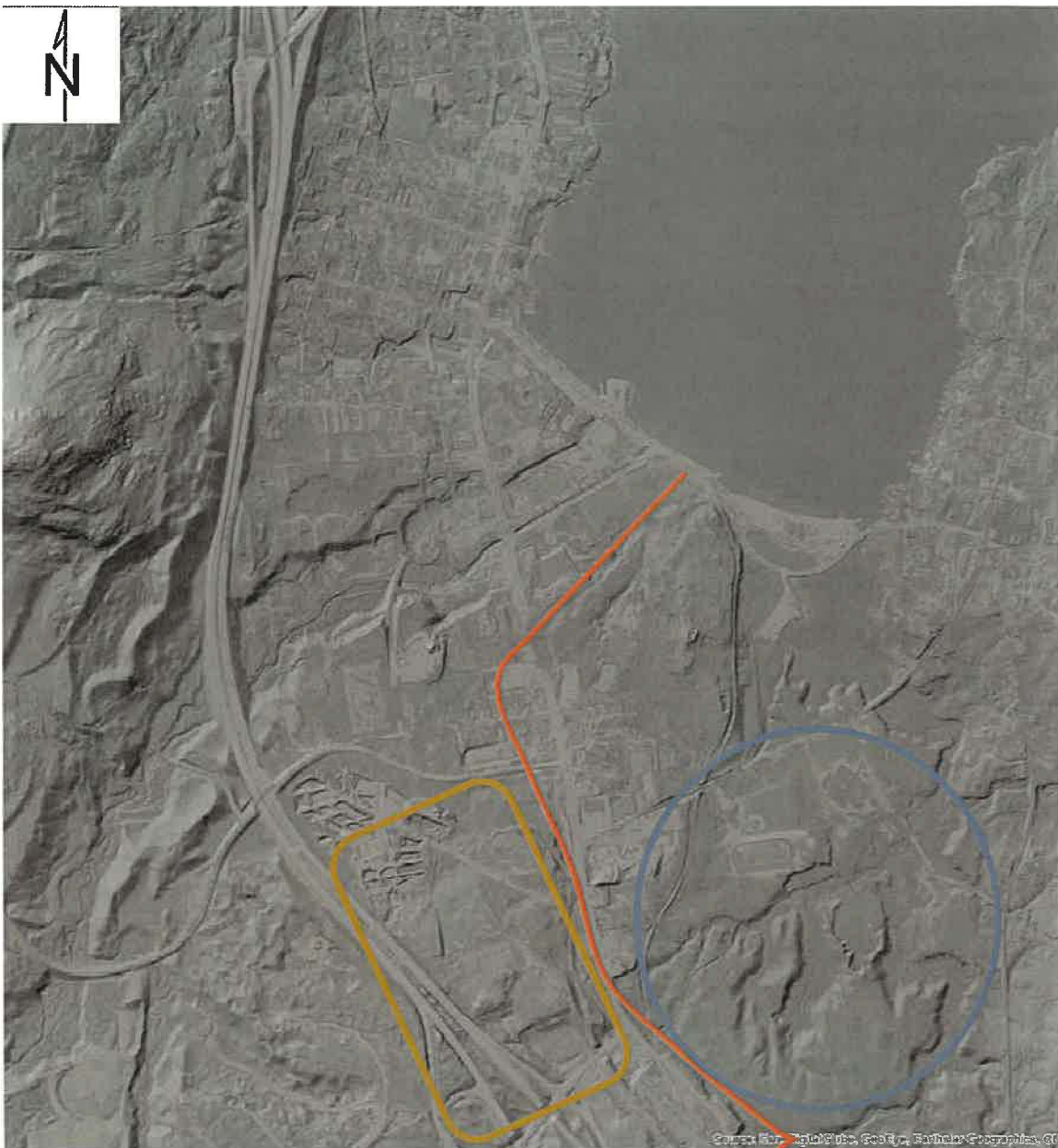


Figure 4. The general path of the military road (orange) follows the most advantageous landforms. Here the deeply dissected swales of the headwaters of the East Brook form a natural barrier on the east side (blue circle), and the steep hillsides on the west along present a barrier (brown rectangle).





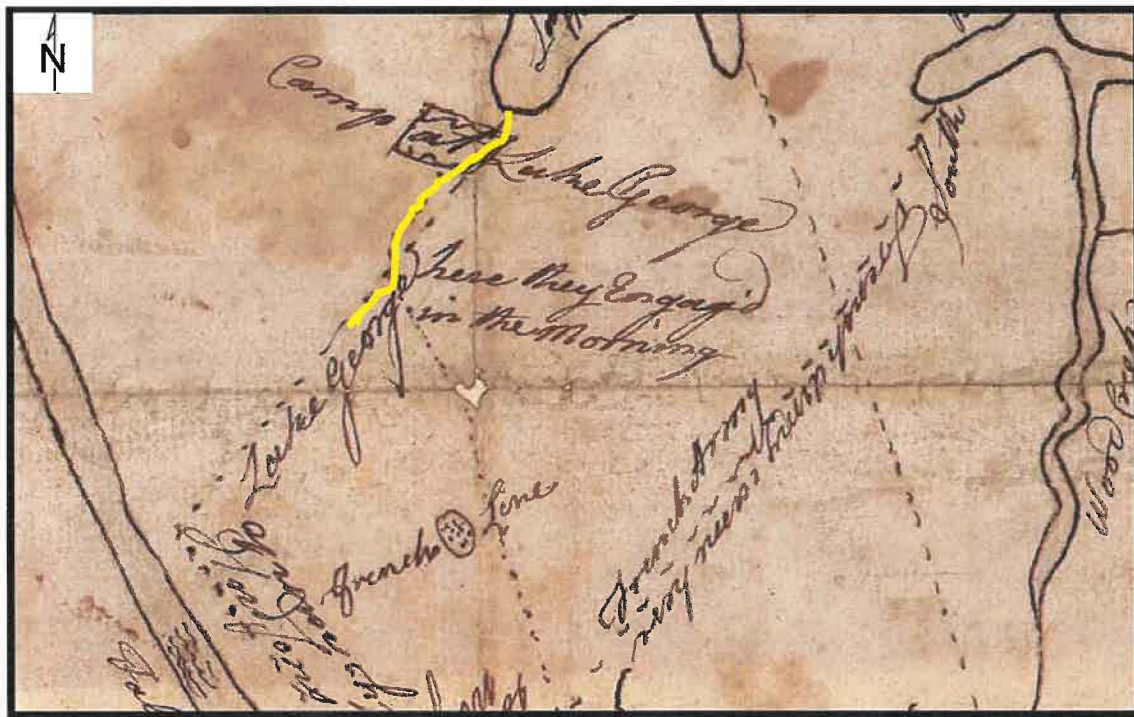


Figure 5. Dieskau's generalized map of the road between Fort Edward and Lake George where the two September 9, 1755 battles occurred (Dieskau 1755).

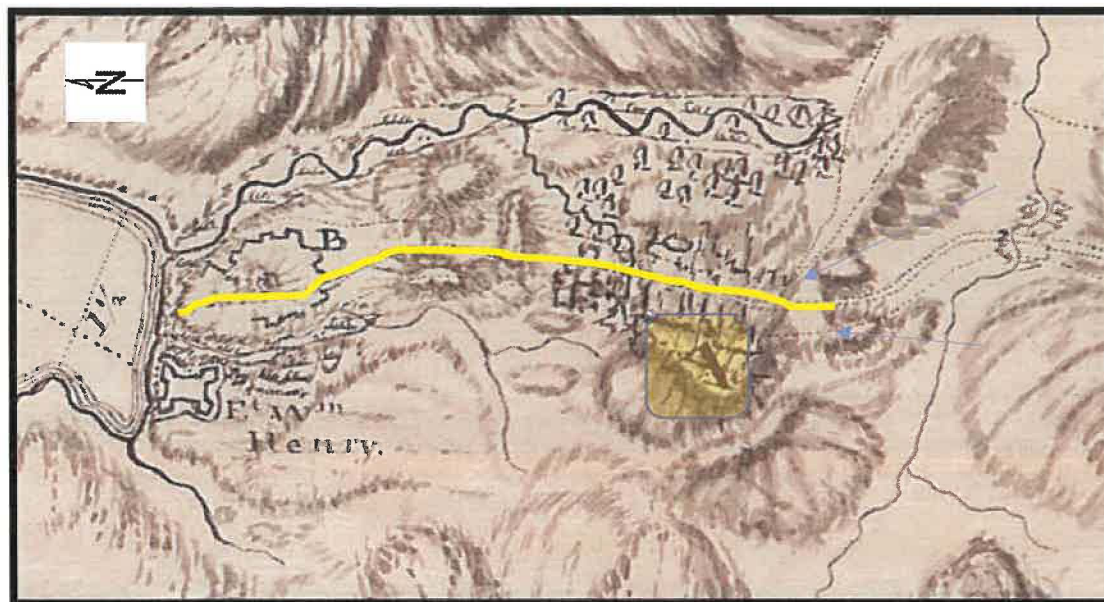


Figure 6. A generalized view of the military road from Gordon's 1756 map (Gordon 1756). "A" is the reputed location of Bloody Morning Scout battle (highlighted). Note how several foot trails (represented by dashed line) appear to converge in about this area. The cartographer also rendered the barriers of East Brook and steep hillsides.



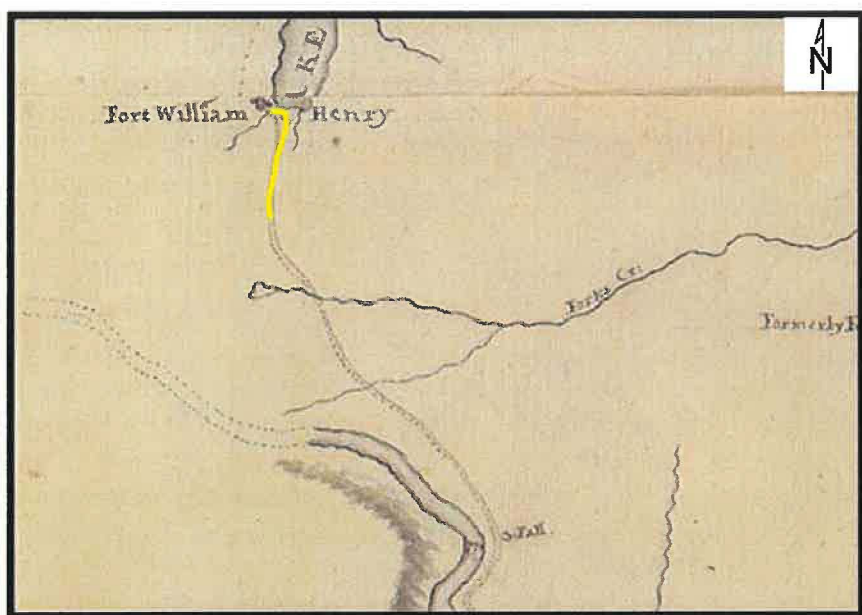


Figure 7. A very generalized view of the military road, on Rivez's map of New York in 1757 (Rivez 1757).

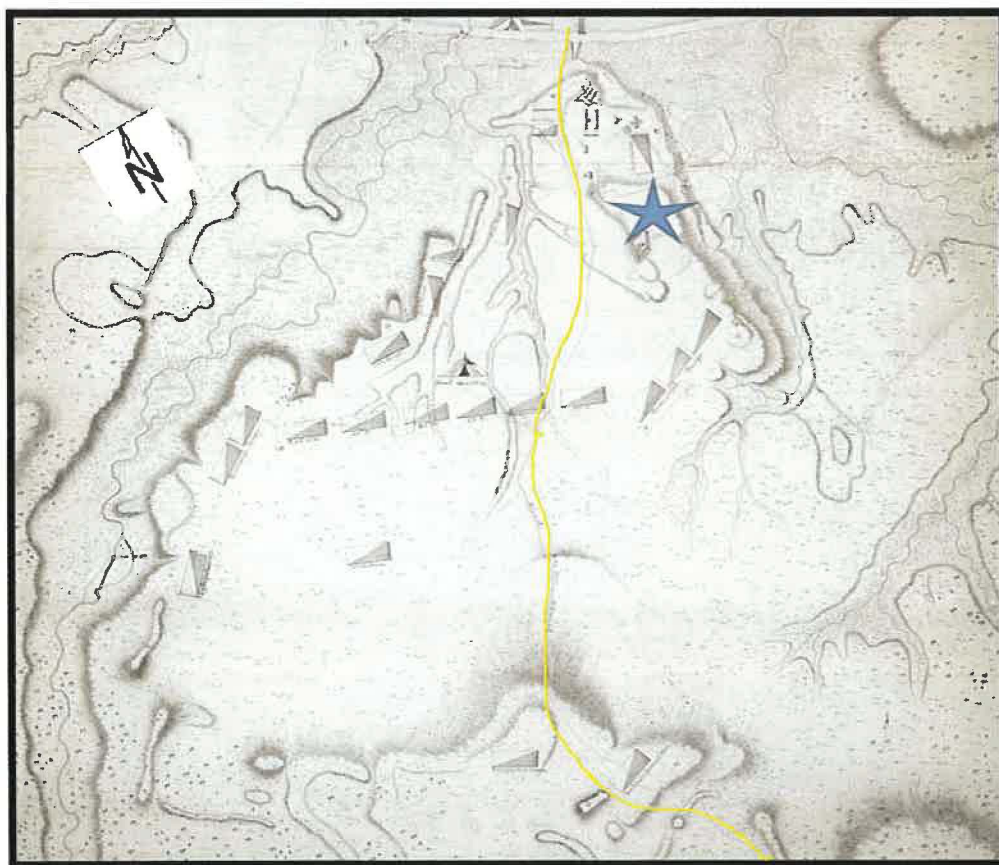


Figure 8. The military road in 1759 from the south end of the lake to approximately 1 mile south, near Fort Gage (star). Note how the road navigates between the steep hills to the west and the tributaries of the East Brook to the east (Ratzer 1759).





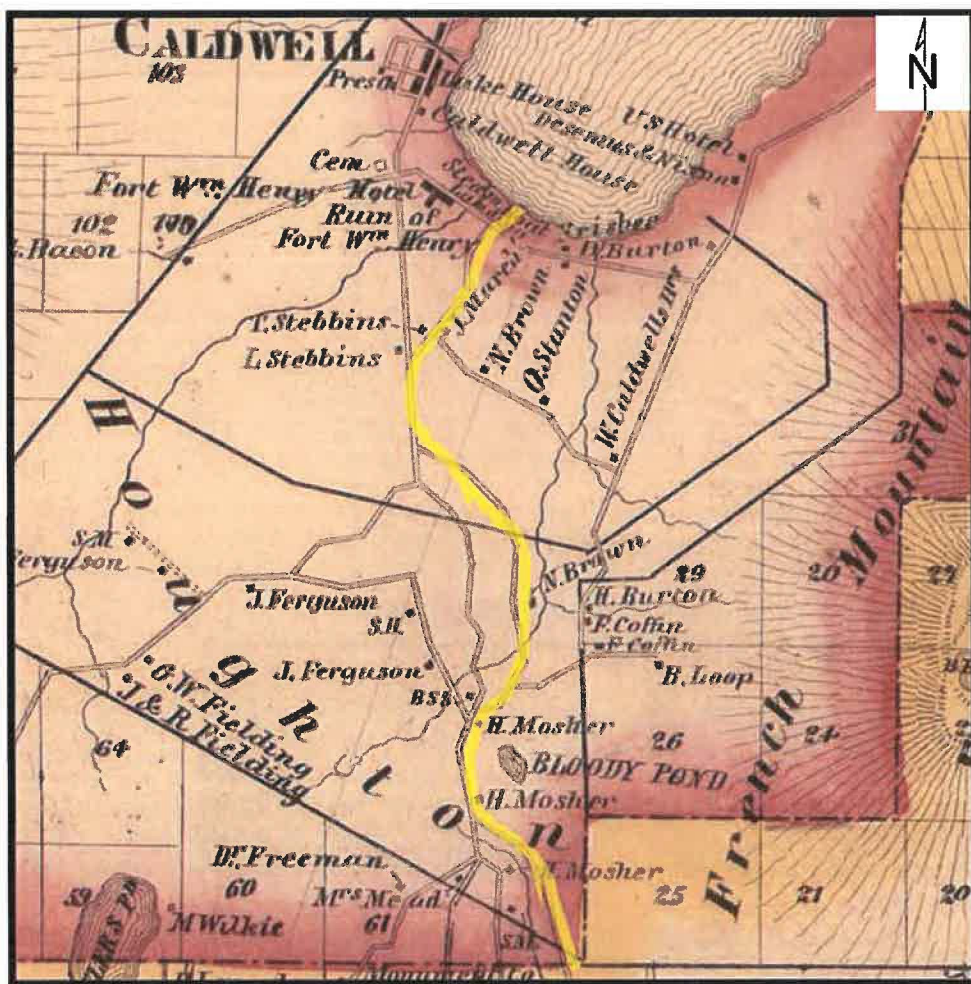


Figure 9. The approximate location of the military road, presumably following the later 19<sup>th</sup>-century road network between the lake and the town line (Beers 1876).



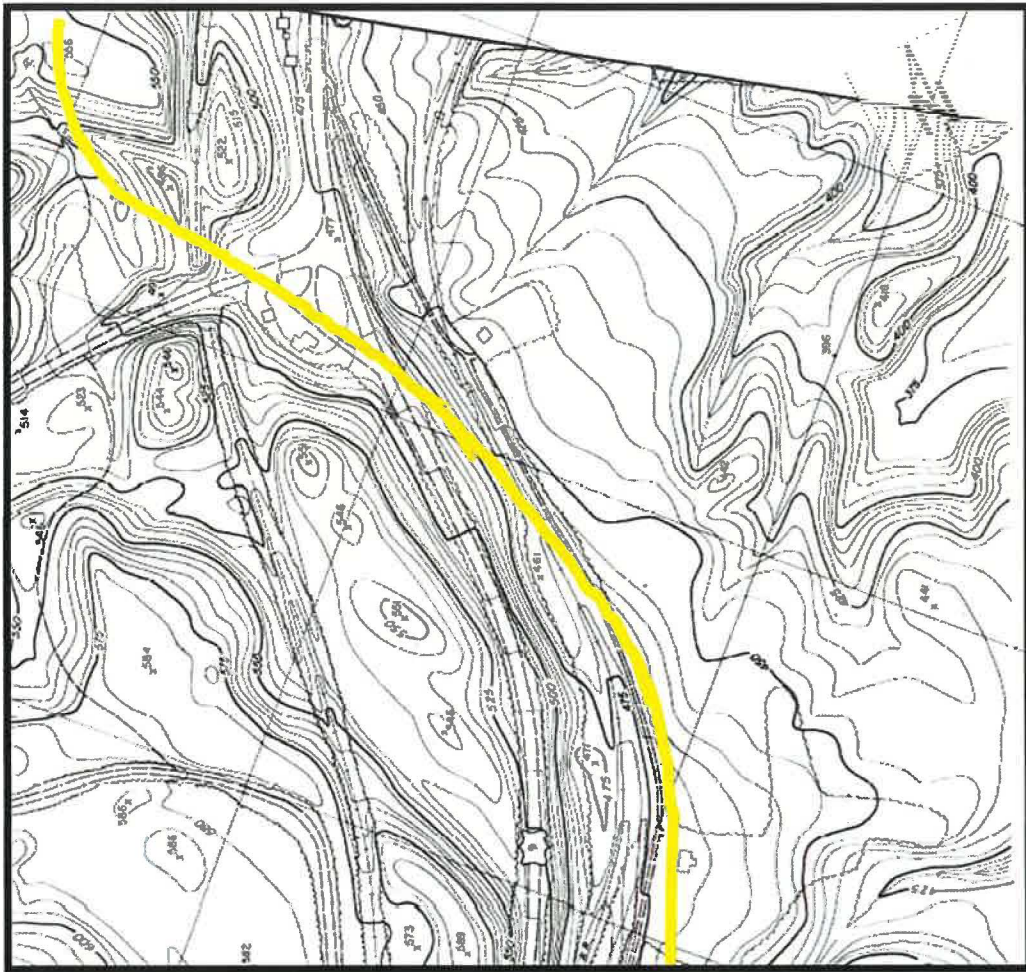


Figure 10. The 1953-1956 Department of Public Work map that depicts a segment of the military road, along the modern Old Military Road segment. The topographic lines depict the steepness of the hills to the west and drainage swales of East Brook to the east (State of New York- Department of Public Works 1953-6).







Photo 1 A view south of the Old Military Road just south of its intersection with Routes 9 and 9N. To the right is the modern Lake George Rail Trail, formerly a segment of the Delaware & Hudson rail line. The iterations of the original road are likely in this vicinity, although now obscured.



Photo 2 A historical marker along the modern Rail Trail that interprets the Military Road from the colonial wars. The view is to the west. Route 9 is uphill in the distance and the buildings in the distance front along the highway. A tremendous amount of fill has been placed along the east side of the highway to make the lots developable.



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## Resource Inventory Form



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Town and Village of Lake George, Warren County, New York

Resource ID/Name: 1755-5 Johnson's Magazine, Marquee, Artillery Park

Resource Type: Encampment facilities

Resource Date: September 1755 to November 1755 (3 months)

### Historic Context:

Within the larger Johnson encampment and his fortified lines are several noted facilities that are likely to have an archeological expression. These include a powder magazine, his marquee (or large tent), and the artillery park where guns, cannons and related materials were temporarily stored and the equipment serviced and maintained. These facilities were located on the west side of the encampment in the elevated landform above the West Brook (Figure 1).

After September 8<sup>th</sup> and the Battle of Lake George, William Johnson's proposed expedition to Crown Point stalled. In part due to his own wounds, and likely the shock of such a fierce battle so soon into the campaign. Johnson, against the wishes of many of his officers, decided to fortify their position at the southern shore of Lake George. This was to be accomplished with the construction of a temporary picket fort, a larger timber and earthen fort (to be called Fort William Henry), and by fortifying the larger encampment (see 1755-1).

Although William Blodget provided an excellent overview of Johnson's encampment and position of troops during the Battle of Lake George, the later months of the encampment which lasted until November are less well represented in the historical record (Figure 2). During the battle, the right wing of the camp is shown to be occupied by Colonel Moses Titcomb and Colonel Timothy Ruggles on the Blodget map (Figure 2), but by Cols. William Cockroft, Seth Pomroy, and Ephraim Williams on the Clement and Johnston rendering (Figure 3) (Blodget 1756; Clement and Johnston 1756).

William Eyre's late September plan of the army's position at the south end of the lake (Figure 4), provides the clearest documentation of the internal structure of the camp after the battle (Eyre 1755a). Private Hill suggests the Johnson marquee moved between the time the powder magazine was built on September 12 and when the larger encampment was re-organized on September 25, 1755 (Hill 1932: 609). The new bombproof magazine within the fort was started by 25 men on October 2 (Figure 5). The artillery and stores were then moved into the fort just before camp broke for winter quarters by November 15, 1755 (Johnson Papers Vol. II 1922:301).

Johnson, injured with a lead ball in his thigh, was largely confined to his marquee the remainder of the fall. Originally, he was posted along the high ground on the left wing of the camp (east side), likely as it was the safest and most secure position, as Blodget reported that the swampy land (the drowned mouth of the West Brook) "on our Right... gave the Enemy great advantage" (Blodget 1756). Blodget's plan seems to indicate that the ground for the picket fort, and later Fort William Henry, had only started to be cleared at the time of the battle. As work progressed, however, Johnson re-organized the camp, moving his tent to the right wing, on a small piece of rising ground. From here, Johnson could more easily observe the progress of the construction of the fort and boat building activities while convalescing.



Cover for the troops' work clearing, building, and digging was provided by artillery and the nearby park, where the cannon and mortars could be quickly deployed to defend the position. A powder magazine was also constructed near the park to service the guns. Eyre's plan indicated four gun emplacements along the right wing of the encampment: one at the southwestern-most point, apparently within a bastion, two along the far west wing, and a fourth on the height of land at the northern end of the camp. These were placed along the breastwork and likely fired *en barbette*, or over the breastwork wall without the use of an embrasure or other protective features. These left such pieces exposed to enemy fire, but also provided flexibility in their deployment, as they could be easily repositioned as necessary.

The resource area was largely left undisturbed by subsequent land uses (Figure 6). Prior to the Johnson occupation, the area was part of the Massachusetts regiment's encampment for several weeks. Johnson remained at his new headquarters from around September 20 until the end of the campaign in November. The following year the encampment focused at Fort William Henry. In 1757, with the French attacking, troops unable to be accommodated in the fort were placed on the high ground within the former 1755 encampment, but further to the east. This became known as the Young Retrenchment (see form 1757.1).

In 1758, General James Abercromby assembled a large force at the head of the lake, and included this ground into his new fortified encampment (Figure 7). Perhaps he utilized the remnants of the former breastworks of the 1755 encampment along the right wing, just west of the site of the former Johnson marquee. The fortified camp was occupied through 1758, and the first part of the summer of 1759.

After General Jeffrey Amherst sailed north with his large force, a residual group remained to continue construction of Fort George to the east (Figures 8 and 9). This site then was effectively abandoned, in terms of military occupation. Aside from the Dowling farmhouse complex to the east of the resources, the area surrounding the three loci was not been developed (Arnold 1891). The Dowling farmhouse complex was built around 1870 in its original location closer to the lake on the same side of Fort George Road (Map 10). Map and photographic evidence supports the notion that the house was moved to its current location sometime in the early 20<sup>th</sup> c (Curtin 2018:2).

The Isaac Jogues monument likely disturbed part of the area, but its footprint is relatively small (Figure 11). The monument included the excavation for a cement plinth to support the granite base and bronze statue. The plinth was placed in a 15-by-17-foot square area with sand and crushed stone up to six inches deep. There is also associated landscaping for plantings, and walking paths totaling about 650 square feet of area (*The Warrensburg News* 1939).

Today the three 1755 features are encapsulated within State land within the Lake George Battlefield Park and the Lake George Battleground Campground.

The archeological signature of these features may be as follows:

- Marquee- usually a large tent. For officers, especially generals, these were fairly elaborate and often contained wooden flooring, furniture such as table and chairs, bedding, and the like. In this case, since the general was infirmed and content to spend the fall here, his tent could have easily been improved with other amenities (Figure 12-14).
- The powder magazine was likely a semi-subterranean feature that included a domed roof of brick, stone, sod, and soil. The magazine was likely a temporary structure as it was expected that a similar structure would be incorporated into Fort William Henry, which was under construction (Figure 15 and 16).
- The artillery park would likely have the smallest archeological signature, as it consisted of storage area for unused artillery, their associated carriages and conveyances, and a store of iron shot and other projectiles. Light artifact scatters might be expected, but few if any features are likely.





**Integrity:**      Good ☒      Medium ☐      Poor ☐      None ☐      Unknown ☐

**Archeological Potential:** The archeological potential of these three features is quite good. There is a likely archeological signature, as described above, with each. There is some overlapping military occupation, both slightly before (during the Battle of Lake George and its immediate aftermath), and afterwards in 1758 and 1759. The Dr. Dowling property likely affected some disturbances as did the later state park and campgrounds (Photos 1-3).

**Current Ownership, Use and Threats to Resource:** The resources are currently located within part of the Lake George Battlefield Park and the Lake George Battleground Campground, and the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District. No current threats to the resources are known.



Figure 1. An orthoimage of the portion of the larger encampment camp with the Johnson Marquee, magazine, and artillery park (outlined in red), to the northwest is the likely location of Fort William Henry and the picket fort (blue).





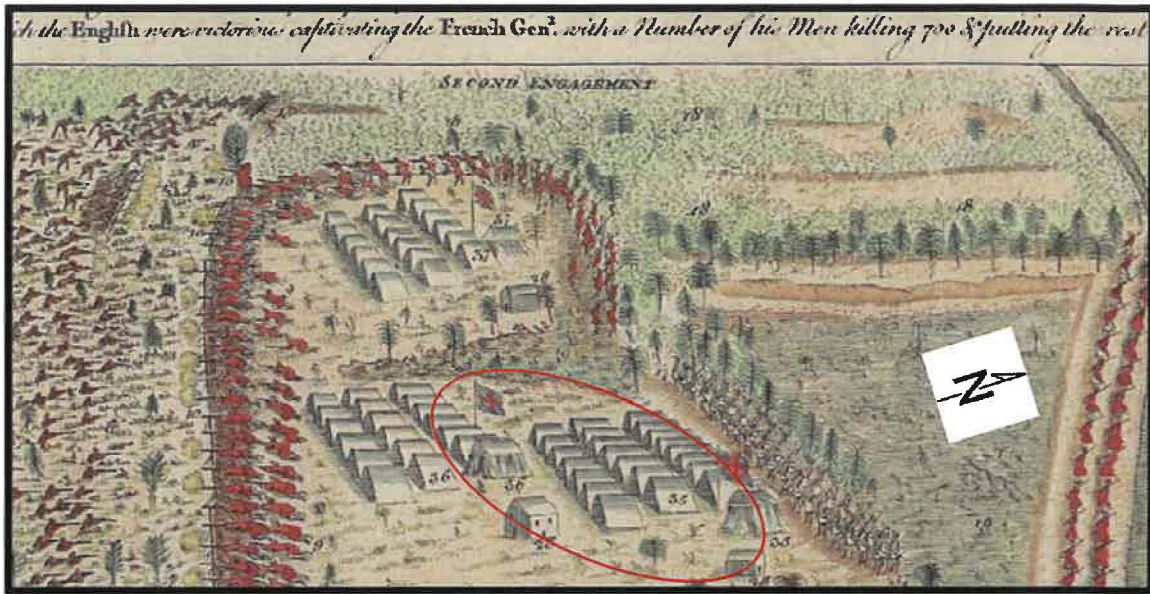


Figure 2. Johnson's camp appears to have been arranged differently during the Battle of Lake George, from that of the remainder of 1755. Here the right wing is occupied by Colonel Ruggles and Colonel William's forces. However, almost immediately after the battle, Johnson moved his marquee, magazine and much of the artillery park to the right wing, likely to cover and supervise the construction of the later Fort William Henry (Blodget 1756).



Figure 3. The 1756 Clement and Johnston rendering provides a similar view of the situation during the Battle on September 8, 1755 as the Blodget view above [Clement and Johnston 1756].



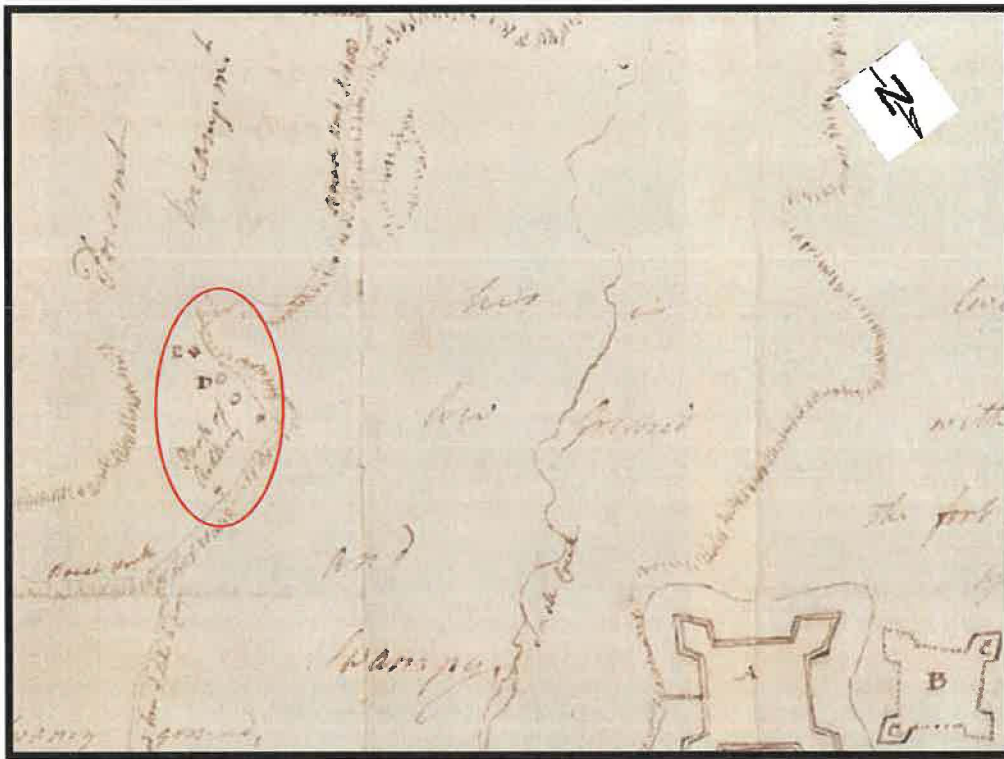


Figure 4. The 1755 map from September 27 enclosed in a letter to Charles Hardy provides an overview of Johnson's re-organized camp after the battle while the picket fort was still standing and Fort William Henry had been laid-out for construction. D= "the Gener'l" and E= "the powder" and the artillery park is noted to the north (Eyre 1755a).

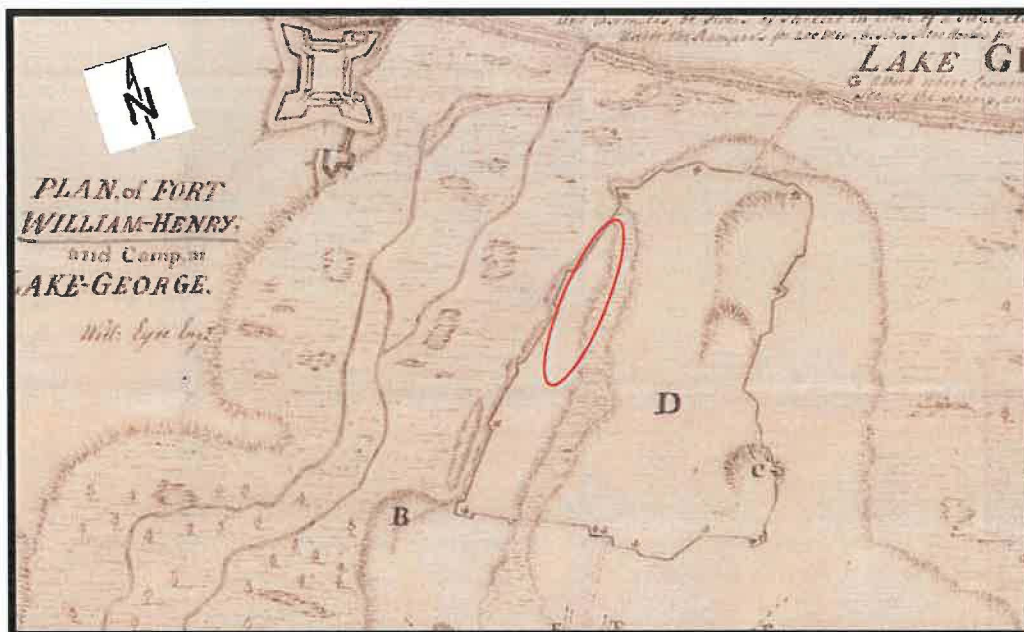


Figure 5. 1755 Eyre depicts the now completed fortified encampment around October 1755, although not indicated, the Johnson tent, magazine and artillery park is still on the right flank (red outline) (Eyre 1755b).





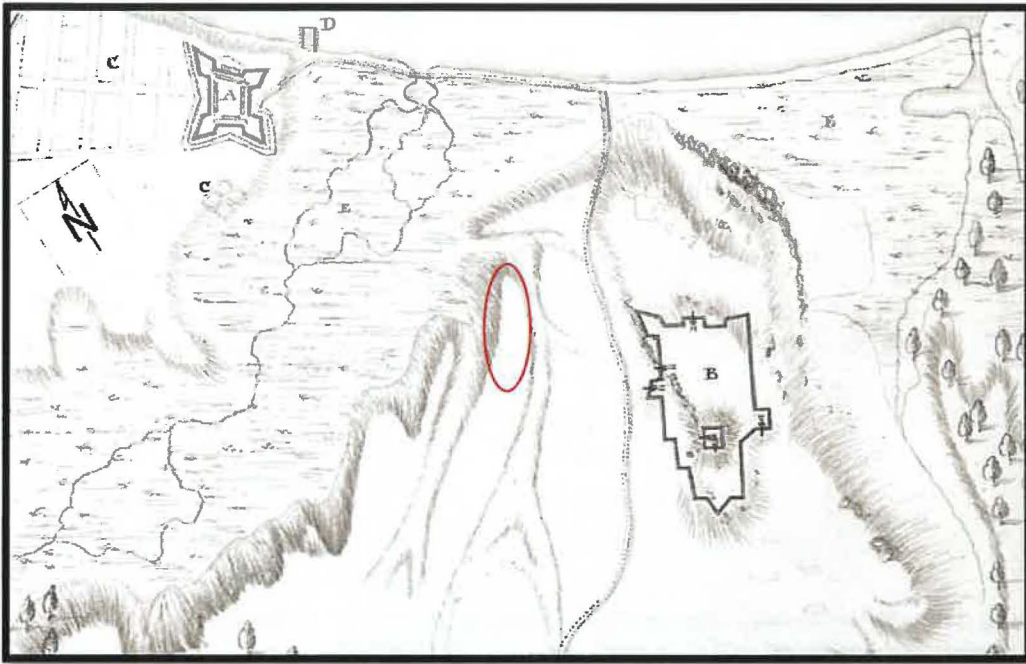


Figure 6. Between 1756 and 1758, there was little activity in this portion of the Lake George area. Most of the troop moved into Fort William Henry, those that could not be accommodated were placed in the retrenched camp to the east of the former site of the Johnson tent, 1757 Pfister map (Pfister 1757).

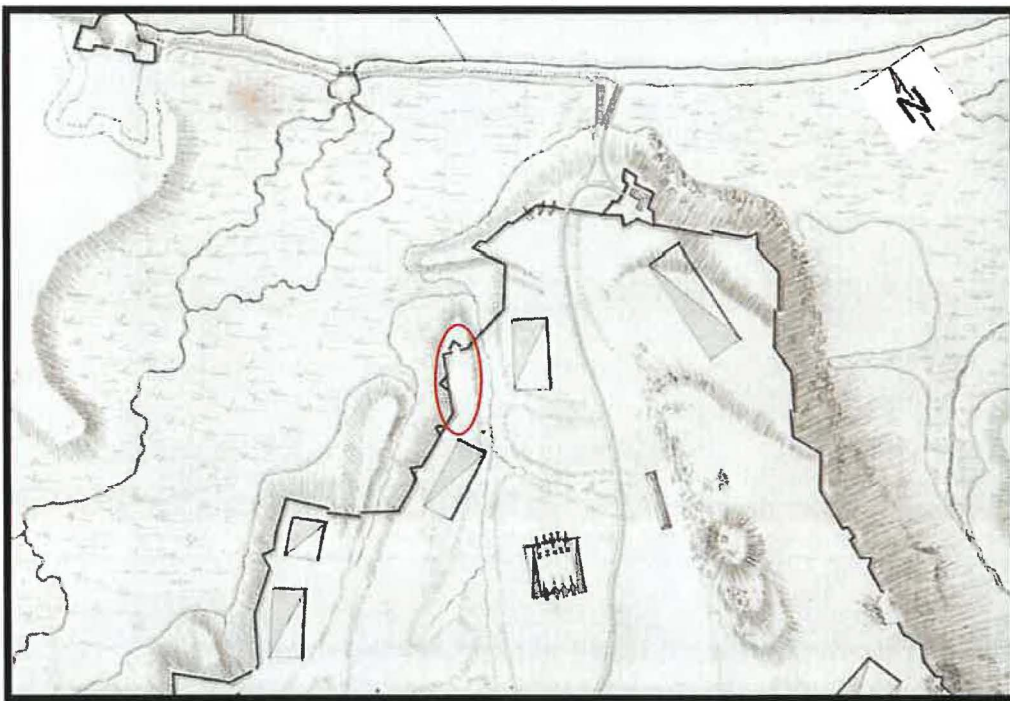


Figure 7. By 1758, The former location of Johnson's tent was once again part of a large fortified camp created by General Abercromby before and after his failed expedition to Fort Carillon (Germain 1758).



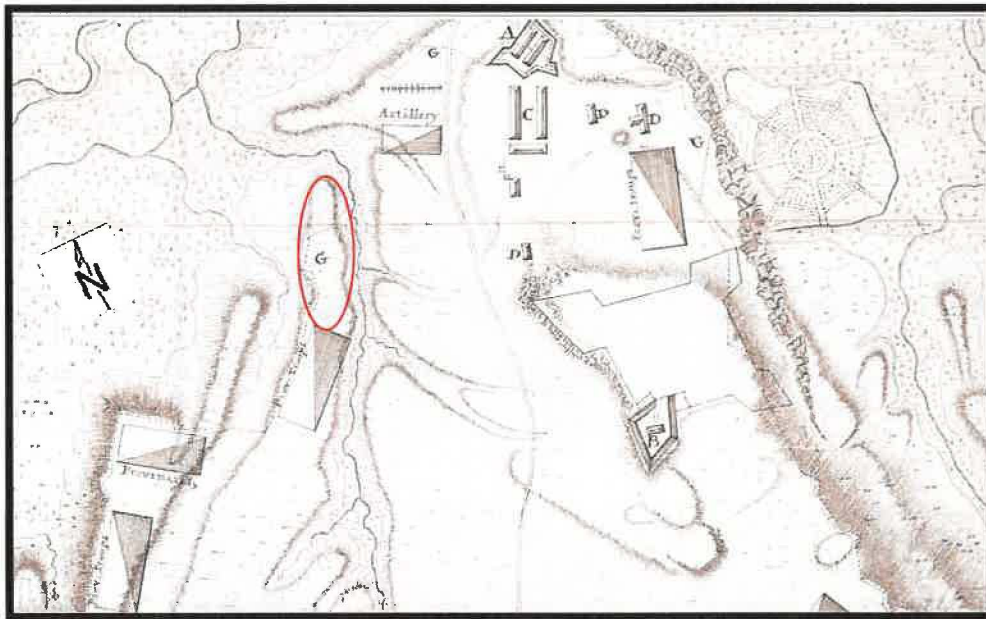


Figure 8. After Amherst's expedition north in late July 1759, this portion of Lake George was once again abandoned as a military camp. G= old lines made under General Abercromby (see above (Ratzer 1759).

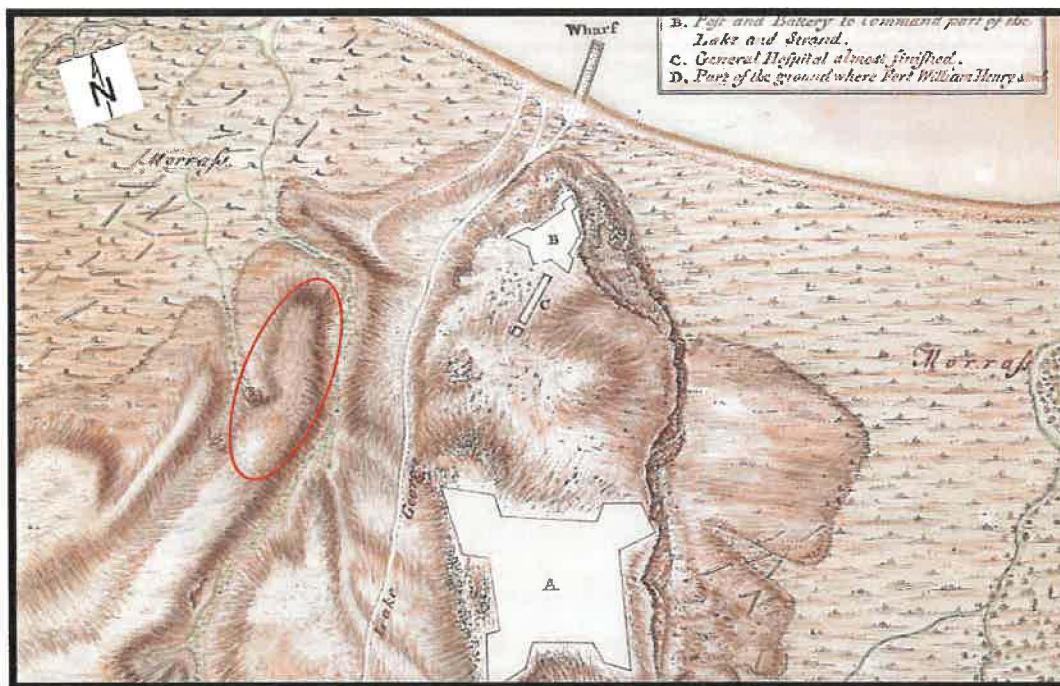


Figure 9. After Amherst successfully marched north against the French, work continued on nearby Fort George (A) and other installations, as forces and materials were consolidated to the east (Brasier 1759).







Figure 10. The area remained relatively undisturbed throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century. By the middle to end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the property was owned by Nivert, and a nearby farmstead owned by Dr. Dowling lay just to the east (Arnold 1891).

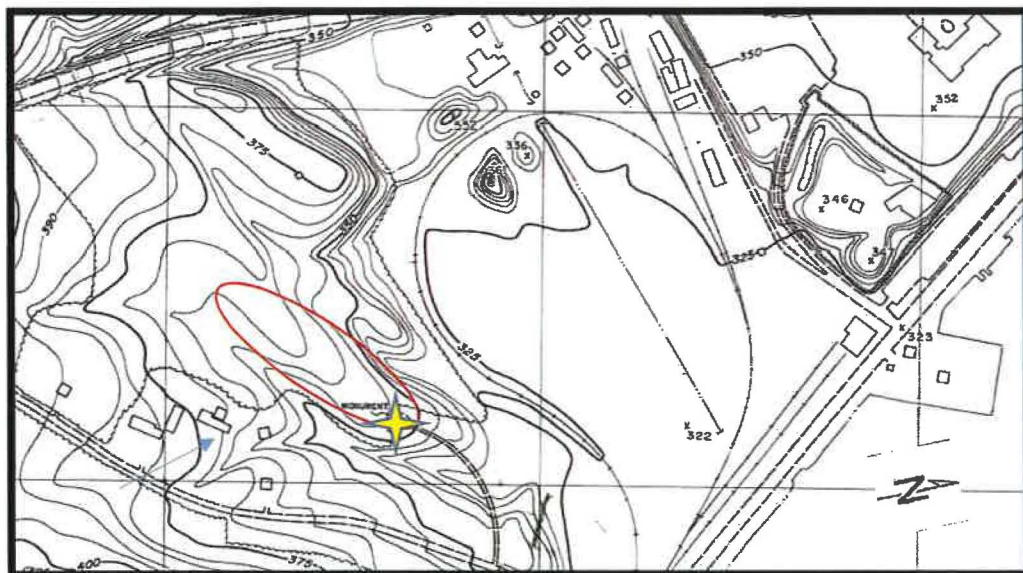


Figure 11. The area was incorporated into a State Park in 1929, the Jogues monument (star) was erected in the area in 1939. Otherwise this area has been relatively undisturbed (State of New York- Department of Public Works 1953-6).



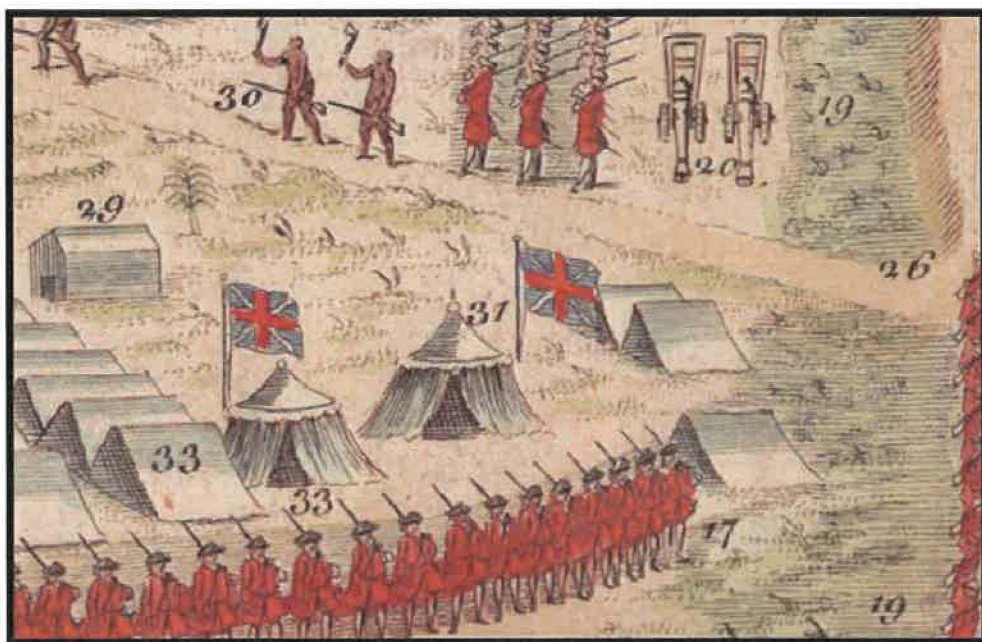


Figure 12. Blodget's representation of General Johnson's Marquee or tent [31] and that of Colonel Harris [33] during the battle when they were posted on the left wing [Blodget 1756].







Figure 13. A 1711 rendering of a large marquee in a military camp in Europe by Joshua de Grave, provides a sense of the activities and allied structures that would have occurred around an officer's marquee in the 18<sup>th</sup> century [de Grave 1711].

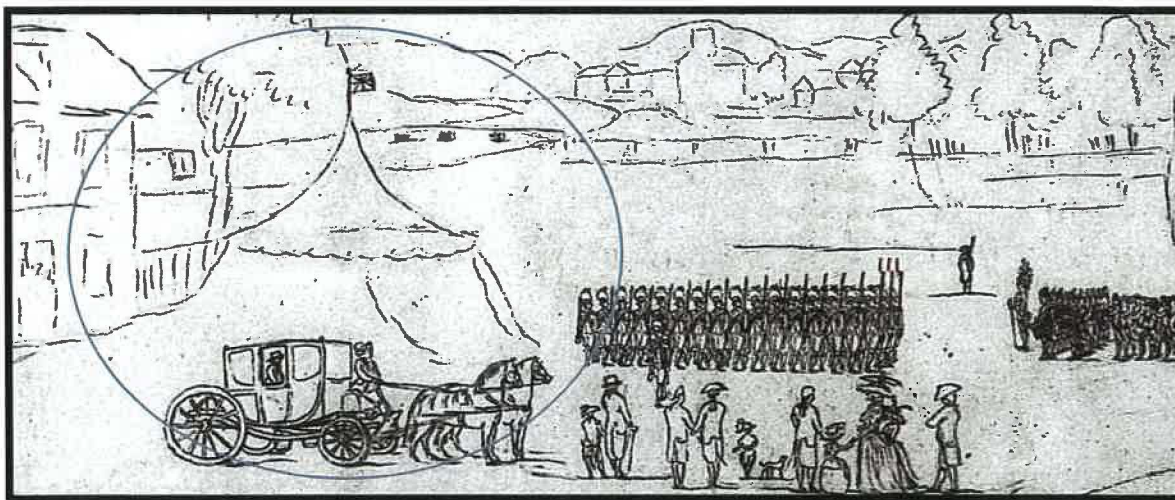
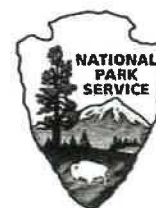


Figure 14. A marquis from an unknown location in the journal of Col. James Montresor, from about 1757 [Montresor n.d.:G97].



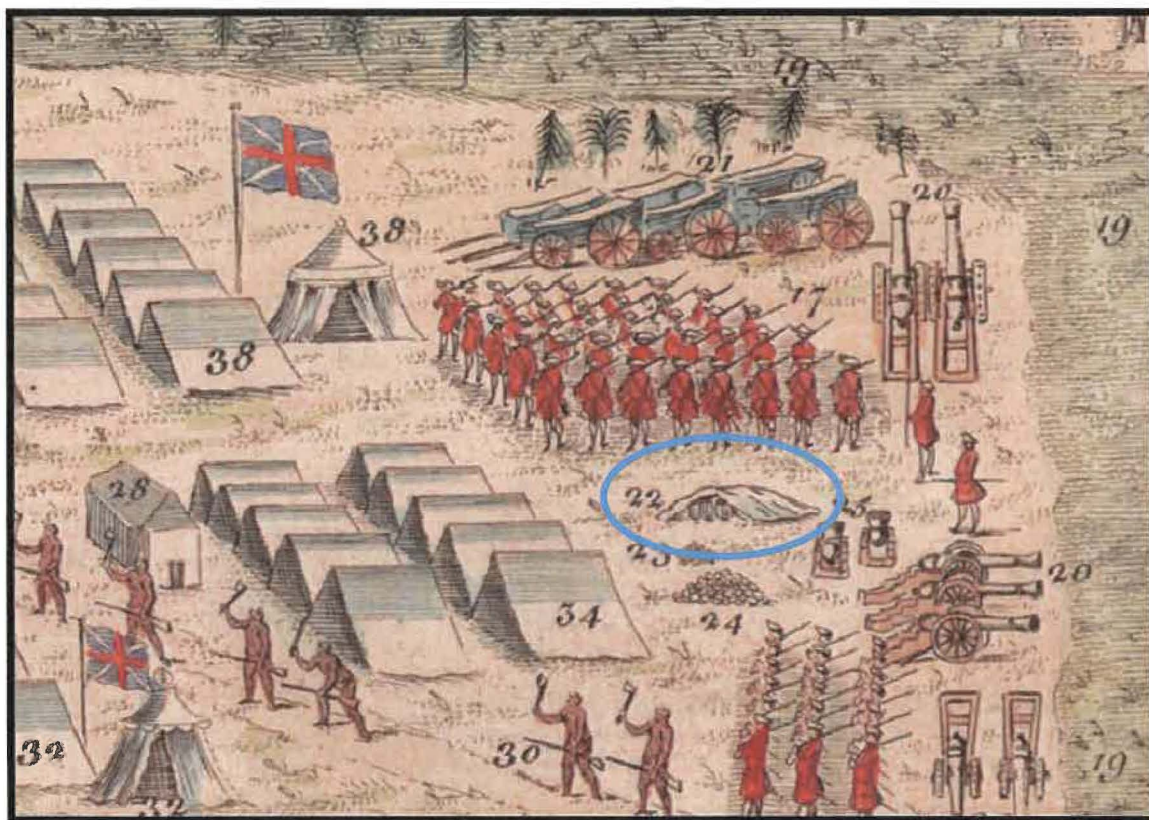


Figure 15. A detail of the first location of the "Magazine of Powder" (22) shown on the Blodget rendering (outlined in blue). Although not identified as such, this area is also part of the first artillery park where the cannon and carriages were stored during the battle (Blodget 1756).







Figure 16. The powder magazine at Fort Montgomery, a revolutionary war feature. These semi-subterranean structures often featured an arched roof that included brick, soil, and sod or soil to protect the powder from incendiary devices (Fisher 2004:115-120).







Photo 1 A Google Street View of the location of the Johnson Marquee, magazine, and artillery park from Fort George Road. This part of the 1755 camp occupied a low rise just east of the West Brook, now filled and straightened. Another small drainage swale appears on contemporary maps between the rise and modern road, suggesting this area has been extensively filled as well.



Photo 2 The majority of the area today is wooded, located south of the Jogues memorial. DEC has installed and removed various campsites in the area over the years, including water lines and fire rings. The depression to the right may be an archeological feature related to the 1755 or later encampments.





Photo 3 The approximate location of Johnson's 1755 marquee, magazine and artillery park along the right wing of the encampment. Today, the area is part of the Battlefield Park and partially occupied by a large monument to Isaac Jogues by artist Charles Keck, erected in 1939 as a peace memorial.





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## **Appendix 2B**





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## Resource Inventory Form

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Town and Village of Lake George, Warren County, New York



Resource ID/Name: 1756-5 Lime and Brick Kilns

Resource Type: Construction

Resource Date: First constructed fall 1756

### Historic Context:

The brick and lime kilns were likely built in the waning weeks of August and early September 1756, after General Winslow returned from Albany and the strategic decision was made to abandon the expedition to Crown Point. At that time, Winslow and his army focused on strengthening the southern end of Lake George and Fort Edward. Surface evidence of the lime kiln appears to be at odds with some of the historical maps. In general, the lime and brick kilns are located east of Fort William Henry and the West Brook (Figure 1).

On September 16, 1757, Elisha Hawley noted: the "Garrison is frained 140 in Length & 20 in bredth ---The Stones for Lime & ye Bricks are now burning" (Hawley 1753-1795:174). Previously, brick and lime was likely transported to Lake George from Fort Edward, Saratoga, or even Albany. However, with a large labor force at its disposal, the army could easily construct its own kilns and burn the bricks and lime more locally.

The kilns appear only on one map by Captain P. Jackson from the late summer of 1756 (Figure 4). Their locations appear to be generalized. Surface evidence of two kilns can be seen today east of Fort George Road within the Battlefield Park. These may be the 1756 kilns indicated on the Jackson map, or perhaps later kilns. Additional archeology would be necessary to help date the features. The kilns were advantageously situated along an outcrop of limestone. Typically lime kilns were situated below the quarry face, allowing raw limestone ore to be placed into the kiln from above. The fuel box could be fed and the resulting unslaked, burnt lime could be extracted easily at the base (Johnson 2008:131). These fairly simple features are often called "shaft kilns." The kiln would have been fueled by the abundant wood resources in the vicinity of the army camp.

The brick kiln was likely situated on the terrace above the small spring-fed drainages of West Brook to the west of the fort. Here clay could be easily mined, and sand and water also obtained, to help form the green bricks in wooden forms. The formed bricks were allowed to air dry in the sun, and once "leather hard" were removed from the forms. From this point, they could be piled into a self-contained kiln known as a "clamp" or "scove kiln," or alternatively placed into a more formal kiln known as an updraft kiln. For an overview of 17<sup>th</sup>- and 18<sup>th</sup>-century brickmaking in New York see Hartgen (2005:Ch 2) and Table 1. The Jackson and Frye maps seems to suggest that the brick kilns were more permanent and formal than a clamp kiln, perhaps an updraft kiln (Frye 1757; Jackson 1756)(Figures 4 and 5).

A second set of kilns was constructed in 1758 and 1759. These appear to have been located to the east of the escarpment, located just west of the East Brook. A lime kiln was investigated as part of a larger archeological study undertaken by the New York State Museum (Figures 2 3, and 7) (New York State Museum 2013).

There is no evidence the 1756 kilns were utilized again and may have been destroyed after the French captured Fort William Henry in 1757 (Figure 6). Post-war activities near the 1756 kilns appear to have been minimal as evidenced on historical maps (Figures 8 and 9).

Table 1. The archeological signatures of 18<sup>th</sup>-century brickmaking (Gurcke 1987; Hartgen Archeological Associates Inc. 2005).

| Step                  | Process (Gurcke 1987:4)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Archeological Signature                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Mining/<br>Winning | Two methods of clay extraction:<br>1. Excavation of borrow pits.<br>2. Benched excavations along the side of exposed clay deposits.                                                                                                                            | 1. Depressions left from borrow pit excavations<br>2. Terraced benches                                                                      |
| 2. Preparation        | 1. Weathering: raw clay is stockpiled and exposed to the elements to help break the soil up and to remove undesirable inclusions.<br>2. Tempering: the clay is mixed with water, sand, and tempering agents to produce a consistent mix that will fire evenly. | 1. Weathering beds, stockpiles of raw clay.<br>2. Ring pits, large circular depressions where mixing of clay and tempering agents occurred. |
| 3. Molding            | The prepared clay is packed into wooden molds on sand-covered tables and shaped into brick.                                                                                                                                                                    | Post molds from molding sheds.<br>Sand deposits.                                                                                            |
| 4. Drying             | Partially dried brick is removed from molds and laid out in open-sided sheds to dry.                                                                                                                                                                           | Post molds from drying sheds.<br>Sand deposits                                                                                              |
| 5. Firing/<br>Burning | 1. Green bricks (i.e. dried, unfired) are stacked in clamps or scove kilns.<br>2. Green bricks laid up in up-draft or down-draft semi-permanent kilns.                                                                                                         | 1. Bottom courses of clamp/scove kiln left in situ. Fire-reddened soils.<br>2. Arches and benches from the kiln left in situ.               |
| 6. Sorting            | Fired bricks sorted according to hardness and size. Unusable bricks are disposed.                                                                                                                                                                              | Deposits of warped and/or fragmented brick that have been discarded.                                                                        |

**Integrity:** Good ☒ Medium ☐ Poor ☐ None ☐ Unknown ☐

**Archeological Potential:** Both the lime and brick kilns are likely to have a substantial archeological footprints. This includes

- the clay and limestone quarries,
- pug mills to mix clay and sand for the bricks, and to crush the calcined limestone,
- the drying yards for the bricks, which may have included wooden sheds,
- slaking pits where the burnt limestone and water were mixed to create plaster, mortar, or cement,
- and the kilns themselves.

Physical evidence is visible in the form of cracked and burned limestone as well as at least two lime kiln mounds, and possibly a third.

As these areas appear to have remained relatively undeveloped over time, there is an excellent potential to locate the kilns and their associated work yards and appurtenances archeologically. The surface evidence of the kilns may be those represented on the 1756 and 1757 map or later incarnations. In either case, the kilns are an important archeological expression of the military occupation of the southern end of Lake George in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

**Current Ownership, Use and Threats to Resource:** The kilns are located on state land, and are not threatened resources (Photos 1-2). However, the surface features (and likely location of the brickyard and other kilns) offer excellent opportunities for public interpretation.







Figure 1. An orthoimage of the 1756 brick and lime kilns based on an overlay of the 1757 Frye map of the southern end of Lake George in relation to the surface evidence of kilns (Frye 1757).



Photo 1 A view southeast of two lime kilns in the current Battlefield Park. The associated limestone quarry is located immediately to the east of the larger kiln to the rear.







Photo 2 A small drainage just west of the former Dowling farm likely supplied the clay for the brick kilns. The kilns themselves were likely situated on the terrace above the drainage to the west.





Figure 2. An excavated lime kiln further east, thought to date to 1759, located along the escarpment of the East Brook (Courtesy of CRSP, NYSM) (New York State Museum 2015).

***Saturday—30<sup>th</sup>. The Jersey blue lime burner began to work this day. Rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from Cap<sup>t</sup> Green from Louisburg dated the 3<sup>d</sup> of June. Gave my first Plan of the Fort to the General. The General Wall Packet Captain Botisor with Coll<sup>o</sup> Bastide &<sup>o</sup> sailed the 25<sup>th</sup> of June.***

Figure 3. An excerpt from James Montresor's journal, dated June 1759, mentions a new "Jersey blue lime burner," which may refer to the excavated lime kiln shown in Figure 4.







Figure 4. The Jackson map is one of the only contemporary 1756 maps to indicate the general locations of the brick (G) and lime kilns (F) (Jackson 1756).

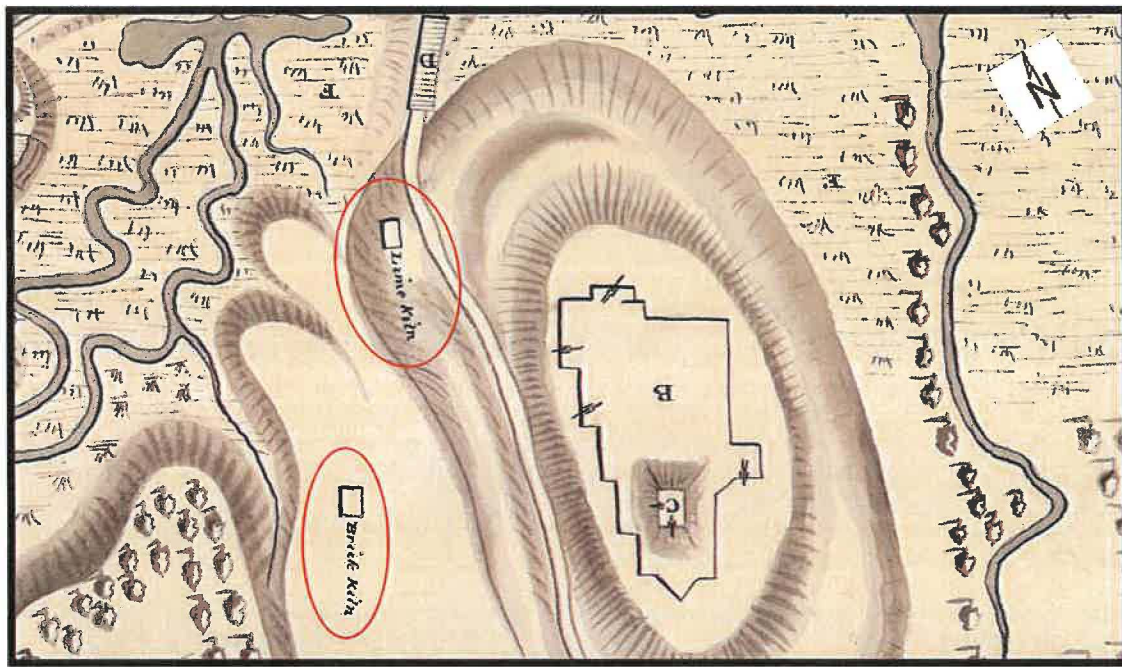


Figure 5. The lime and brick kilns were represented on the 1757 Frye map, suggesting that these features were evident, or perhaps still in use, until the time of the siege in August 1757 [Frye 1757].



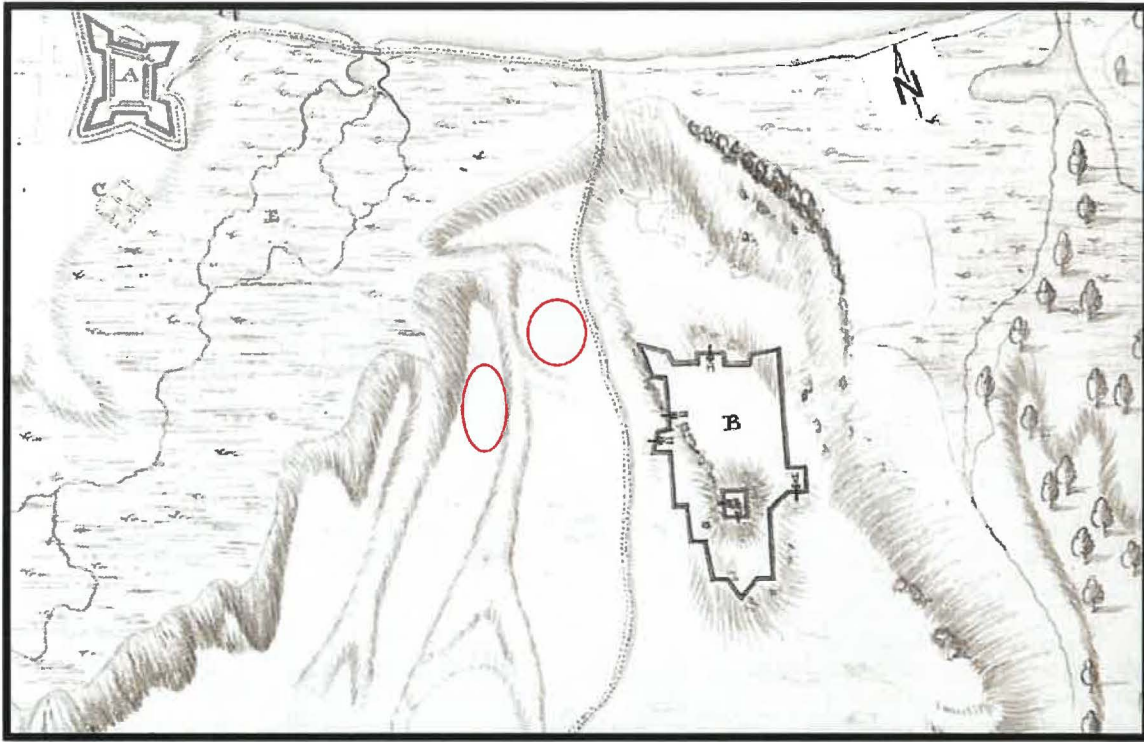


Figure 6. The kilns were likely short-lived, used only during the late summer and fall of 1756. They are not represented on this 1757 map (Pfister 1757).





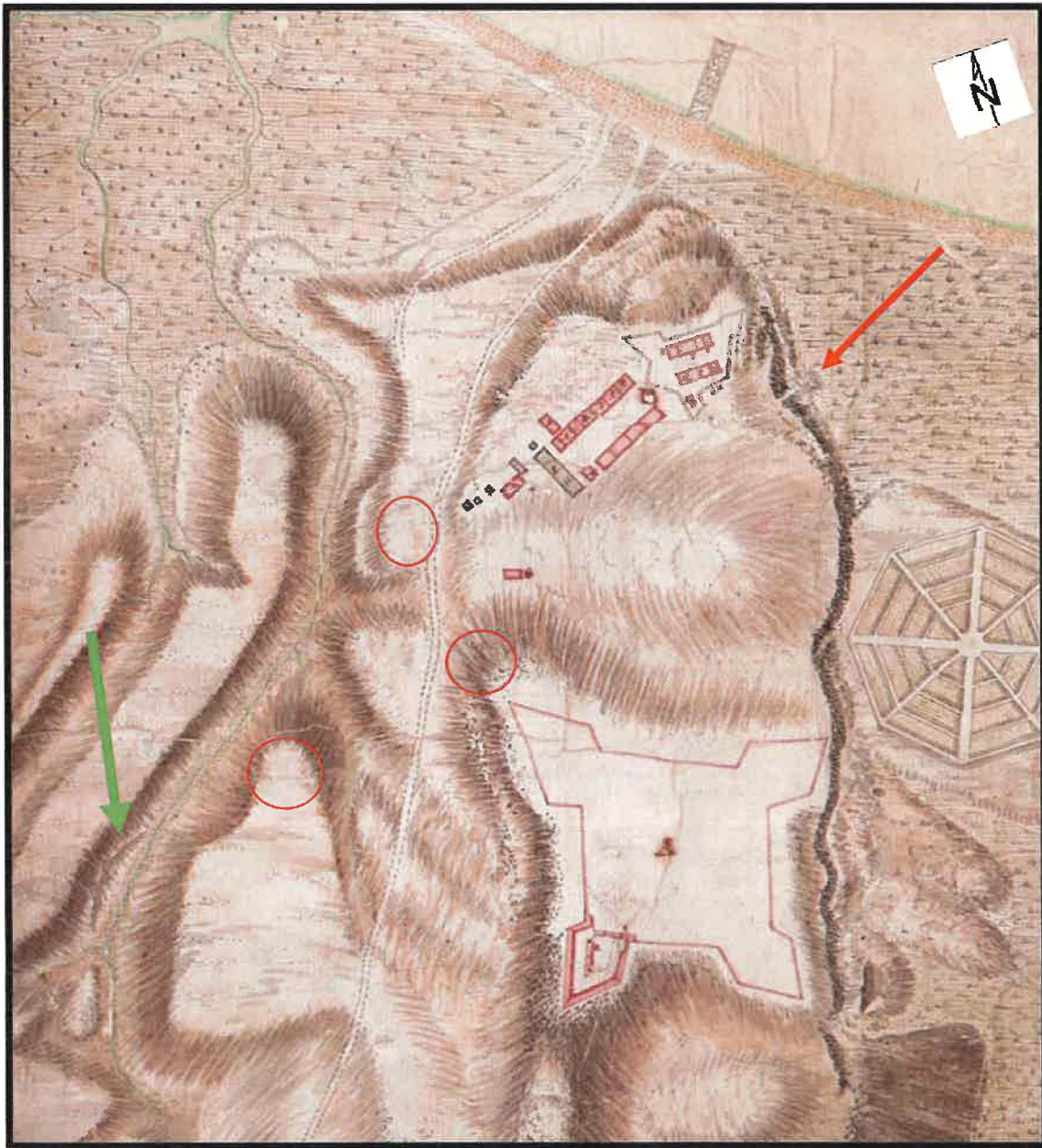


Figure 7. A new lime kiln was constructed along the East Brook [arrow] for the construction of Fort George in 1759. There is no indication of a brick yard or kiln. However, the map seems to indicate a quarried clay bank (green arrow), perhaps where the 1756 clay was excavated for the brick kiln (Brasier 1759).



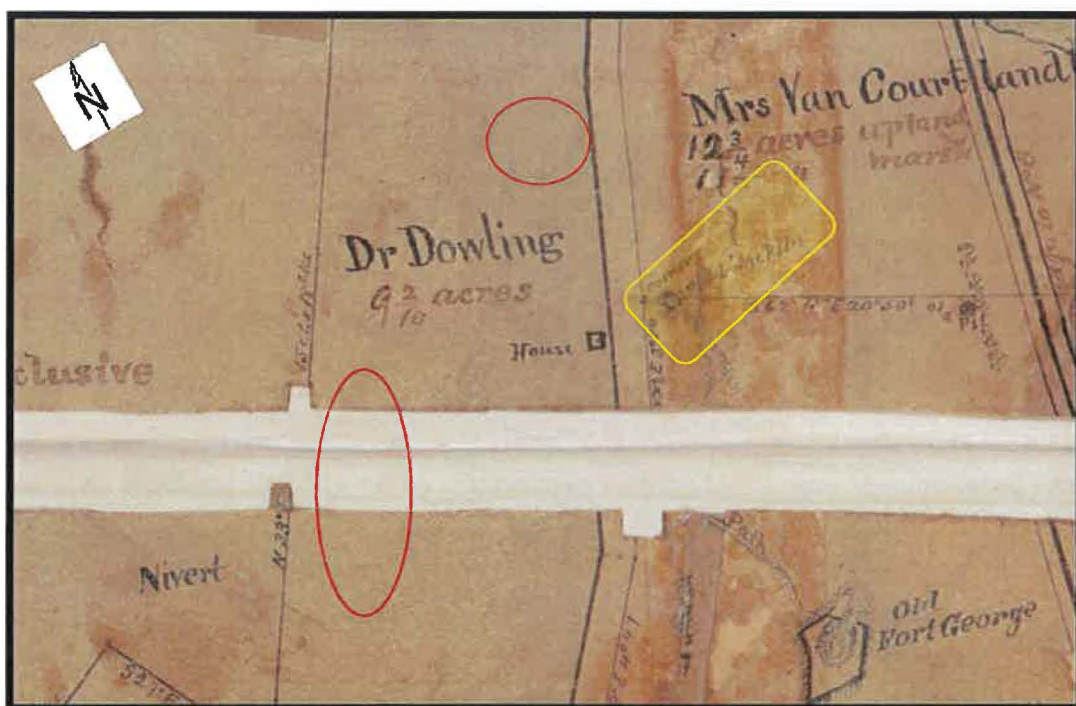


Figure 8. The “old lime kiln” is likely the one still evident today, indicated on this 1891 map of Lake George (highlighted in yellow). The designation seems to suggest that it was an 18<sup>th</sup> century feature. The Dowling house is to the west and the likely location of the 1756 brick kiln further to the west. The circle above is the mapped location of the lime kiln [Arnold 1891].

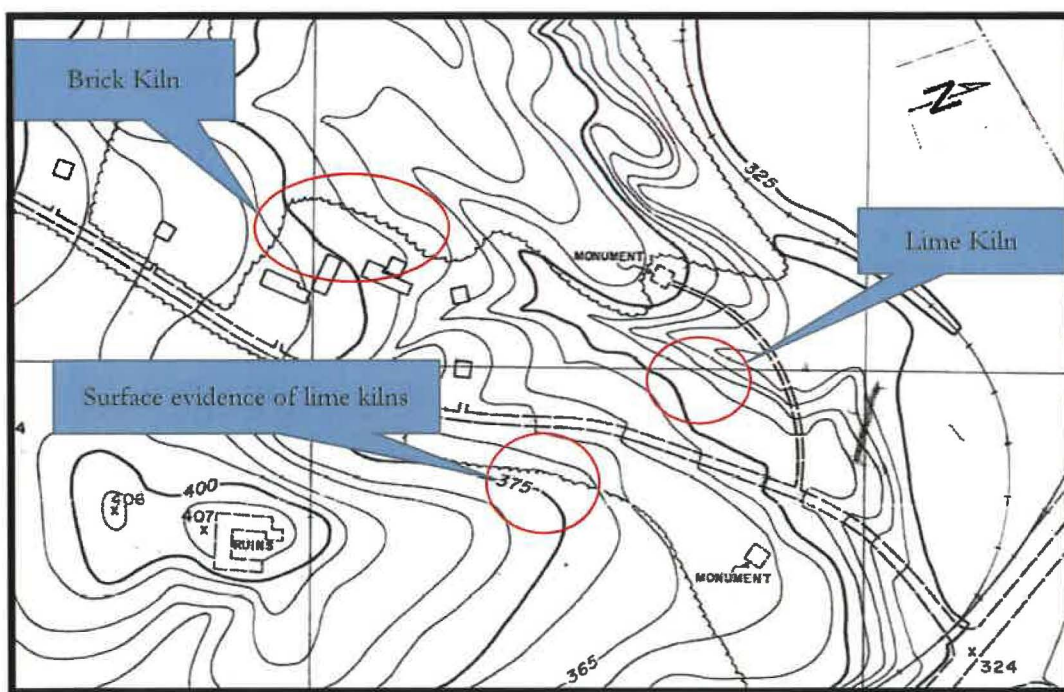


Figure 9. The supposed location of the kilns, relative to the surface evidence, after the creation of the Battlefield Park (State of New York- Department of Public Works 1953-6).





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## **Appendix 2C**



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## Resource Inventory Form

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Town and Village of Lake George, Warren County, New York



Resource ID/Name: 1757-4 Colonel Young's Retrenchment/the "Entrenched Camp"

Resource Type: Fortification

Resource Date: July 27 to August 14, 1757

### Historic Context:

This resource is an important element of the Siege of Fort William Henry, and is where the bulk of English/Provincial troops were stationed during the fight, including the theatre commander Lt. Colonel George Montro. Although the camp was known for Lt. Colonel John Young, who commanded the troops who worked on retrenching the location. The camp is situated on the elevated terrace between the West and East Brook, largely overlapping with William Johnson's 1755 encampment (Figure 1). The French and English depicted the camp in distinctly different ways, as will be discussed. Here we use the plan developed by Abercrombie as the most likely outline of the camp (Figures 4 and 5).

Once French troops were spotted on the horizon of Lake George in late July 1757, word was quickly sent to Fort Edward for English reinforcements. At the time, only a small contingent of English and Provincial troops were stationed at Fort William Henry, as the majority of available forces were sent east to siege Louisburg, Nova Scotia. As Fort William Henry could only accommodate about 400 to 450 soldiers, the additional detachments encamped on the hillside to the southwest of the fort.

A detachment of about 200 Royal Americans (3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion) under Lt. Colonel John Young (Campbell 2014:31 and 91), with 100 Independent troops of Captain Charles Cruikshanks, and 823 Massachusetts Provincials under Colonel Joseph Frye, left Fort Edward August 2 (Frye 1757:355). As the additional forces arrived to assist the Fort William Henry garrison, it was determined that a new fortified encampment near the former William Johnson camp should be established to best protect the fort and additional soldiers. This became known as Colonel Young's Retrenchment, and was also called "the Entrenched Camp." The outline of the camp was established by Colonel James Montresor on July 27 (Bellico 2010:110). His sketch provides an idea of the concept that he developed; however, once he retired with General Daniel Webb to Fort Edward, the camp evolved organically (Figures 2 and 3, Figures 6-10).

Montresor's journal indicated he arrived at Fort William Henry on July 26 and met with Colonel John Young and the Governor (Figures 2 and 3). They determined to "form a camp" on Johnson's 1755 camp that is to be "rentrenched (sic)" (Montresor 1881:23). On the 27<sup>th</sup>, the Montresor traced out the ground for the new camp and the next day work began on the "Intrenchment" according to his plans. The same day the troops camped to the southwest of the fort moved to their new camp to the east (Montresor 1881:24), but the very next day he departed for Fort Edward and Colonel Young continued the works without the service of master engineer. For artillery, Montresor suggested two 12-pounders, 2 six-pounders, and 2 eight-pounders (Montresor 1881:37). The Argenson show six artillery locations (Figure 16) different than the English plan of Pfister's (Figure 9). This could suggest the artillery was moved throughout the battle, and the French maps represent the last iteration of their disposition.

By August 3, the troops "fortified in the best manner we could, with logs and stones, having two brass 6-pounders on a hill near the centre of the camp, two brass 12-pounders on the west side of the encampment,

one brass-6-pounder at the entrance of the camp from the lake, and one easterly side of the camp from the lake, to clear a swamp” (Frye 1757:358) (Figures 7-9).

The historical maps suggest as many as two buildings were located within the camp (see Figures 14-15). The fortified lines featured as many as 6 sally-ports, or protective entrances. The cannons on the heights in the center of the camp appear to have been within a redoubt (square or rectangular stronghold within the fortified line). Burton and his engineers suggested such a feature back in the early summer of 1756 on this precise spot (Burton, et al. 1756). It is not clear if that initiative was ever constructed at that time. If so, the 1757 redoubt on the hill may have utilized an existing structure. The center portion of the fortified camp is the likely location of Colonel George Monro's marque, as he spent the siege watching the events from this vantage point (Bellico 2010:113). The camp totaled over 1,700 people including sailors, carpenters, sutlers and women and children (Bellico 2010:113).

Historical maps of the English provide some agreement on the shape, size, and disposition of the cannons within the fort. However, French maps depict the camp in a very different manner (Figures 11-16). As these cannot be rectified, we present both general shapes in the GIS data, and present a sequence of English map and then the French equivalents (Figures 3 and 12).

The French described the retrenchment as:

Separated from the fort by a great marsh, situated on an advantageous height that commanded the fort, it was also bordered by a marsh on the east. The entrenchments were made of tree trunks laid atop each other. The small embrasures and many salient angles were fitted with artillery. The whole could easily be surrounded, the enemy numbered about 2,400 in both the fort and entrenchments. (Gabriel 1887:87)

After the surrender of Fort William Henry on August 9, the English troops began to evacuate the entrenchment and return to Fort Edward. The “massacre” after the battle likely started when French Native allies began pillaging the camp before all the soldiers (particularly the sick and wounded) had the opportunity to leave the camp. The pillage of material and harassing (and killing and capturing) of men, women, and children continued along the military road south of the camp (Steele 1990).

Once the French cleared the camp, the cannons were plundered along with the ammunitions and stores. It is likely that the fortified walls were also toppled and burned.

When the English army returned to Lake George in the summer of 1758 and again in 1759, a new, larger fortified encampment was created that enveloped both the Johnson camp and later Young's Retrenchment. The center higher ground where the redoubt and cannons were mounted at the center of the camp became the approximate location of the southwest bastion of the planned Fort George. The construction of the fort bastion in 1759 likely removed all the vestiges of the southern portions of the Young Retrenchment. According to Archelaus Fuller, on August 13, 1758, “we tared their & was ordered to work up pone the hill where the old bres work was to level it in order to build a for” (Fort Ti Bulletin 1970:11). While workers were excavating for the fort they happened upon several burials, which they attributed to the 1757 fight. Robert Webster wrote on July 3, 1759 “as our men work at the Fort they dug up seven men's bones that were killed in the siege at Lake George in the year 1757” (Fort Ti Bulletin 1954:316).

The area after 1760 remained relatively undeveloped, and by the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the entire retrenchment was part of the State Park, as it remains today.

The archeological signature of the camp includes earthen and stone walls, as records indicated that the camp was fortified with logs and stones. Gabriel wrote that “the entrenchments were made of tree trunks laid atop each other.” Also, historic maps suggest as many as two buildings were located within the camp. Camp fires, cooking features, magazines, storehouse, huts and other appurtenances may have also left an archeological signature within the fortified camp. Furthermore, it is possible that other burials may remain at this site.





**KOCSA:** Young's Retrenchment occupied *Key Terrain* along the high ground to the southwest of Fort William Henry. Lt. Col. George Monro was not at Fort William Henry during the siege, instead opting to spend the siege watching the events from this opportune vantage point. This high elevation was a key *Observation* point for Monro and his troops, who had a *Field of Fire* (including approximately six cannons) covering the fort to the northeast, and in turn had covering fire from the larger cannons within the fort. The Retrenchment did not benefit from topographical *Cover or Concealment*, as it was situated atop a high slope. The nearby Lake George, East and West Brooks, and swamps provided *Obstacles* to enemy troops, blocking off the east side of the fort (west of the Retrenchment) and the east side of the Retrenchment to approaching French troops. The fortified encampment was also placed along the high ground southwest of the fort as additional protective measure (*Obstacle*) against attack. The fortified lines featured as many as 6 sally-ports, or protective entrances. These provided *Avenues of Approach* to and from the Retrenchment. The English used the eastern sally ports to engage the French in a skirmish on August 7 against a redoubt placed east of the camp.

**Integrity:** Good ☒ Medium ☐ Poor ☐ None ☐ Unknown ☐

**Archeological Potential:** The archeological potential is considered to be medium. The reduced potential is partially due to the destruction of the camp by the French in 1757, and the subsequent leveling of the fortified lines by the English in advance of construction for the later 1758 and 1759 encampments, and building of Fort George. Small portions of the former fortified lines, evidence of building foundations, magazines and stores, latrines, cooking features, and burials are still likely. The shallow ditch and berm along much of the east side of the hill within the State Park correspond very well to lines for the entrenched camp shown on French maps drawn after the siege. But this may also be associated later encampments.

**Current Ownership, Use and Threats to Resource:** The resource is currently located on State Park land. Currently, there are no known threats to the resource.



Figure 1. An orthoimage of Young's Entrenchment. French and English maps depict the shape of the entrenchment drastically differently. The yellow image is the configuration based on French maps, while the white image is the configuration based on English maps.





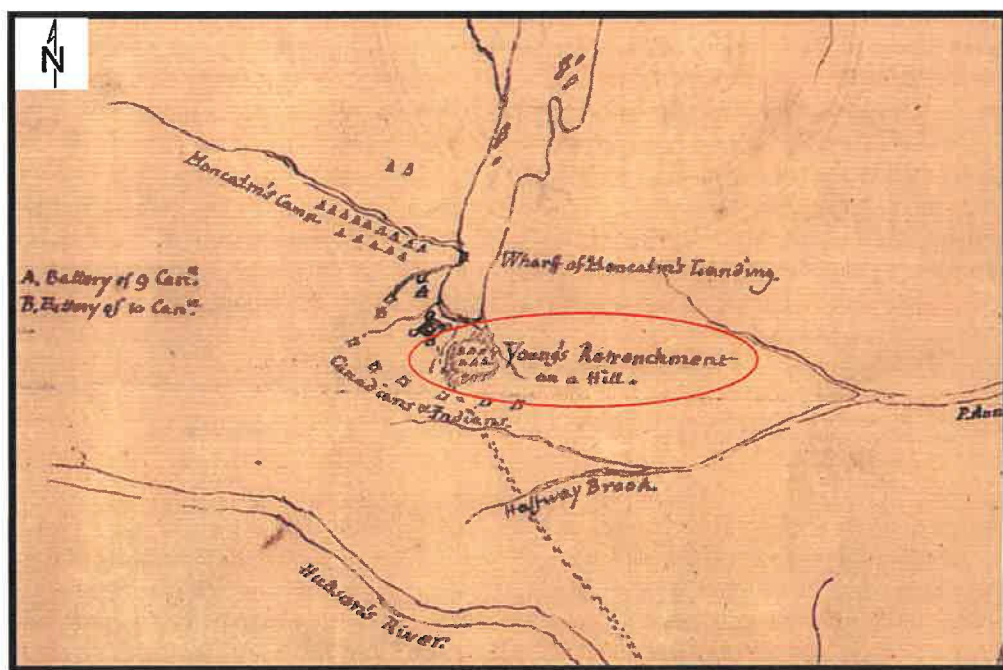


Figure 2. "Young's Retrenchment on a Hill" is labelled on this 1757 map (Montresor 1757a).

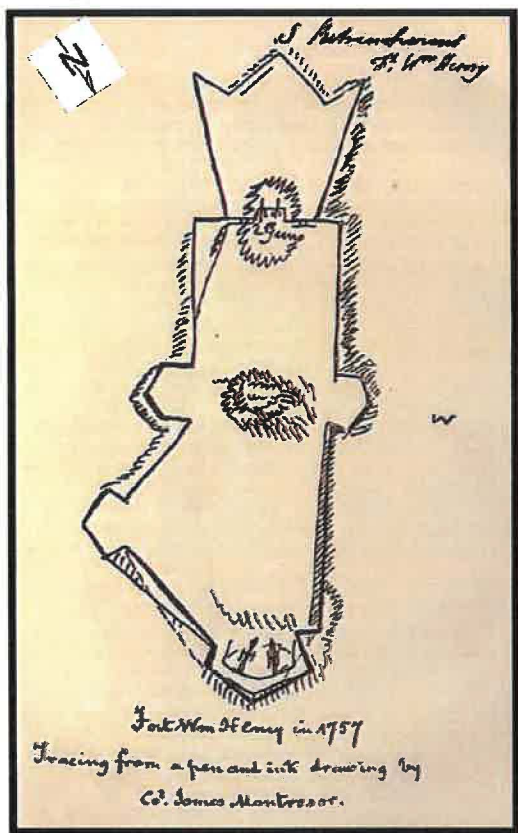


Figure 3. A sketch of the retrenchment, from Col. James Montresor's journal (Montresor 1757b).



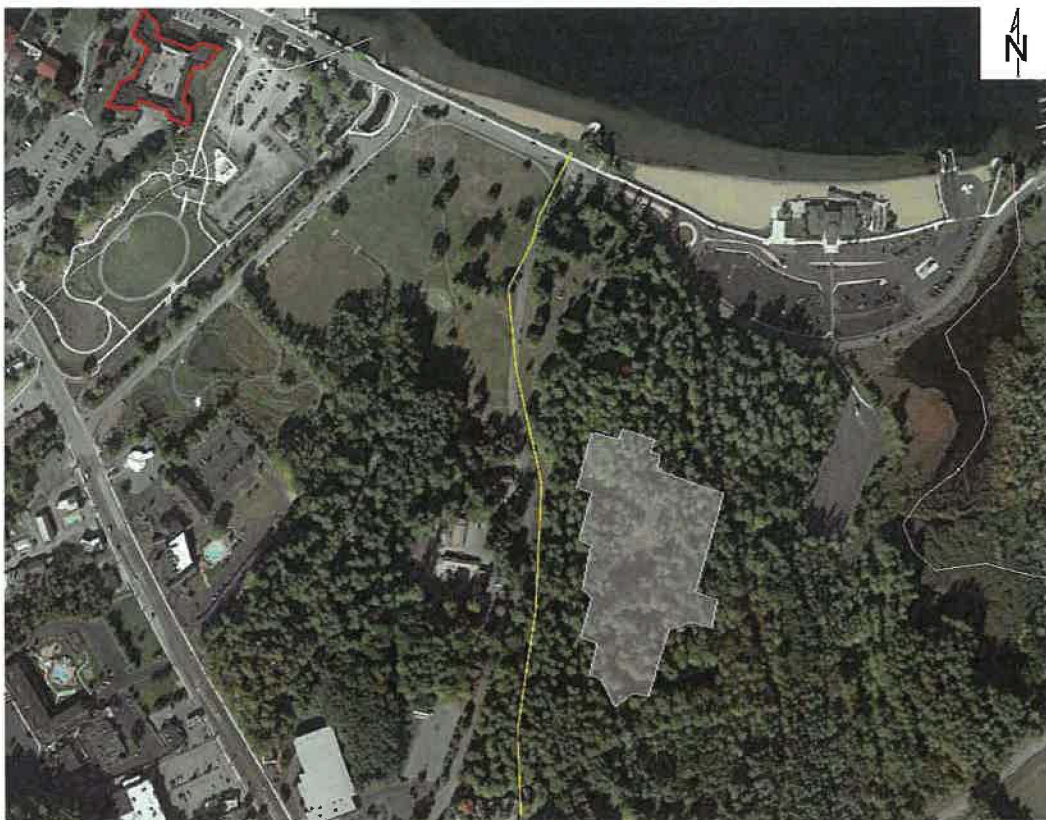


Figure 4. An orthoimage of the approximate configuration and location of the retrenchment, based on English maps.

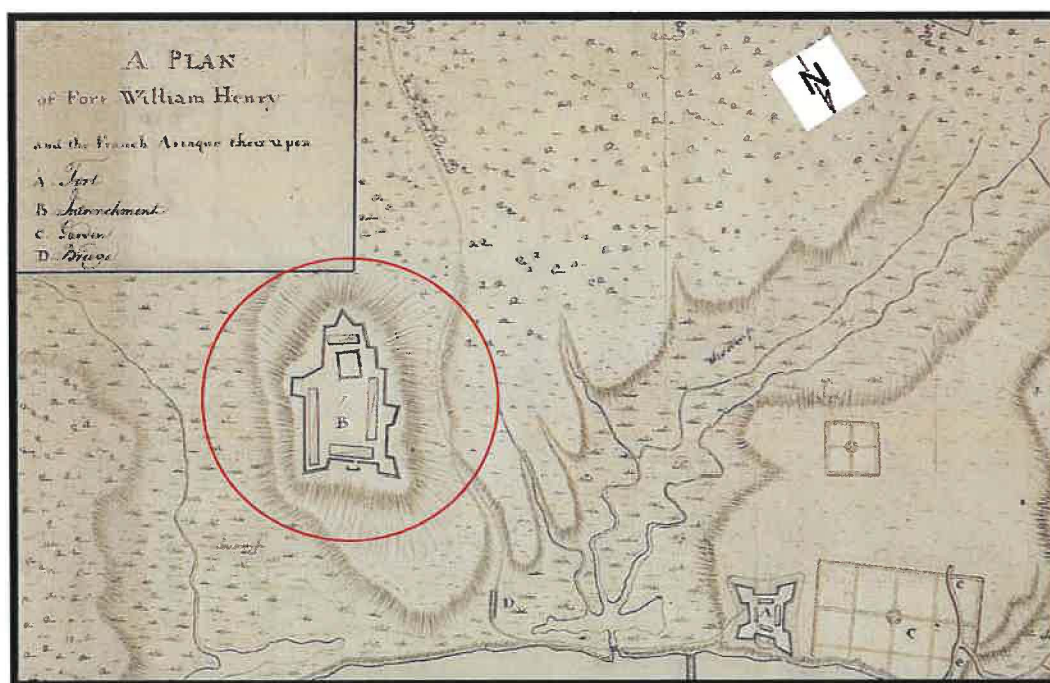


Figure 5. Abercrombie's 1757 Plan of Fort William Henry, depicting the Retrenchment ("Intrenchment"), feature "B," in the English style (Abercrombie 1757b).





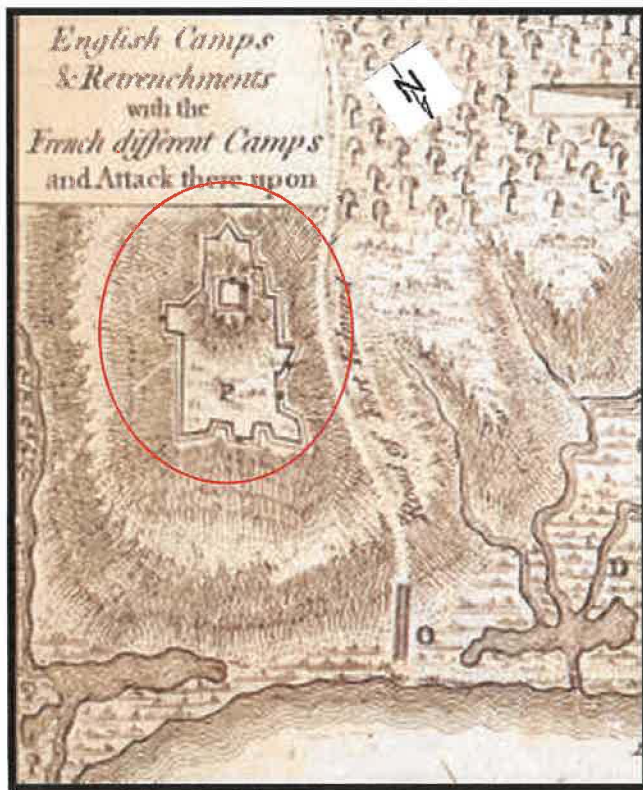


Figure 6. "P." is defined as "The English Retrenchment" (Rocque 1757).



Figure 7. "B" is described as "The Retrenched Camp of the English" (Frye 1757).



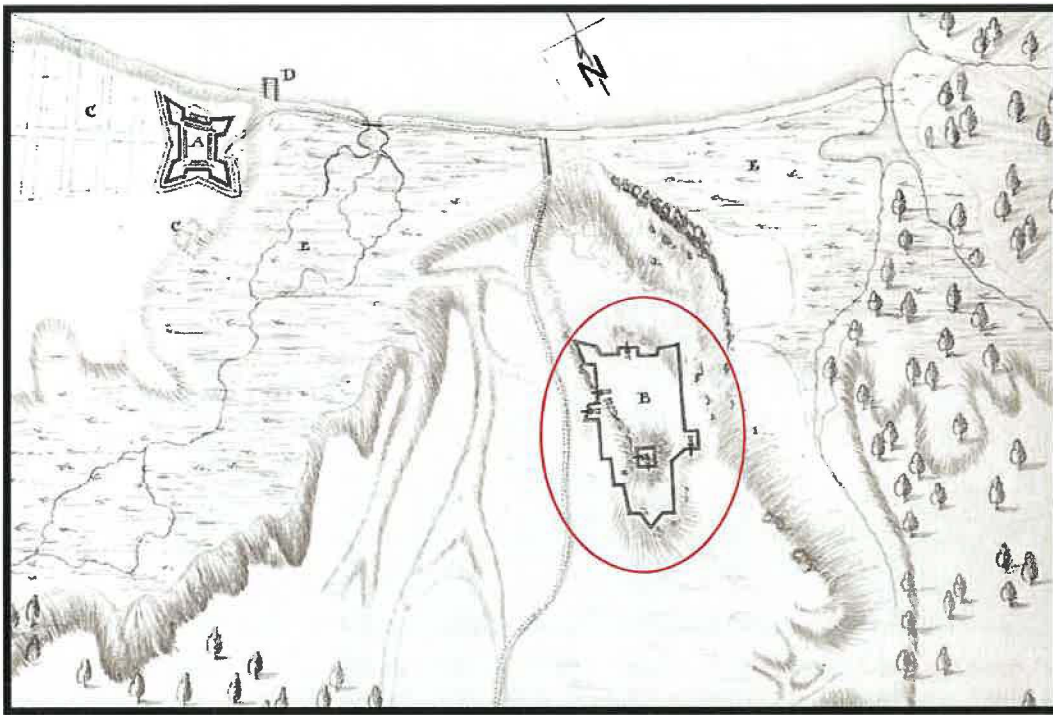


Figure 8. In the map's "Explanation," *B* is described as "the English Retrenchment" (Pfister 1757).

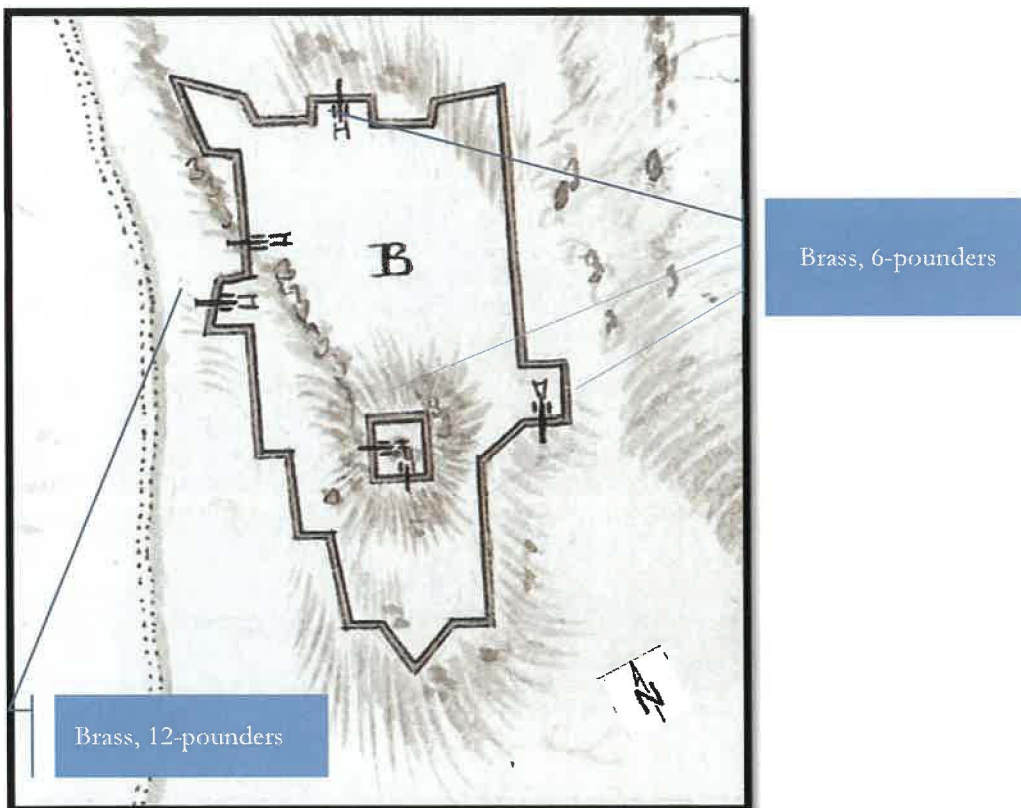


Figure 9. Detail of the field pieces in the encampment (Pfister 1757).







Figure 10. "The Retrenchment," depicted in the English style on a 1757 map (Abercrombie 1757a). The shading surrounding the structure is indicative of its location atop a hill, as described by Montresor.



Figure 11. The configuration of Young's Retrenchment as depicted on French maps.







Figure 12. French depiction of Young's Retrenchment, with topographic lines illustrating the slope of the hill (Crevecoeur 1757). The wharfs of Montcalm's landing and the magazine are also visible in the lower right corner of this image.

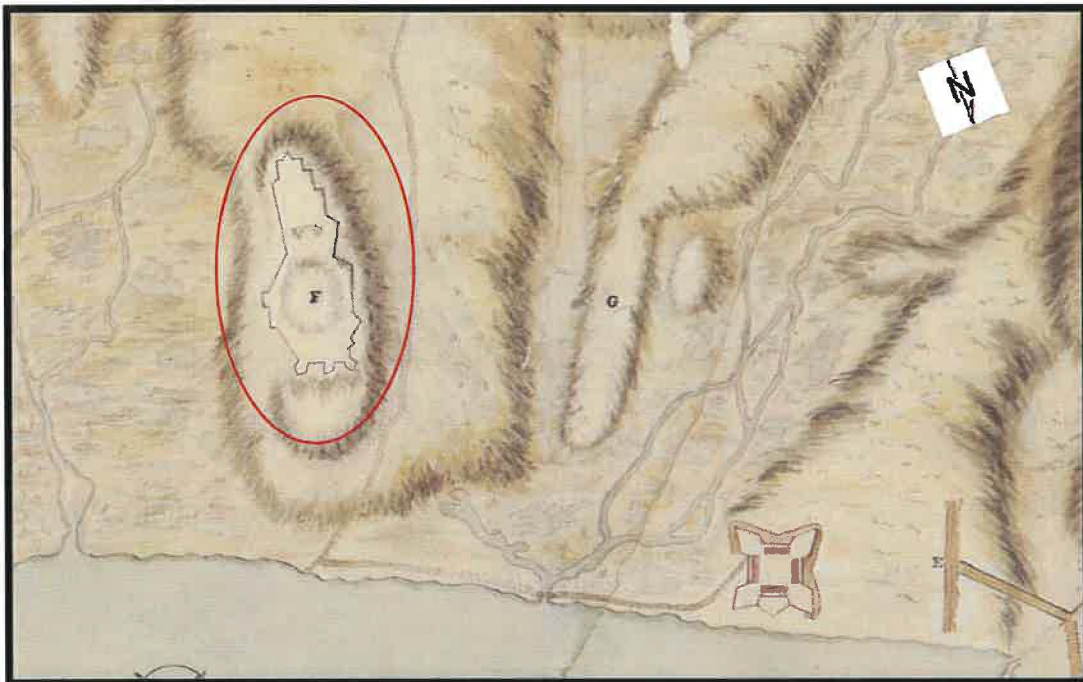


Figure 13. In this English depiction of Young's Retrenchment, "F" is referred to as "The English Encampment during the Siege" (Anonymous 1757). It appears the map is based on French plans as the retracement more closely follows the shapes of the Argenson and Therbu maps. Note the two cannons in the works at the center of the camp.



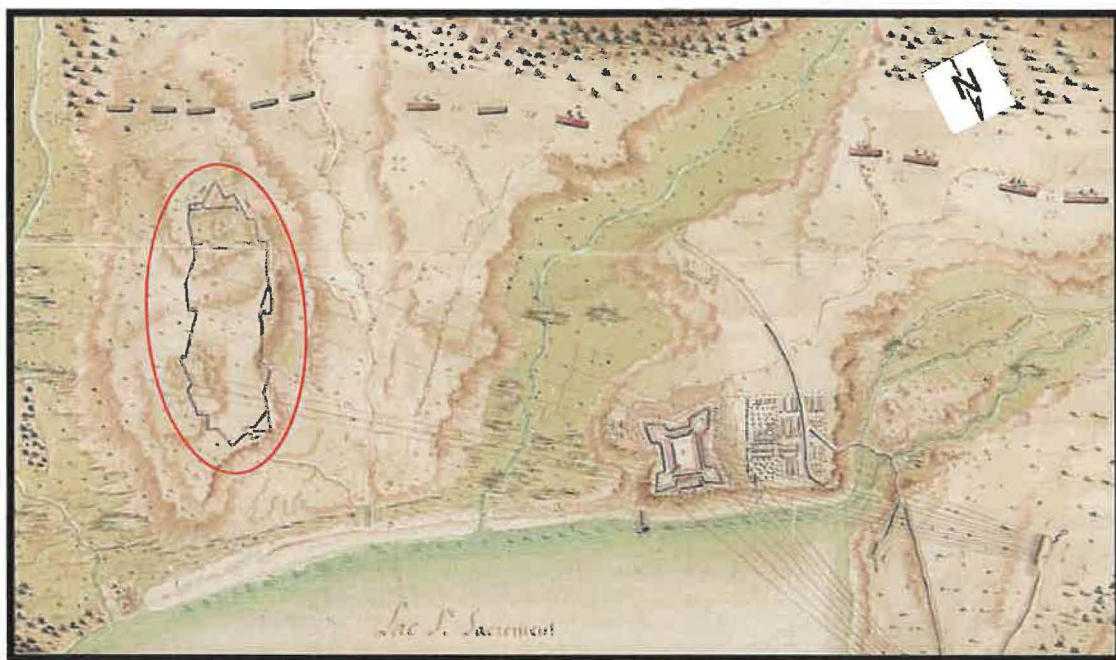


Figure 14. The configuration of Young's Retrenchment as depicted on the Argenson map (Argenson 1757).

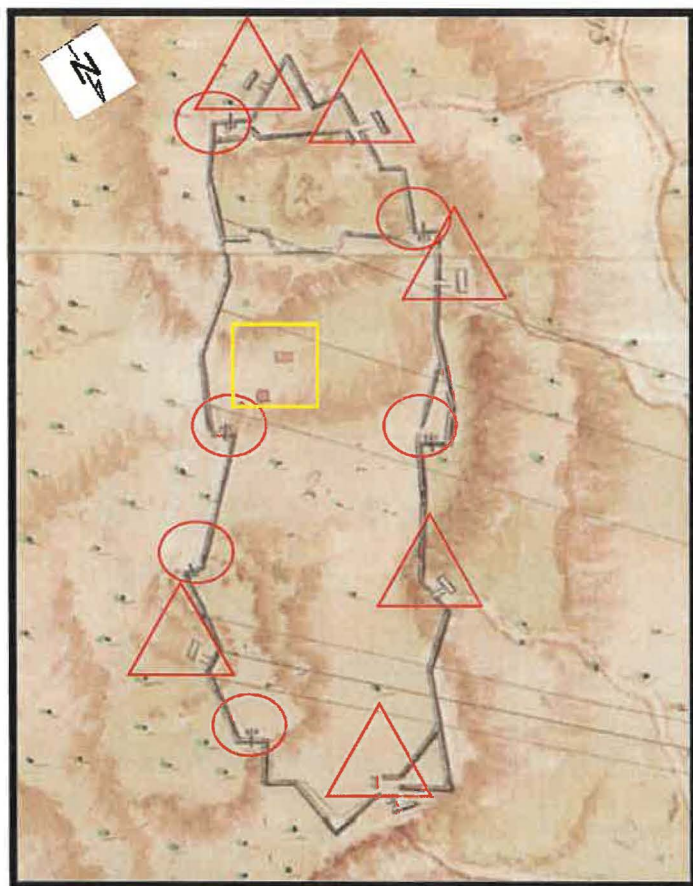


Figure 15. French map, with detail, depicting their interpretation of Young's Retrenchment on the hill (Argenson 1757). Note the two buildings within the camps (yellow square), the sally ports (red triangles), and the different disposition of the cannons (red circles) from the English maps.





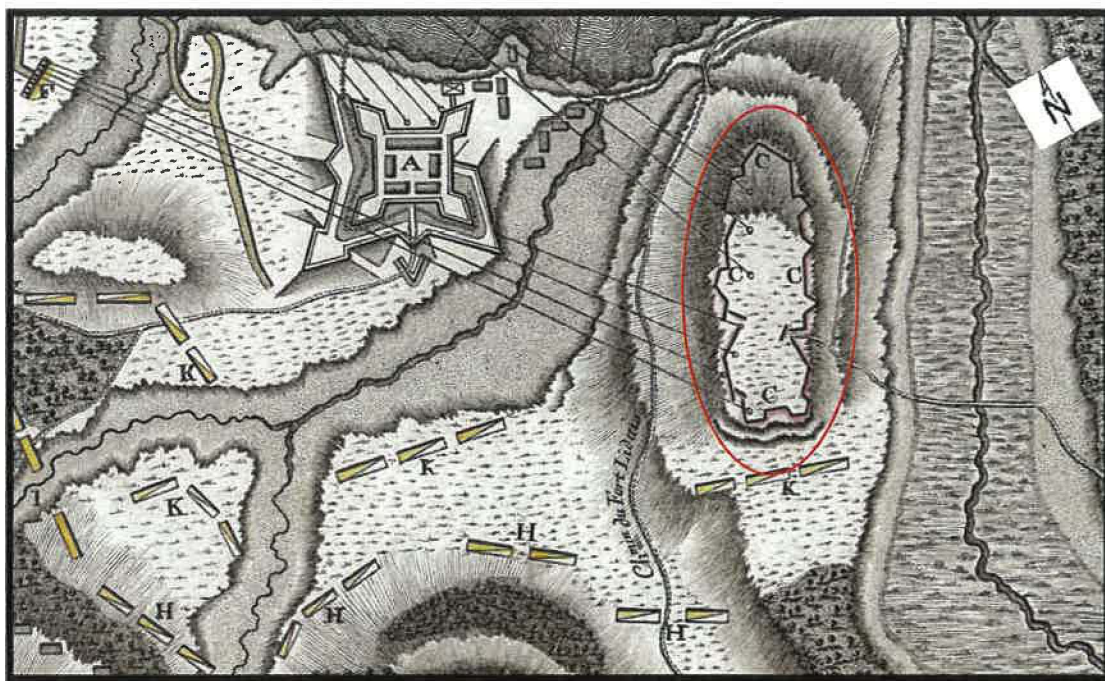


Figure 16. French depiction of a “retrenchment” camp, which the English were occupying during the arrival of the French (Therbu 1757).

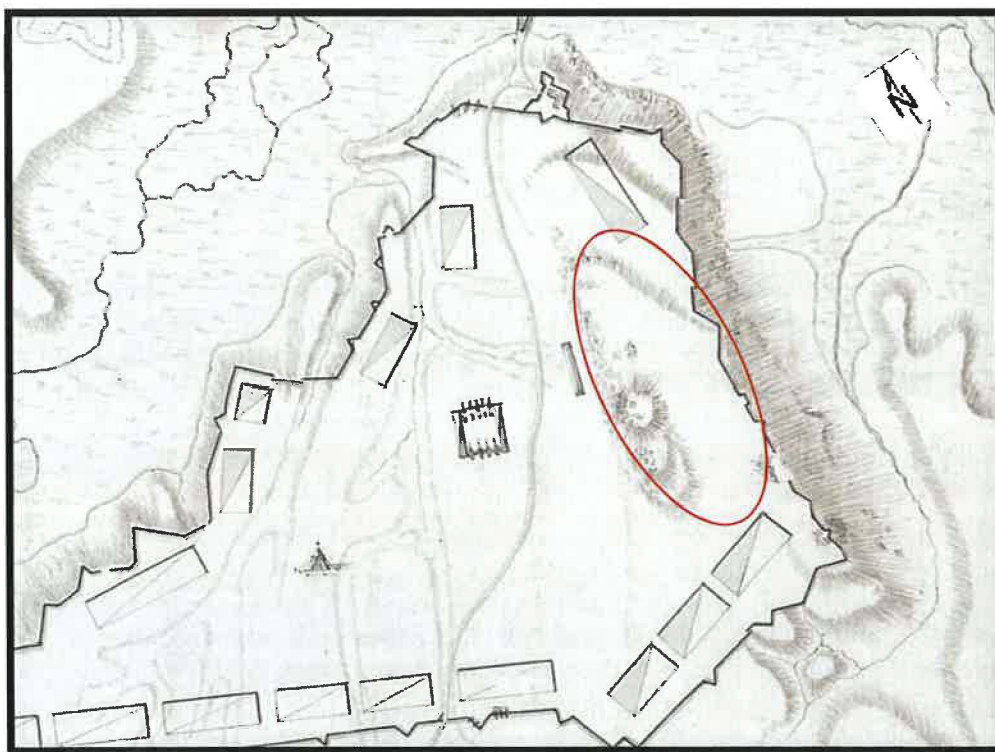


Figure 17. After the demolition of the fort and entrenchment in 1757, the English re-occupied the area with a larger army and a new, expanded fortified encampment (Anonymous 1759).



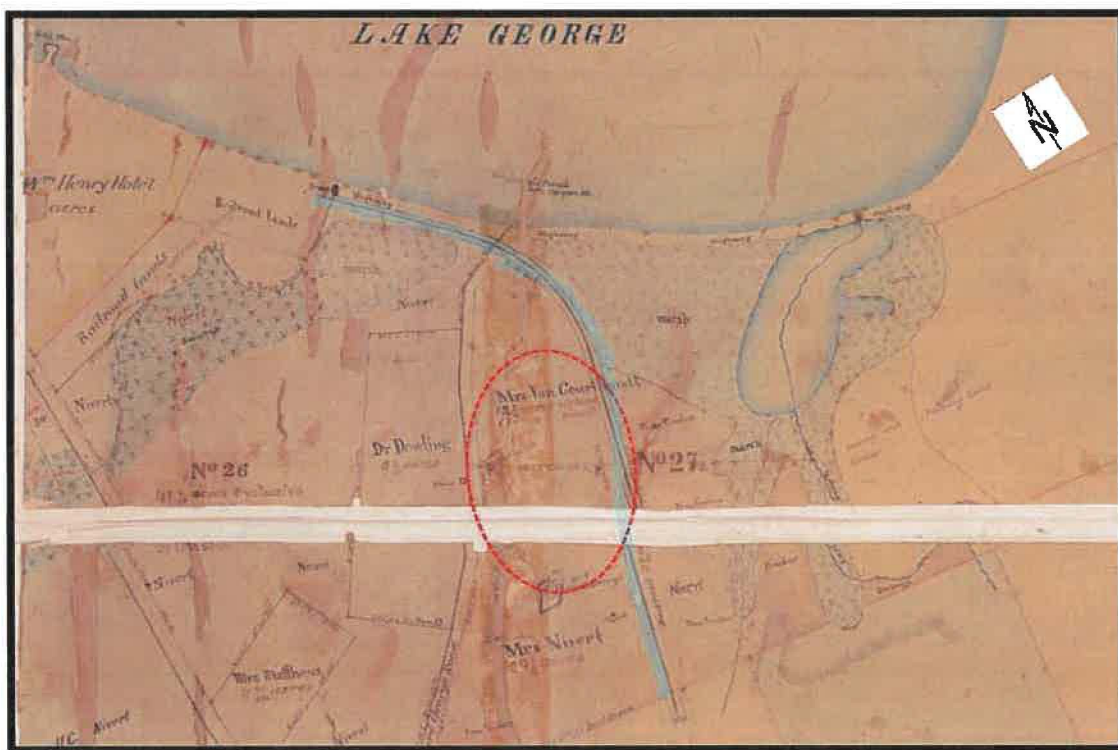


Figure 18. Young's entrenchment was largely spared from later 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>-century development. The sole exception is the railroad line, likely just outside of the camp to the east (blue line) [Arnold 1891].

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## Resource Inventory Form



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Town and Village of Lake George, Warren County, New York

Resource ID/Name: 1757-9 French Positions after the Siege (East of West Brook)

Resource Type: Encampments

Resource Date: August 9 to August 15, 1757

**Historic Context:** After the six days of siege, the English in Fort William Henry and the retrenchment surrendered to Major General Louis-Joseph de Montcalm's forces. By 2 o'clock that afternoon, the French forces moved to surround the fort and camp. Levis and his forces, including the brigade of La Reine and four militia divisions, were placed along the military road (near their original camp on August 3)(Figure 1). In addition, the Native allies occupied a position to the east of the military road. This later proved problematic as a small number of Natives looked to pillage the retrenchment before its evacuation. A detachment of French guards were posted at the "gates" of the fort and camp ostensibly to help protect the surrendering troops (de Maurès comte de Malartic 1890:144; Steele 1990:113).

On August 8, the English army was to march back to Fort Edward, but plans went awry when that day became the "massacre." That same day brigades of La Sarre and Royal Roussillon decamped from their previous position at noon, and established new camps "on the terrace to the left of the Fort" while the troops of St. Ours remained behind to protect the bateaux at the lake, and the troops of Gaspé were sent to the gardens near the fort (de Maurès comte de Malartic 1890:146).

The French forces east of West Book were primarily engaged in escorting the English troops back to Fort Edward and providing surveillance along the military road. Those to the west of West Brook were ordered to retrieve the artillery from the fort and camp, and to begin the process of razing the fort and camp, and destroying useful materiel they could not transport. The artillery and some of the food stores were taken by the French and loaded on bateaux for Fort Carillon. The process lasted until August 14 (de Maurès comte de Malartic 1890:148).

By the 15<sup>th</sup>, all of the casements were filled, all the buildings burned or destroyed, the ramparts pulled down, and all the fortifications demolished (Gabriel 1887:97). Over the course of the six days following the siege, the French trickled back to Fort Carillon, by the 15<sup>th</sup> the last 1,500 troops embarked to return northwards (Steele 1990:128-130).

The archeological signature includes temporary hut dwellings, camp fires, and artifact scatters. In general the signature is considered very light, as the troops only stayed at the site for one day.

**KOAOA:** According to the Argenson and Therbu maps (Figures 2 and 3), the final French encampments were situated just outside of the fort and retrenchments (*Key Terrain*) along several local roadways, and most importantly the military road to Fort Edward (*Avenues of Approach and Retreat*). These positions both helped to monitor movements (*Observation*), but also to protect the French from surprise attacks.

**Integrity:**      Good ☐      Medium ☒      Poor ☐      None ☐      Unknown ☐

**Archeological Potential:** The archeological potential is moderate. There was some disturbance from the later Abercromby camp on 1758, especially associated with the construction of a large breastwork around the camp

(Figure 4). In general there have been relatively few later 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>-century disturbances, especially since a portion of the resource area is within the state park. (Figure 5)

**Current Ownership, Use and Threats to Resource:** The eastern flank of the last position of the French army, occupied by the Native allies and militia, lies partially within the state park, and a large private parcel (totaling almost 9 acres) to the south. It may also include a number of smaller, private parcels along Garrison Lane. The western flank of infantry and marines may also be within the camp ground of the state park and within several commercial properties that front along Route 9 (Photos 1 and 2).

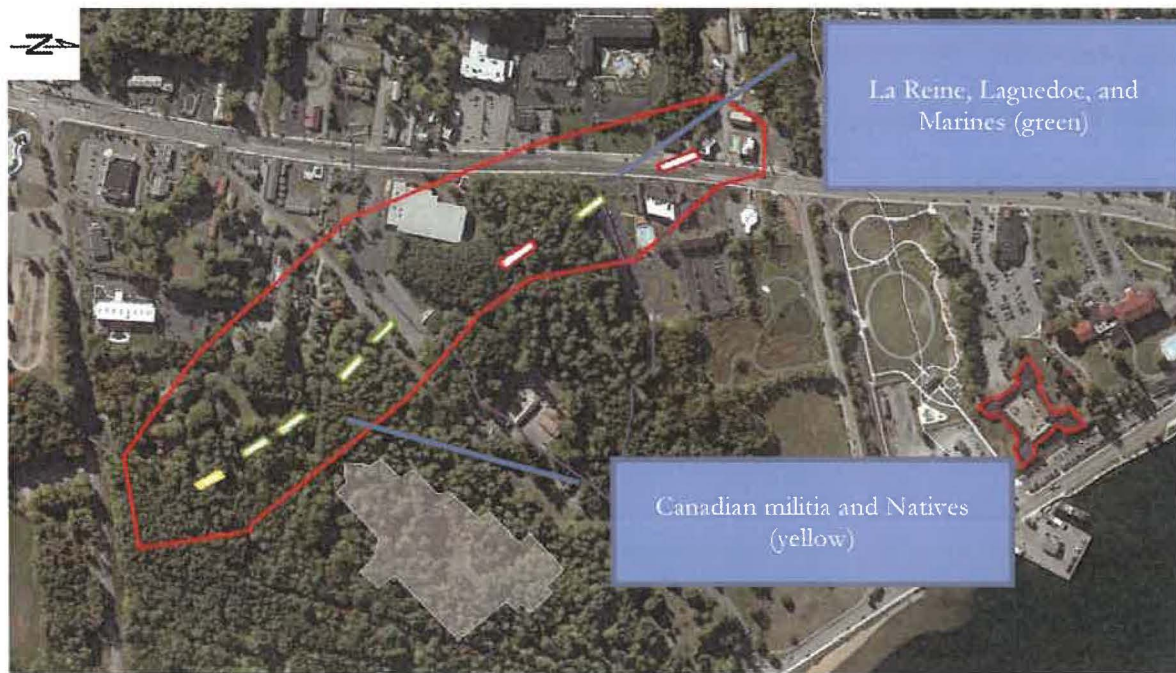


Figure 1. An orthoimage of the French encampment after the siege from about August 6 to August 12.







Photo 1 A view west in the state camp ground, the likely location of the French Infantry encampment between August 9 and August 15.



Photo 2 The militia and Native camps between August 9 and 15, 1757 may have been located near the southern boundary of the state park between the rail trail and Fort George Road. This photograph depicts a view west along the property line. The private property to the south is not fully developed.





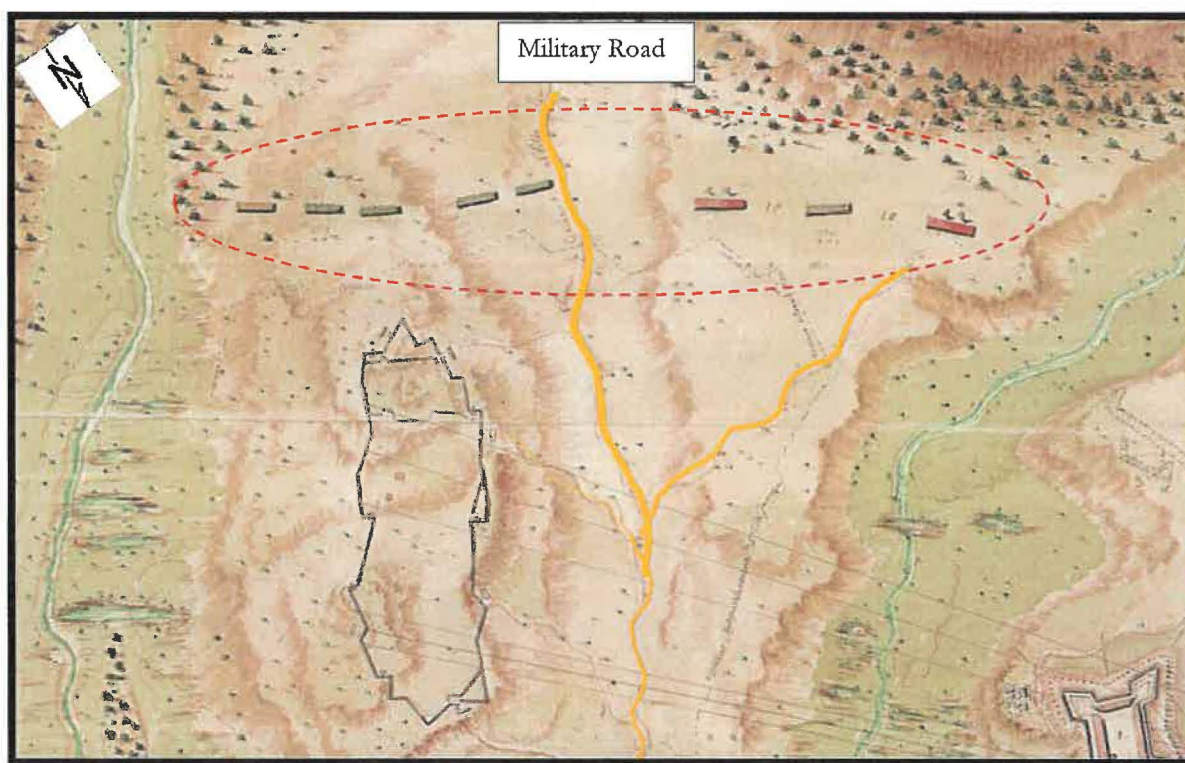


Figure 2. The Argenson map of 1757 provides the greatest detail concerning the disposition of French troops after the siege between August 9 and 15, 1757. Note how the troops were encamped along the local road systems (yellow) (Argenson 1757).





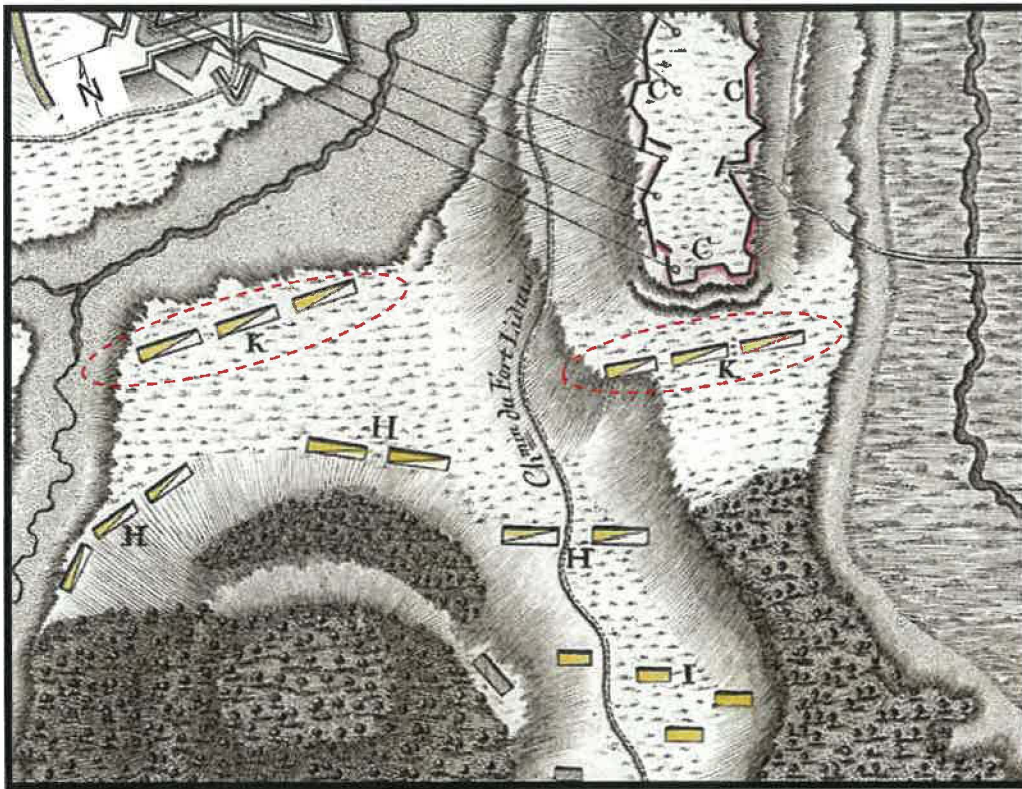


Figure 3. The Therbu map is more schematic in nature, and depicts the last French encampments as "K"= their position after the siege during the demolition of the retrenchments made by the English (Therbu 1757).

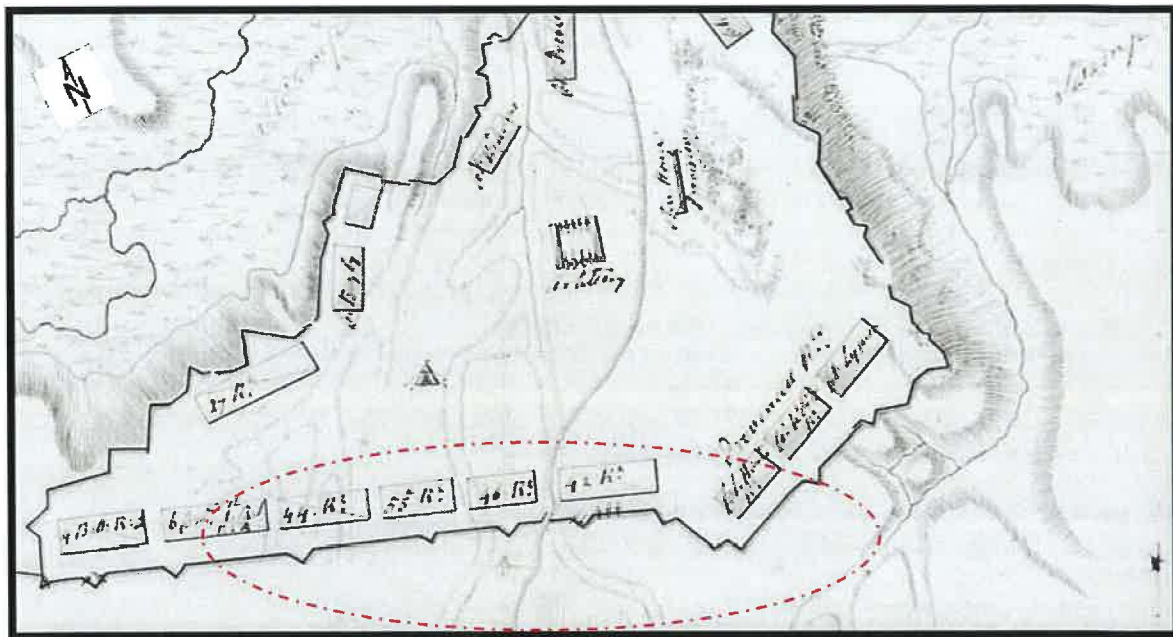


Figure 4. The eastern portion of the French army's last position, outlined in red, likely partially overlapped with the larger fortified encampments of the English during the summers of 1758 and 1759 (Anonymous 1758).



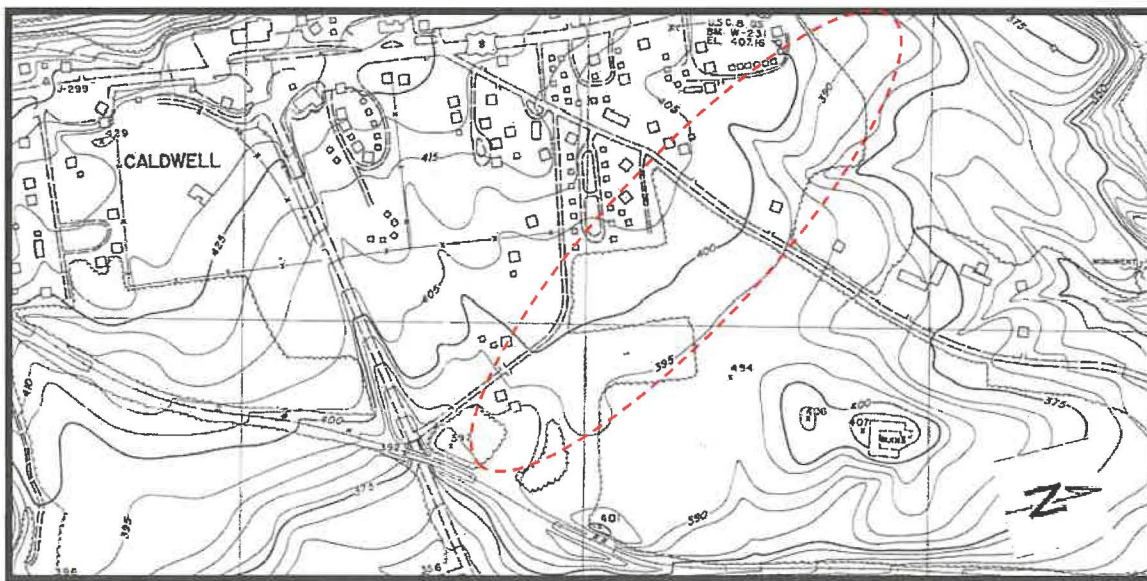


Figure 5. In general, there were few 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>-century developments in the vicinity of the resource area, as evidenced on this 1955 map (State of New York- Department of Public Works 1953-6).

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## Appendix 2D





# ABPP Fort George Documentation 2017-2018

## Resource Inventory Form



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Town and Village of Lake George, Warren County, New York

Resource ID/Name: 1758-11 Enlarged English Entrenchment

Resource Type: Fortified Encampment

Resource Date: June 1758-October 1758, reoccupied in summer 1759 (but not fortified)

### Historic Context:

After the disastrous loss of Fort William Henry the summer before, renewed interest was placed on the New York frontier by English commanders. A new, massive offense against the French was drafted for the summer of 1758 to be led by General James Abercromby. He would lead “the largest military expedition assembled to date in North America (Bellico 1995:91).

At his disposal were over 6,300 Regular and an additional 9,000 Provincial Troops, not including artificers, sutlers, soldiers’ families, and other camp followers (Figures 1-4). In all, there were likely well over 17,000 people assembled at the southern end of Lake George between June 1758 to October 1758, except for a brief period during the failed expedition to Ticonderoga between July 6 and July 9 (Table 1).

In the period leading up to the disembarkation of the flotilla to Ticonderoga, minimal effort was expended on fortifications, permanent buildings or defensive features, as the General envisioned the head of Lake George as a temporary launching site. Some of the first regiments to reach Lake George were the 42<sup>nd</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, and New Jersey regiment of Provincial troops, who arrived about June 19, 1758 (McCulloch 2006:87). However, these initial Regiments were able to erect two picquetted Forts or Garisons and a Hospetle” by July 4, 1758 (Rea and Ray 1881:24). The forts are most likely the Advanced Guards on the West (1758.1) and East sides of the lake (1758.2), and the hospital was likely part of the later stockaded post (1758.13). Nester suggests these were started by Lord Howe on or about June 19, 1758 (Nester 2008:101). During the expedition, a small detachment of 500 men remained behind where “Generl’ Johnson had his fight” (Thompson 1868:549)

Once the army returned back to southern Lake George from Ticonderoga, the General and his commanders realized the vulnerability of the standing army and ordered preparations for protection and long-term occupation (Table 2). Without the chief Engineer Lt. Matthew Clerk, who fell at Ticonderoga, the task fell Lt. Col. William Eyre and his corps of engineers (New York Gazette 1758).

The encampment began to take shape (as rendered on maps from 1758) also immediately after the withdrawal from Ticonderoga, between July 9 and July 15 (Figures 5-7). In the aftermath of the failed assault, a large detachment under Colonel John Bradstreet (and about 3,000 men) left Lake George to Fort Frontenac on Lake Ontario. However, by and large the remainder of the army stayed in Lake George for the duration of the summer and fall of 1758, making many improvements and alterations to the landscape. On July 14, 1758 Abercromby ordered Colonel Bradstreet to march westward with Col John Williams and Col. Doty, and their Massachusetts provincials, along with the New Yorkers (DeLancey), New Jersey (Johnson), and the Rhode Island troops (Babcock), about 3,100 in all (Nester 2008:168).

Despite the detachments and the loss of men to disease, desertion, and occasional French ambushes, Abercromby's army was about 8,300 strong at Lake George, as late as October 6, 1758 (Nester 2008:192). Amherst toured the camp on October 5, after his successful expedition to Louisburg (Nester 2008:194)

Table 1 Regiments within the English Encampment in the summer of 1758\*

| Camp segment            | Regiments                                                  | Commander                 | Notes*                                                                                                   |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Northern (rear)         | Massachusetts Prov.                                        | Col. Williams             | ~June 27                                                                                                 |
|                         | Massachusetts Prov.                                        | Col. Preble               | ~June 27                                                                                                 |
|                         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Connecticut Prov.                          | Col. Whiting              | ~July 1                                                                                                  |
| Western (right wing)    | Massachusetts Prov.                                        | Col. Bayley               | ~July 1                                                                                                  |
|                         | 27 <sup>th</sup> (Inniskilling)                            | Lt. Col Massey            | Arrived June 20                                                                                          |
| Southwest (right front) | 4 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 60 <sup>th</sup> Royal Americans | Col. Haldiman             | Arrived June 17                                                                                          |
|                         | 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion 60 <sup>th</sup> Royal Americans | Gen. Abercromby           | Arrived June 17                                                                                          |
|                         | 44 <sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot                          | Gen. Abercromby           | Arrived June 19                                                                                          |
|                         | 55 <sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot                          | Lord Howe/John Prideaux   | Arrived June 19                                                                                          |
|                         | 46 <sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot                          | Lt. General Thomas Murray | Arrived June 20                                                                                          |
|                         | 42 <sup>nd</sup> (Highland) Regiment of Foot               | Gen. Lord John Murray     | Arrived June 17                                                                                          |
| Southeast (left front)  | New Hampshire Prov.                                        | Col. Hart                 | ~July 1                                                                                                  |
|                         | 4 <sup>th</sup> Connecticut Prov.                          | Col. Wooster              | Arrived July 1                                                                                           |
|                         | 1 <sup>st</sup> Connecticut Prov.                          | Col. Lyman                | ~July 1                                                                                                  |
|                         | Massachusetts Prov.                                        | Col. Nichols              | not mapped, Detachment arrived July 3, returned to Halfway Brook July 14, Full Regiment returned July 26 |

\*Based on (Nester 2008)

Table 2 Other facilities within the English Encampment in the summer of 1758

| Encampment Facility    | Camp location     | Notes                      |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Storehouse/Provisions  | Central-Northeast | Near Military Road         |
| Artillery Park         | Central-Northwest | Near Military Road         |
| Headquarters (Marquis) | Central-Southwest | Along modern Canada Street |

## 1758: Troop Camps

### *Huts, houses, and stores*

After the retreat from Ticonderoga, the troops of Abercromby's army started the process of a long-term encampment. This included the construction of various features such as huts (or some troops, while tent sites for others), houses (primarily for officers) and stores (for sutlers and colonial equipment). In addition, the troops built ovens, outdoor kitchen, and necessities (outhouses). A sample of the various features erected within the enlarged camp, as discussed by the troops stationed at the lake, is presented in chronological order below.

- July 12 "I went to building a cook place for us" --in camp at "fort William Henry" (Sweat 1758).
- July 13 "...they had ten men taken from every company for to clear the ground for our encampment and it was cleared this night" (Meech and Meech 1911:396).





- July 17 "...cutting up ye Stumps where our Regmt moved from, their method to dig round ye Stumps with Mathooks cutting out ye Side Roots, then fastening to it a Teale 15 or 20 Men would hawl it up or break it off some depth underground, thus forty Men cleared off about Twenty Stumps a Day, making all smooth" (Rea and Ray 1881:33).
- July 24 "our sutler was com up. I went to work to mak a hous for him to [put] his stors in. (Fort Ti Bulletin 1970a:17).
- August 30 "our colonel sold his house & employs 30 men to Build him another" (Sweat 1758).
- September 1 "I went to hewing timber for our house" (Sweat 1758).
- September 3 "...we moved into our house" (Sweat 1758).
- September 3 "no huts or Houses to be built in the streets of the Regts Encampment, nor near the Breast work so as to interrupt Communication. Those already built to be pull'd down (Fort Ti Bulletin 1970b:98).
- September 4 "The colonel of the Day to...go round the Encampment to see all Huts demolish'd that any way obstruct the Communication with the Breast Work, the ditch to be widen'd & Breast Work to be kept in Repair, as the Commanding officers will be answerable" (Fort Ti Bulletin 1970b:99).
- October 22 "tore down the Magazine and Hospital" (Rea and Ray 1881:69).
- October 22" they knocked down the barracks within the new Picket Fort" (Thompson 1868:557)
- October 25 "we tore the store house Down and Cut all the Pickets and all the houses Down that there was at Lake George" (Noyes 1909).
- October 25 "...guard house and ye Stone House [storehouse], Hospital, and a vast number of huts and rubbish destroyed and burnt" (Bellico 2010:178).
- Between October 24 and 25 the army leaves Lake George (Rea and Ray 1881:70).

#### *Artillery, Headquarters, Storehouse*

Little is known about the artillery park in 1758. Here, the unused cannons were stored, along with the cannons and hoists to be used to place the cannon on the various boats and ships under construction in the lake. The park was likely under the command of William Eyre. On September 3, 1758, "a working party of 100 Regulars & 200 Provincials with a Proportion of officers to parade tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock on the road near the Artillery encampment & follow Lt. Coll. Eyer's Directions" (Fort Ti Bulletin 1970b:98). The park was centrally located within the camp to afford it maximum security and protection in case of attack by the enemy.

Similarly, little is understood about the marquis of Abercromby. It was located west of the Military Road, likely very near modern Canada Street on a flat plateau. Around the General's tent were likely numerous other large tents of high ranking officers, aides, and support staff.

At least one storehouse, built to protect the army's provisions and materiel, was erected east of the Military Road in the central portion of the camp. Based on the historical maps, it appears to have been built on the rising ground near the southwest bastion of Fort George (erected the following year).

#### *Entrenchments*

The most prominent feature of the English Encampment was the entrenched lines which were constructed around the whole. These were not started until after the failed expedition. The entrenchment appears to have



consisted of a mixture of earthworks (of soil and stone), palisades or wooden pickets, fascines, and an exterior ditch (and possibly interior ditch).

Initially, a fort was considered to replace Fort William Henry. On July 12, the troops began to “level an Emancance which was Sharp, uneven & Rocky, to Build a Fort thereon, also demolished the French Lines cast up against Fort William Henry last year” (Rea and Ray 1881:20). However, by July \*\*\* the plans for the fort were “laid by”

The entrenchments were largely static throughout the summer, until September 1 when fear of enemy attacks hit the encampment (Meech and Meech 1911:403), likely associated with a French raid led by Captain Joseph Marin in late August (Nester 2008:189). About that time, various improvements and alterations were made to the lines (many of these are not documented on maps with a few small exceptions).

The various accounts of the construction, improvements, and demolition of the entrenchments are presented below.

- July 13 “...our Regmt placed on ye Right Wing was ordered to cast up Entrenchment, against ye Swamp which runs down upon ye middle of ye Lake which would complete a Breastwork around ye whole Camp Save on ye Rear where ye Lake secured us” (Sweat 1758:33).
- July 18 “the Brest work continue budind [building]” (Fort Ti Bulletin 1970a:17).
- July 18 “I went to work in the breastwork” (Sweat 1758).
- July 18 “...Breastworks well nigh finished, the artillery brought into the center of ye Encampment” and “now ye Camp appears under Some citation of Defense” (Rea and Ray 1881:34).
- July 19 “...we finished our breastwork” (Sweat 1758).
- July 19 “A Breastwork was now on ye Rear of ye Incampment which would completely Surround ye Whole. The whole work was built either with Stone, Timber, or Fascine Baskets and an Entrenchment cast up on ye outside and a little Ditch within to secure our loading” (Rea and Ray 1881:34).
- July 26 “...some lines are now forming round our Camp” (New York Gazette 1758).
- August 9 “...trees cut down in Front of lines, are not to be burned nor us’d in any shape” fire wood to come from nearby swamps (Fort Ti Bulletin 1970b:89).
- August 11 “...had a general muster to see it man the breastwork” (Sweat 1758).
- August 12 “...the whole Army to keep their Breast work in good order & to widen & keep the ditch clean” (Fort Ti Bulletin 1970b:91).
- August 21, “The Tents of the whole Army to be struck at least once a Week & the Ground air’d, when the weather will permit” (Fort Ti Bulletin 1970b:93).
- September 2 “...there came the order for one man from each company for to go with all speed to trenching and building a breastwork” (Meech and Meech 1911:403).
- September 4 “our men went to hauling cannons round to the breastwork for we looked for a quantity of French and Indians upon us” (Sweat 1758).



- September 4 “this morning several of the canon was carried to the breast work where the most danger was. And some digging a trench and building breastwork by the west corner of the lake” (Meech and Meech 1911:403).
- September 5 “This day they began to build a battery and for to clear a swamp that was near the breastwork on the east side” ” (Meech and Meech 1911:403).
- September 6 “This day they went to building the breast work stronger and one log higher for to fire under, for there was great talk of the enemy's coming upon us” (Meech and Meech 1911:403).
- September 7 “This day the regiment was all under arms for to man the works”(Meech and Meech 1911:403).
- September 12 “there was strong talk of going on again our men are now a building batterys within our breastwork.” (Sweat 1758).
- September 12 “the building of the brest Work upon the Rockey hill still continues” (Comstock 1758-1759:7).

By October 1758, Abercromby was relieved of duty and replaced with General Jeffery Amherst. Amherst visited Lake George on October 5, and thus began the plans for a new expedition to e conducted the following year. Between the 16<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Abercromby ordered all the boats sunk, and cannons and various stores buried for future use, and all that could not be moved to be destroyed as to deprive the enemy anything of defensive value during the winter and spring of 1759 (Nester 2008:196).

### 1759 Encampment

By June 22, 1759 Amherst and an army of over 10,000 arrived in Lake George to begin the launching of a new offensive (Table 3). The troops largely re-occupied the same camps as the previous summer and fall. Instead of investing time and energy in entrenchments, however, Amherst directed the construction of a new fort (Fort George), to be built under Montresor (Figures 8 and 9).

Table 3 Regiments within the English Encampment in the summer of 1759

| Camp segment                                                                                                                          | Regiments                                                     | Commander           | Notes*                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Northern (rear)                                                                                                                       | Connecticut Prov.                                             | Col. Fitch          |                           |
|                                                                                                                                       | Connecticut Prov.                                             | Col. Whiting        |                           |
| Western (right wing)                                                                                                                  | Rhode Island Prov.                                            | Col. Babcock        |                           |
|                                                                                                                                       | New Hampshire Prov.                                           | Col. Lovell         |                           |
|                                                                                                                                       | Massachusetts Prov.                                           | Col. Willard        |                           |
| Southwest (right front)                                                                                                               | 60 <sup>th</sup> Royal Regiment                               | Gen. Amherst        | Col. Haldiman             |
|                                                                                                                                       | 55 <sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot                             | Gen. John Prideaux  |                           |
|                                                                                                                                       | 27 <sup>th</sup> (Inniskilling) Regiment of Foot              | Lt. Gen. Blakeney   |                           |
|                                                                                                                                       | 17 <sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot                             | Maj. Gen. Monckton  | Labeled Late Forbes       |
|                                                                                                                                       | 42 <sup>nd</sup> (Highland) Regiment of Foot                  | Capt. John Campbell | Labeled Royal Highlanders |
|                                                                                                                                       | 77 <sup>th</sup> (Montgomerie's Highlanders) Regiment of Foot | Col. Montgomerie    |                           |
| Southeast (left front)                                                                                                                | New Jersey                                                    | Col. Schuyler       |                           |
|                                                                                                                                       | Connecticut Prov.                                             | Col. Lyman          |                           |
|                                                                                                                                       | Connecticut Prov.                                             | Col. Wooster        |                           |
| Col Ruggles and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Massachusetts was positioned just west of the old camp, near the Advanced Guard post |                                                               |                     |                           |



According to the orders of Amherst, on June 22, 1759 the Regiments were “to make their Necessary Houses in the front of their Incampments” (Wilson and O’Callaghan 1857:41). Amherst also laid out a market for the troop, as directed by L. Colonel Robison in the rear of the Late Forbes regiment (Wilson and O’Callaghan 1857:41), likely along the Military Road in the center of the camp. The artillery park was moved to the northwest corner of the camp near the former stockade post. Further, the Headquarters was re-positioned slightly west of that of Abercromby, almost directly behind the center of the Regular Regiments on the southwest flank.

The army said at the head of Lake George for about one month. On July 21, 1750 Amherst launched his great fleet and the army sailed and rowed northward. A small detachment stayed behind to continue work on the fort, but by and large the large English camp was effectively abandoned on July 21 (Bellico 2010:190-191).

There was likely occupation of the encampment during the Revolutionary War, but there are no maps to detail the arrangement of the features. The area remained relatively undeveloped in the 19<sup>th</sup> century (Figures 10-12). By the 20<sup>th</sup> century the State Park was created and many commercial and residential parcels were developed around its perimeter, likely disturbing or destroying the archeological signature in these areas (Figure 13).

**Integrity:**      Good ☐      Medium ☒      Poor ☐      None ☐      Unknown ☐

**Archeological Potential:** The archeological signature of the camp varies greatly. The entrenchment are the most archeologically extensive and visible of all the features. Huts, house, necessities, and camp kitchens likely also have a distinct, but dispersed, archeological signature. Artifacts scatters associated with the troops, sutlers, and others are also likely. As rubbish was periodically gathered and burned, distinct features or concentrations these artifact deposits might also be possible. The overlap of 1758 and 1759 encampments will likely make it difficult to discern archeological features and deposits to specific Regiments and/or dates.

The archeological integrity of the encampment varies greatly due to later development and disturbances. The areas immediately around Canada Street (Re. 9) are the last likely to have intact deposits and features. Similarly, the lower portion of Birch Street has been severely impacted. As is the area at the western extent of the camp along Gage Road and the Evergreen Cemetery.

**Current Ownership, Use and Threats to Resource:** There more than four dozen private parcels within the English Encampment. The State campgrounds and parklands are the largest, open parcels in public hands. The Town of Lake Gorge owns a parcel at the far western end of the encampment, today the location of the Town Garage. This areas has been heavily filled and disturbed and not likely to contain intact archeological deposits.

In general, this resource is threatened by additional residential and commercial development, due to its proximity to the commercial heart of Lake George village and the main thoroughfare (Rte 9) through the town and village.







Figure 1. An orthoimage of the enlarged English Encampment in the summer of 1758.



Figure 2 An orthoimage detail of the western segment of the enlarged English Encampment in the summer of 1758.







Figure 3 An orthoimage detail of the northern section of the enlarged English Encampment in the summer of 1758.



Figure 4 An orthoimage detail of the southern portion of the enlarged English Encampment in the summer of 1758.



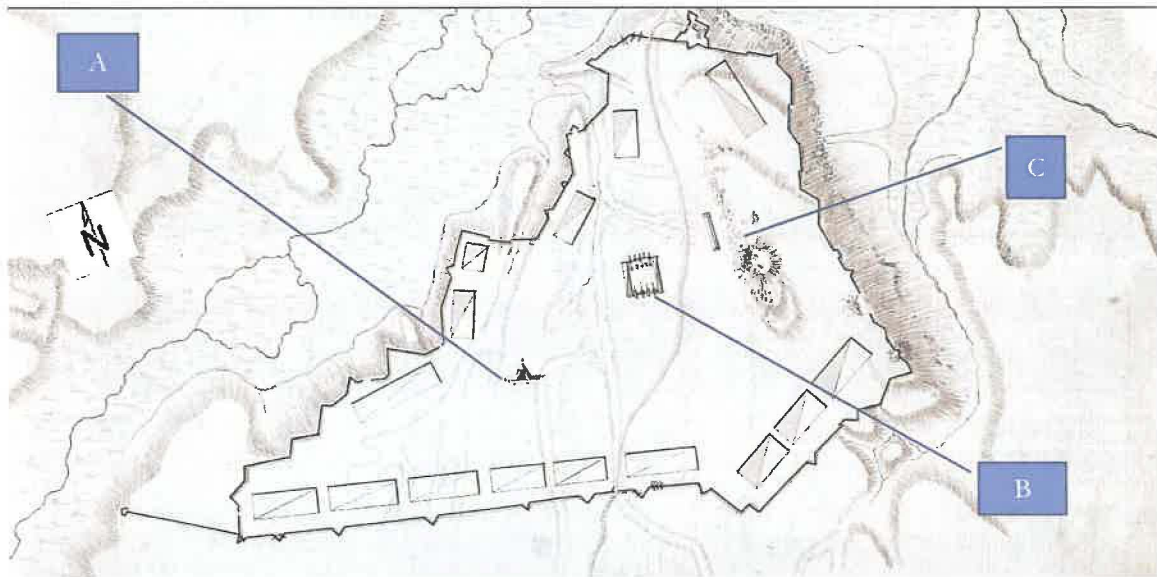


Figure 5. Included on the plan within the encampment are the: A) headquarters (General's marquis); B) artillery park; and C) storehouse. The main English Enlarged Encampment with fortified lines as documented by Ratzer in the fall of 1758 (Ratzer 1758).

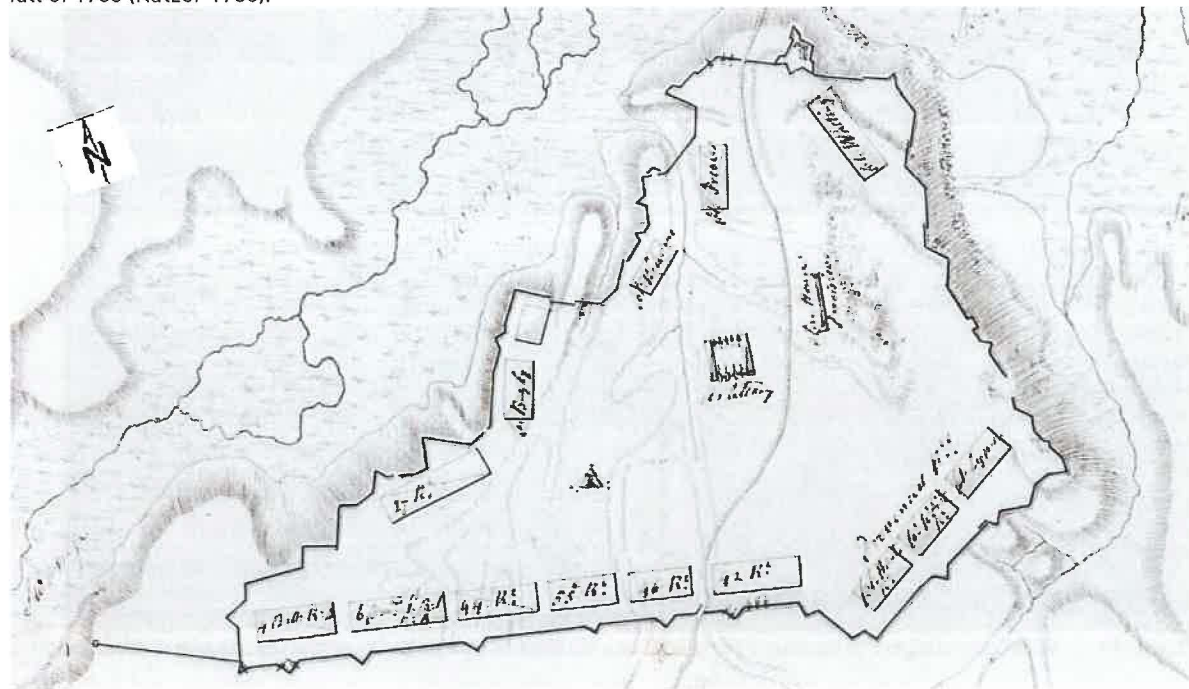


Figure 6. The main English Enlarged Encampment with fortified lines as documented in 1758, here the various regiments are clearly labeled (Germain 1758).







Figure 7 The Frazer map is similar to the above, however the artillery park and headquarters are labeled but not drawn (Frazer 1758).



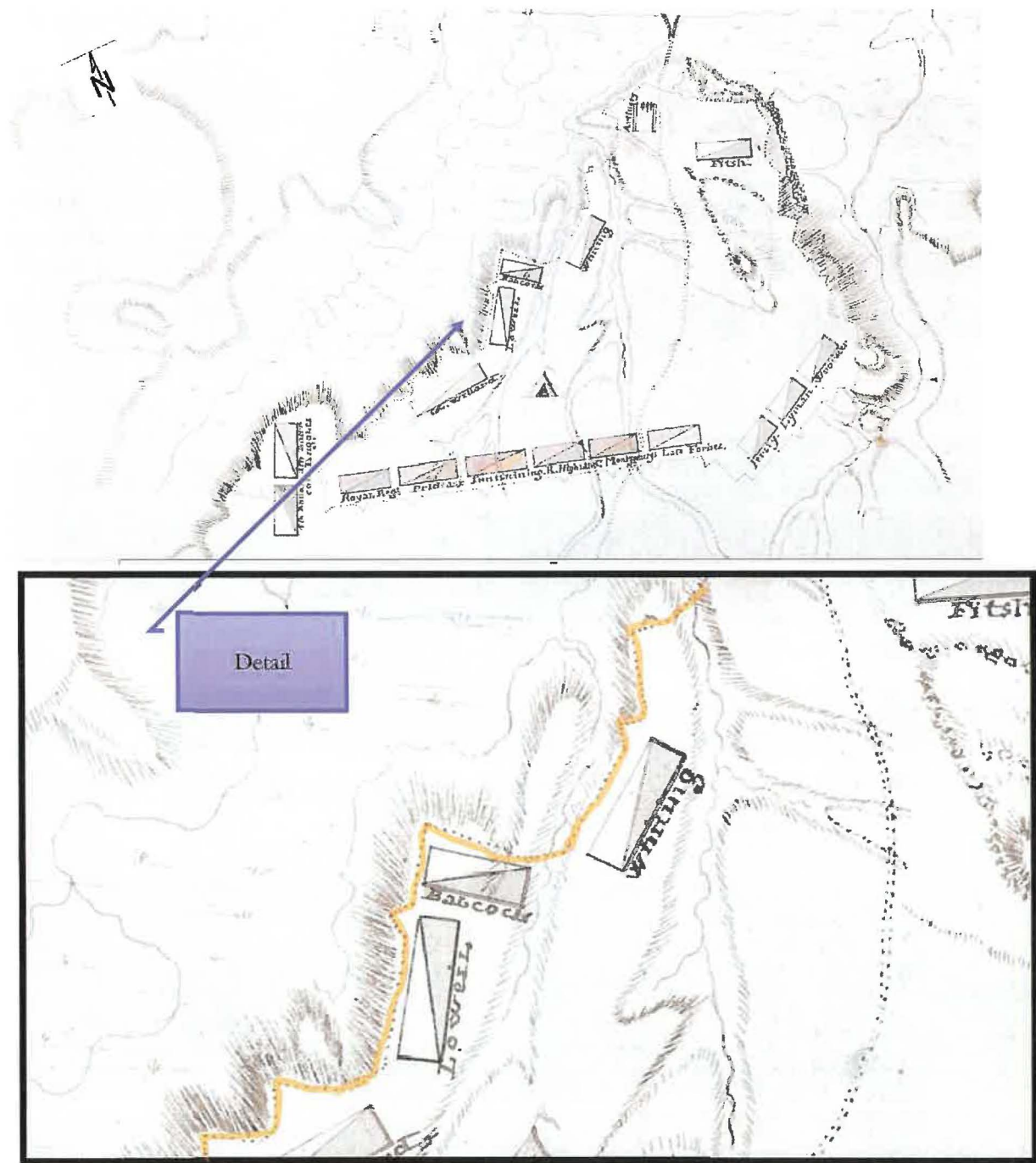


Figure 8 A detail of the 1759 encampment, after the Abercromby lines had been removed, and were never rebuilt (Anonymous 1759).





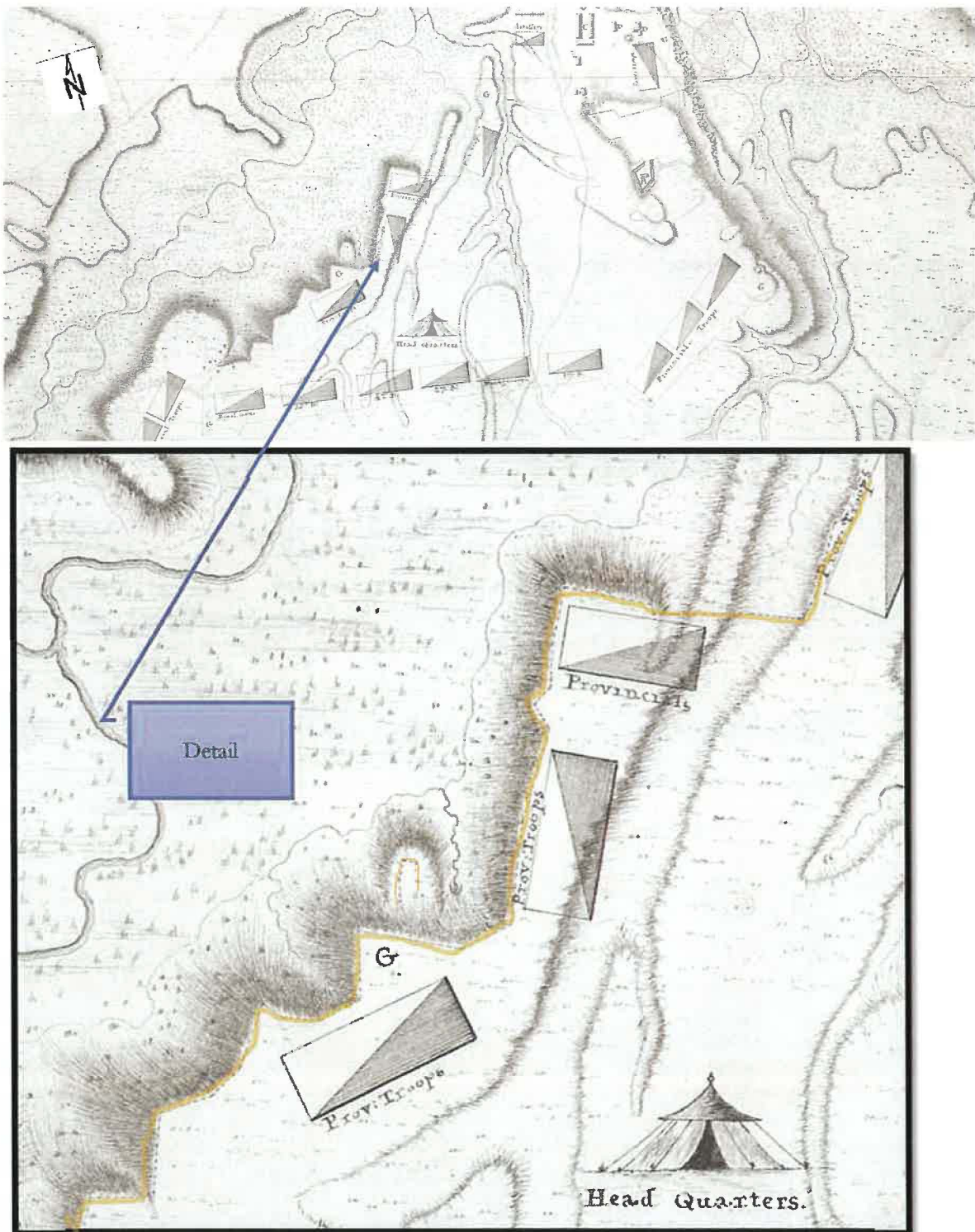


Figure 9. During the Amherst occupation the former fortified lines were never rebuilt, although the regiments largely re-occupied the same camps as the previous year. Here G= "Old Lines made by the Army under General Abercrombie (sic)" and a small redoubt, perhaps built in the fall of 1758 during a scare of French attack is also outlined (Ratzer 1759).





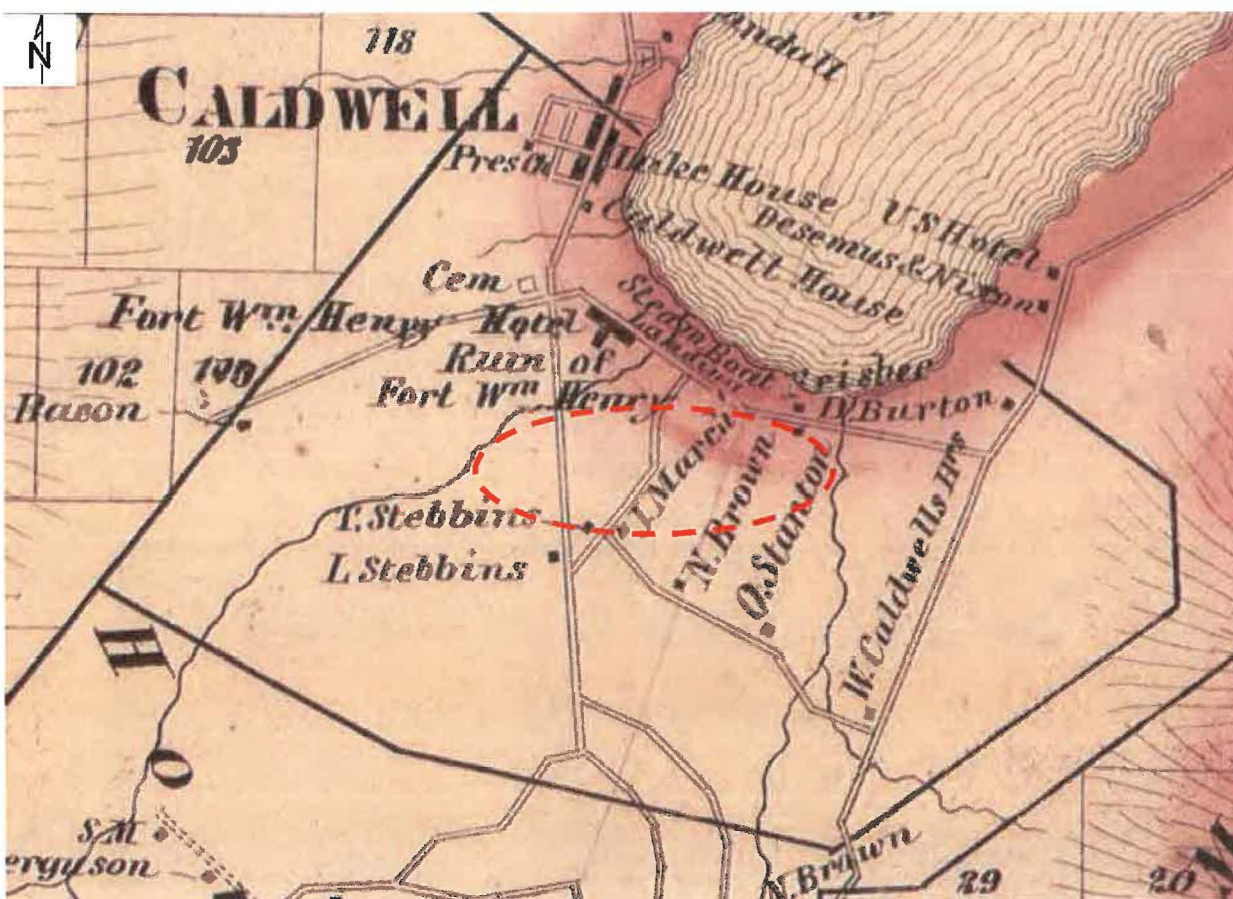


Figure 10 In the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, little development had taken place within the former encampment, except for several roads and a few farmhouses to the very south (Chace 1858).





Figure 11 In the third quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, additional development had occurred within the former camp, but overall the impacts were fairly minimal (Beers 1876).







Figure 12 By the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, the English Enlarged Encampment had been divide into 10, or so, distinct parcels. But, development within the former camp was still relatively limited to several farmhouses and portions of three roads (Arnold 1891).





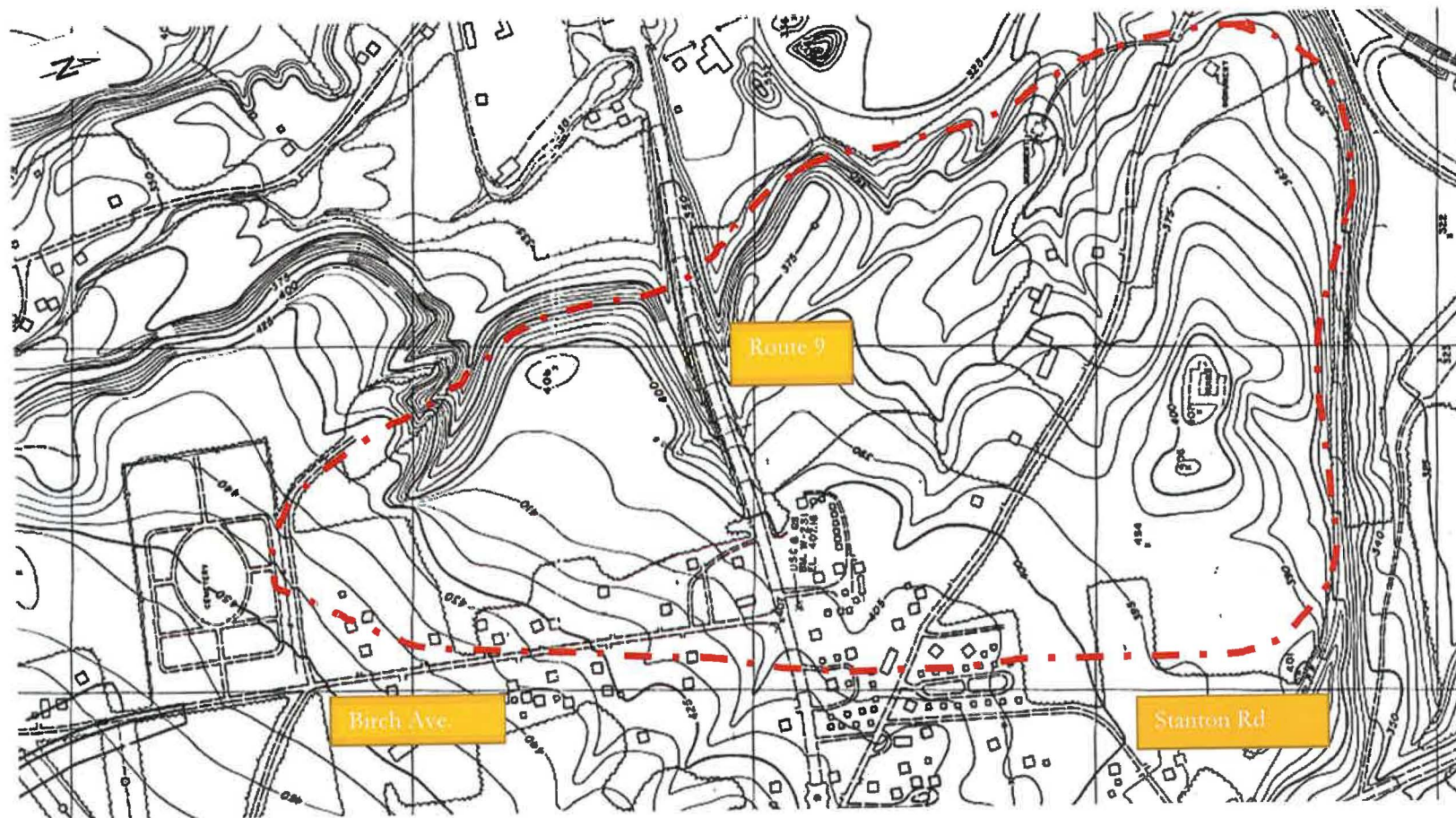


Figure 13 By the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, more intensive residential and commercial development was taking place within the Enlarged English Encampment. Of note is the realignment and widening of Route 9, and the development along Birch Avenue and Stanton Road (State of New York- Department of Public Works 1953-6).



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Resource ID/Name: 1758-12 Stockaded Post & Hospital

Resource Type: Fortification

Resource Date: July 1758-October 1758

### Historic Context:

The stockaded post and hospital were situated at the very southern end of the escarpment immediately south of Lake George (Figure 1), re-occupying the land once used by William Johnson's army in 1755 and Colonel Young's detachment in 1757. The stockaded post and hospital were located at the "head" of General Abercromby and General Sir Jeffrey Amherst's large encampment in 1758 and 1759. An iteration of the post continued through the Revolutionary war.

After the disastrous loss of Fort William Henry the summer before, renewed interest was placed on the New York frontier by English commanders. A new, massive offense against the French was drafted for the summer of 1758 to be led by General James Abercromby. He would lead "the largest military expedition assembled to date in North America" (Bellico 1995:91).

At his disposal were over 6,300 Regular and an additional 9,000 Provincial Troops, not including artificers, sutlers, soldiers' families, and other camp followers. In all, there were likely well over 17,000 people assembled at the southern end of Lake George between June 1758 to October 1758, except for a brief period during the failed expedition to Ticonderoga between July 6 and July 9.

In the period leading up to the disembarkation of the flotilla to Ticonderoga, minimal effort was expended on fortifications, permanent buildings or defensive features, as the General envisioned the head of Lake George as a temporary launching site. Some of the first regiments to reach Lake George were the 42<sup>nd</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, and New Jersey regiment of Provincial troops, who arrived about June 19, 1758 (McCulloch 2006:87). However, these initial Regiments were able to erect "two picqueted Forts or Garisons and a Hospetle" by July 4, 1758 (Rea and Ray 1881:24). The forts are most likely the Advanced Guards on the lake (1758.1 and 1758.2), and the hospital (this resource) was likely part of the later stockaded post (1758.13). Nester suggests these were started by Lord Howe on or about June 19, 1758 (Nester 2008:101), but other evidence is contradictory (see below).

A new stockaded post was built by Abercromby, "on the Rising Ground where the entrenched Camp was last year [1757]" (Bellico 2010:142-143) (Figure 2). Construction began on the works on June 29, 1758 and was largely finished within about a week. The "picketed fort" was likely composed of earthworks, wooden palisades, and fascines. The center piece of the post was a large Hospital to take care of the many sick soldiers of the army, and to potentially house the wounded from the anticipated expedition (Figures 3 and 4).

The stockaded post featured four bastions facing largely to the north, west, and east. Its southern extent was integrated into the entrenchments of the larger camp. The bastion suggests the fort was completed before the larger camp fortification. There is no indication the bastions housed artillery, instead featuring wooden



platforms for observation and small arms fire. Within the post was a large L-shaped hospital (previously started). A sally port is noted on one of the maps, along the west side of the post leading to the Military Road. A second is rendered within the south bastion facing the larger encampment (Figures 3 and 4).

Observers at the southern end of Lake George recorded the following concerning the post and hospital in 1758:

- July 15: "...talk of building a fort and 4 men to get stuff for to build a hospital" (Bellico 2010:103-104).
- July 20: "our duty is very hard now...some to build hospitals, some for to build breastworks and trench, some for to mount quarter guards and some for to mount picket guards" (Bellico 2010:104).
- July 22: "A large stone House ye Hospital on ye East Stockade finished" (Rea and Ray 1881:36).
- July 25: "I went to work upon the ospetal (sic) with Lieutenant Book" (Fort Ti Bulletin 1970a:18).
- July 26: "I worked upon the same ospetal (sic)" (Fort Ti Bulletin 1970a:18).
- September 6: On alarm Col Whiting's Regiment to man the Breastwork near "the Hospital Fort" and "the Piquet of the 46<sup>th</sup> to march down the road & take Post in the Hospital Fort" (Fort Ti Bulletin 1970b:101).
- September 29: "...the feteigue of burying Cannons, Iron, Steel, plank and Timber and a beating Down of the Long Barrock [likely hospital] in the picket fort" was undertaken (Comstock 1758-1759:8).
- October 25: "...guard house and ye Stone House [storehouse], Hospital, and a vast number of huts and rubbish destroyed and burnt" (Bellico 2010:178).

By October 1758, Abercromby was relieved of duty and replaced with General Sir Jeffery Amherst. Amherst visited Lake George on October 5, and thus began the plans for a new expedition to be conducted the following year. Between the 16th and 25th Abercromby ordered all the boats sunk, and cannons and various stores buried for future use, and all that could not be moved to be destroyed as to deprive the enemy anything of defensive value during the winter and spring of 1759 (Nester 2008:196).

In the spring of 1759, Amherst began construction of a new fort (Fort George) as well as a new picket fort and hospital (Figure 5). Two buildings were thus placed into the defensive works in 1759, replacing the destroyed L-shaped building of 1758 (see Resource 1759-12)(Figure 6 and 7).

Little additional military activity occurred in the area until the Revolutionary War. In the summer of 1776, General Philip Schuyler (head of the Northern American Army) regularly visited the outpost at Lake George. Here, he oversaw the ferrying of troops north to Ticonderoga where numerous improvements were being made to thwart possible British attack. At Fort George, which was of limited defensive use, Schuyler built hospitals to take in the sick and wounded from Ticonderoga under the care of Dr. Jonathan Potts (DeCosta 1871:25). In 1776, there were at least two hospitals near Fort George including the "west hospital" likely at the site of the former Fort William Henry, and a "long hospital" located just east of the bastion (Bellico 2010:260). It is unclear if these are the same structures built in 1759, rebuilt over the same foundations, or completely new buildings. Regardless, a sizable population of invalid troops then occupied Fort George and its vicinity. In July 1776, over 1,000 men were convalescing at the southern end of Lake George (DeCosta 1871:28). By the winter, however, only a small garrison of less than 400 men remained.

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south it was necessary for the Americans to stage a strategic retreat. General St. Clair ordered the abandonment of Ticonderoga on July 6, 1777 and Fort George on July 16 (Bellico 2010:260). According to St. Clair's journal Colonel Udney Hay, Quarter-Master General, was stationed in there in 1777 to help evacuate Fort Ticonderoga and worked with "a party of Negroes, taken for from the different regiments, as a constant fatigue" likely helping to move provisions and stores. Most of these provisions and stores were moved south to Fort Edward and Moses Creek. The remainder, along with the lake vessels, were burned (DeCosta 1871:36).

Unfortunately, there are no maps of southern Lake George that detail the exact arrangement of the post and hospitals. The Lt. James Hadden map of 1777 provides some indication of Americans effort to fortify the area from the British perspective once Burgoyne reached the area (Figure 8).

**Integrity:**      Good ☒      Medium ☐      Poor ☐      None ☐      Unknown ☐

### **Archeological Potential:**

David Starbuck conducted a series of excavations at the Lake George Battlefield State Park between 2000 and continuing intermittently until 2015. Starbuck based his excavations on the remarkable research of Scott Padeni (Padeni 1994) who conducted a fairly extensive surface reconnaissance of the Fort George area for his study at Empire State College, as well as his own interim report (Starbuck 1994).

Starbuck utilized students and volunteers as part of a summer-long field school to conduct the excavations in and around the remnants of Fort George. The first year's excavations focused on two large barracks buildings that appeared on the Fraser 1758 map associated with General Abercromby's encampment. The northernmost building is thought to measure 17 by 67 feet with four-foot thick walls. Among the interesting finds was a brass hinge with an inscription "Ahmuty of the " 27<sup>th</sup> Foot, referring to Lt. Thomas Ahmuty whose regiment camped at the lake in 1758 (LaFrank 2011:7.5).

The second building to the south measured 19 feet wide by an unknown length. It has been variously interpreted as a "Hospital" or soldiers barracks (although it could have been repurposed and served as both). A large assemblage of 18<sup>th</sup>-century artifacts was also collected in addition to mammal and fish bones. A regimental button from the British 26<sup>th</sup> Foot evidences occupation during the 1777 Burgoyne campaign, while the remainder of the material is thought to be largely from the French and Indian War (LaFrank 2011:7.6).

Another structure near the barracks was also investigated that summer. It is thought to be a blacksmith shop, where several Brown Bess musket barrels cut into 6 to 8 inch lengths were found. Some have interpreted these as a reaction to the 1758 order to shorten the weapons to make them lighter and more adept to fighting in the wooded terrain of Lake George.

As a result of Starbucks excavations, we known that there's a high potential for additional deposits and archeological features in the area of the stockaded post and hospitals. These deposits however are likely palimpsests, or overlapping, with later military occupations and it may be difficult to discern elements of the 1758 and 1759 campaigns. There were also known improvements to the fort and buildings during the Revolutionary War and War of 1812. There were few disturbances to the resource during the remainder of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

**Current Ownership, Use and Threats to Resource:** This resource is part of a constitutionally protected forest preserve managed by the DEC. It is designated as a park in the law directing the purchase of the first parcels of land. The parcel is commonly known as Lake George Battlefield Park. Portions of the former military features are still visible at the ground surface and could be readily interpreted. Currently, there is a "blue sign" (or State Education historical marker) at the reputed hospital site although the information seems to confuse events from 1755 with the larger encampments (Photos 1 and 2). There are no known threats to the resource.







Figure 1. An orthoimage of the 1758 stockaded post and hospital as outlined in blue, along the northern side of the enlarged camp (yellow).



Photo 1 A view north of the approximate location of the 1758 hospital and stockade fort within the Battlefield Park.







Photo 2 Photo of a historical marker for the reputed "Hospital" site. However, the sign appears to have the wrong date and event associated with it.



Figure 2. "Stockaded post and Hospital" as rendered in 1758 (Frazer 1758).





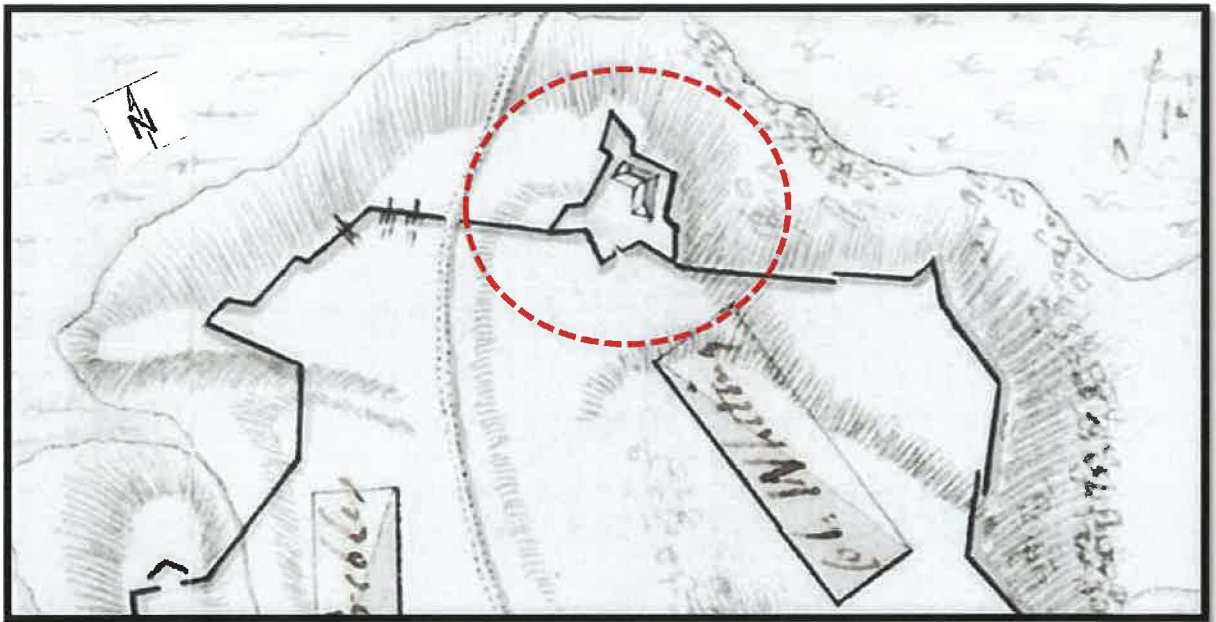


Figure 3. The L-shaped hospital building is clearly rendered in this 1758 map within the stockaded post, as is a sally port in the south bastion (Germain 1758).

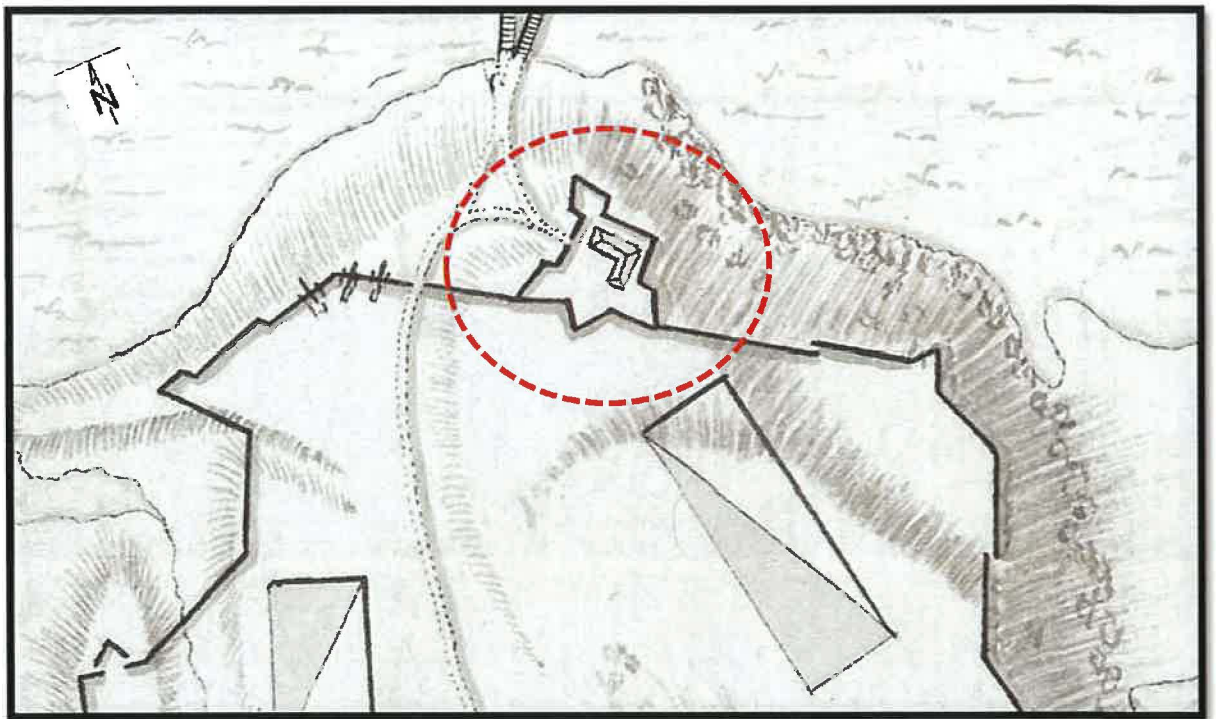


Figure 4. This maps indicates a second sally port on the west flank of the post (Ratzer 1758).





Figure 5. The stockaded post was destroyed by the English at the end of the 1758 campaign, as indicated on this 1759 map [Anonymous 1759].

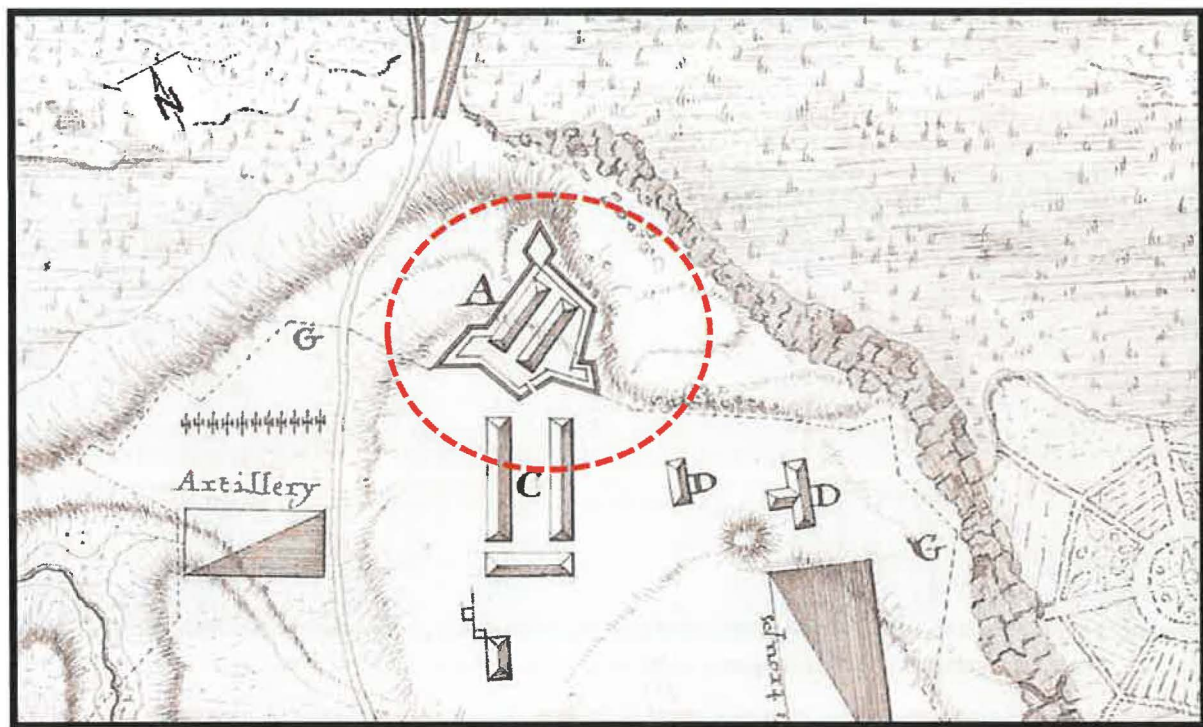


Figure 6. The 1758 post and hospital was eventually replaced with a new post and two hospital buildings. Here a Sally port is indicated on the southeast side of the southern bastion [Ratzer 1759].





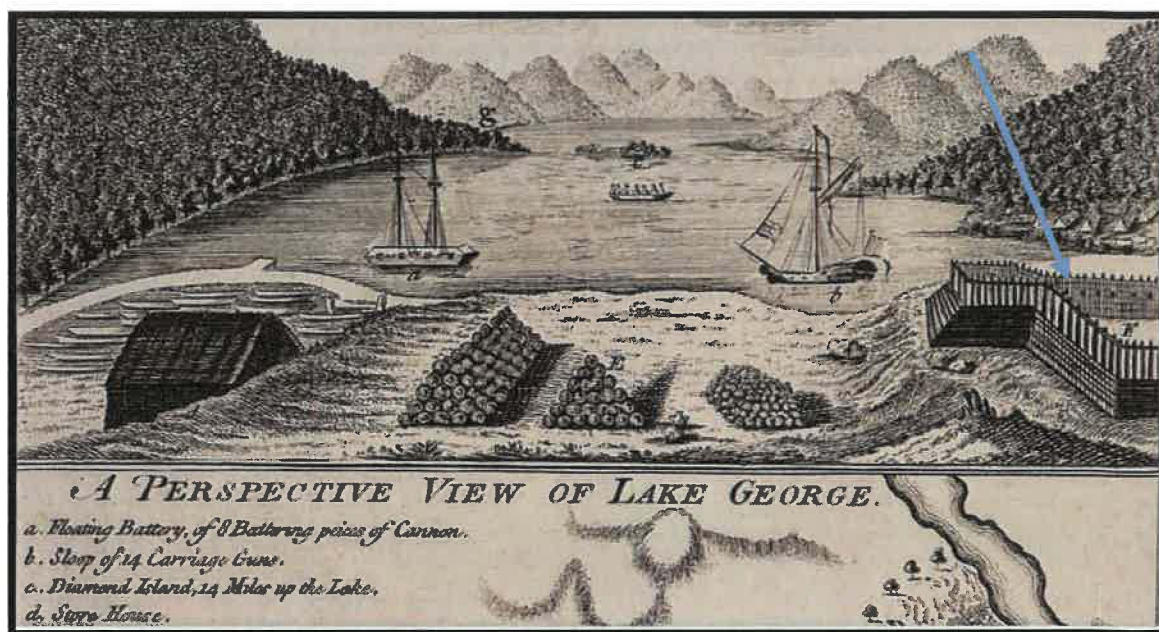


Figure 7. A view of the southern portion of Lake George during 1758. The rebuilt stockaded fort is seen to the right (blue arrow), but the hospital is not visible in this view (Skinner 1759).



Figure 8 British Lt. James Hadden's sketch of Lake George in 1777 when Burgoyne's army displaced the American forces. The rendering suggests that a portion of the advanced guard near old Fort William Henry was in use and that six other structures or features were in place. Those structures near Fort George may have included hospitals (Hadden 1777).



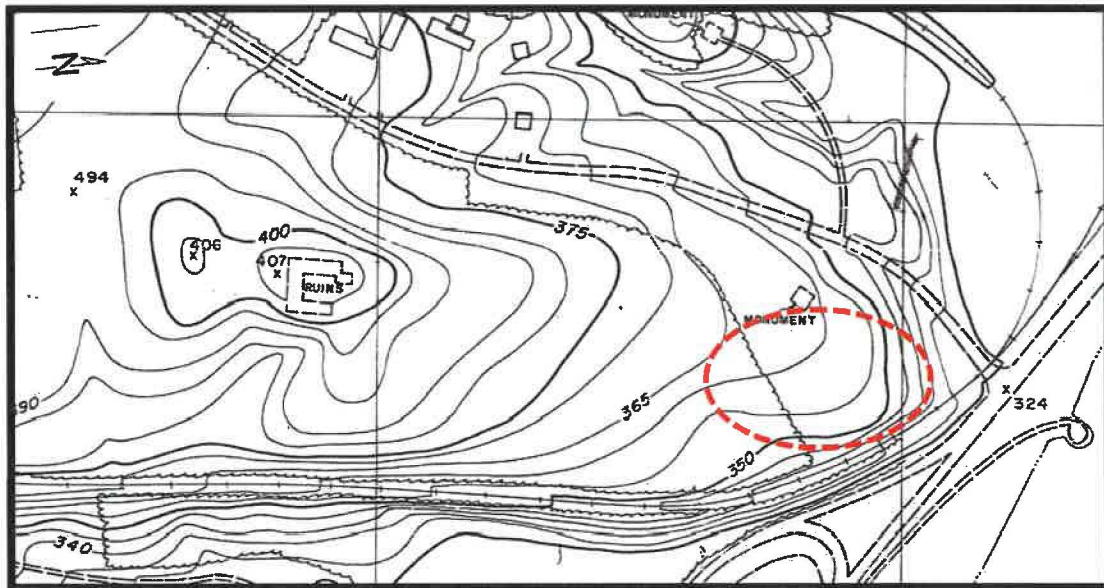


Figure 9. The resource did not witness later disturbance, as the area was incorporated into a park system managed by the DEC (State of New York- Department of Public Works 1953-6).





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## **Appendix 2E**



# ABPP Fort George Documentation 2017-2018

## Resource Inventory Form



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Town and Village of Lake George, Warren County, New York

Resource ID/Name: 1759-1 Fort George-Southwest Bastion

Resource Type: Fortification

Resource Date: Contemplated in 1758 and built in 1759, intermittently used until about 1814

### Historic Context:

According to the journal Ebenezer Dibble, on July 2, 1759 “the foundation of fort George Laid this day” (Dibble 1896:314). The fort was an important component of General Jeffery Amherst’s plan to invade French controlled territory to the north. Fort George would serve as a critical strategic and logistically post and station to support the English and Colonial armies as they advanced northward. Such a permanent, fortified facility was contemplated in 1758 after General James Abercromby’s failed expedition at Ticonderoga, but never fully brought to fruition. Abercromby had his engineer’s develop detailed plans, however his forces were distracted by the boat building activities.

The fort was located on the high ground east of the Military Road, and west of East Brook (Figure 1). According to DeCosta “The fort was laid out on the brow of a low rocky hill, and was situated about five or six hundred yards from the border of the lake. The situation was one of no strength, being easily commanded from all the neighboring heights; yet, perhaps, with the means and men at command, they could hardly have done much better at that time” (DeCosta 1871:5)

Here William Johnson’s army found an advantageous position to situate his camp, also Colonel James Montresor designed a “retrenched” map for the forces supporting fort William Henry during the siege of 1758, and Abercromby and Amherst used as the strategic focal point of their large encampments in 1758 and 1759. Also in this location, a portion of the Battle of Lake George (1755) and the Battle of Fort William Henry (1757) were fought.

When the English army returned to Lake George in the summer of 1758 and again in 1759, a new, larger fortified encampment was created that enveloped both the Johnson camp and later Colonel John Young’s Retrenchment. The center higher ground where the redoubt and cannons were mounted at the center of the camp became the approximate location of the southwest bastion of the planned Fort George.

According to the journal of Archelaus Fuller, on July, 13, 1758, wrote that while serving General Abercromby, he and his mates were “ordered to work upon the hill where the old breast work was to level it in order to build a fort” (Fort Ti Bulletin 1970a:10). A new breastwork around the camp was ordered by the 17<sup>th</sup> and work on the new fort stopped (Fort Ti Bulletin 1970a:11-12). According to Fuller, they returned to the effort again on August 13, 1758, “we tared their & was ordered to work up pone the hill where the old bres work was to level it in order to build a fort” (Fort Ti Bulletin 1970b:11). But shortly afterwards work stalled.

It appears that William Brasier may have been assisting to design a fort based on his 1758 plans (Figures 2 and 3, and 6). He would return the following year, but this time under the direction of Col. James Montresor (Bellico 2010:184).





Henry Knox described the fort as “an irregular form, situated on a rock, has one front to the lake, and a large tract of morass surrounds the other faces of it; a casement is to be built in the fort, spacious enough to receive four hundred men at least; and there is a plenty of good limestone, and excellent brick and clay on the spot (DeCosta 1871:6).

The fortified camp remained in place after the failed expedition northward in 1758 and was largely re-occupied in the spring of 1759 by General Amherst’s troops (Figure 4). In the spring and summer of 1759, construction was renewed at Fort George, and the residual troops were concentrated around the planned outline of the fort (Figures 5 and 7).

According to Bellico, Montresor used not only the surveys and proposed plans of Brasier, but the advice of Colonel William Eyre, who has sent the past four years building defenses at the southern end of Lake George (Bellico 2010:184). By June 30, formal plans were presented to General Amherst, and work began almost immediately. Various numbers of axemen, masons, bricklayers, and fatigue units were employed under Col. Montresor “employed in erecting an irregular fort on a rock, which is to be built of stone, casemated, and large enough to contain a garrison of 600 men” (Bellico 2010:184) (Table 1).

While workers were excavating for the fort they happened upon several burials, which they attributed to the 1757 fight. Webster wrote on July 3, 1759 “as our men work at the Fort they dug up seven men’s bones that were killed in the siege at Lake George in the year 1757” (Fort Ti Bulletin 1954:316).

Once the Amherst army moved northwards, work on the fort slowed dramatically as the labor force was greatly reduced. On August 7, 1759 soldiers from Fort Edward traveled to the lake and “viewed the New Fort that is Building; the walls about 14 feet thick built of Stone & Lime” (Henshaw 1909:220).

Table 1. A sample of the work flow on Fort George between June 23 and 26, as described by witnesses in 1759.

| Date    | Activities                                                                                                                                | Citation                             | Notes                                |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| June 23 | “this day was on the works at the King’s fort”                                                                                            | {Fort Ti Bulletin 1954:314}          | Likely the work at the stockade post |
| June 24 | Colonel Montresor given “Pioniers” to work                                                                                                | {Wilson and O’Callaghan 1857:45}     | Start of clearing for fort           |
| June 25 | “...200 Working Men of the Engineers to-morrow”                                                                                           | {Wilson and O’Callaghan 1857:47}     | Work crews engaged                   |
| June 30 | “...200 Workmen and 100 Masons to parade tomorrow Morning at the usual Hour, to work for the Engineer                                     | {Wilson and O’Callaghan 1857:53}     |                                      |
| July 1  | “...two hundred men on the King’s works and 100 masons”                                                                                   | {Fort Ti Bulletin 1954:316}          |                                      |
| July 3  | Burials from 1757 exposed                                                                                                                 | {Fort Ti Bulletin 1954:316}          |                                      |
| July 4  | “Regiments to give Return of Miners Bricklayers. Masons from Montgomery’s, NH, and Willards Regiments to attend Colo. Montresor.”         | {Wilson and O’Callaghan 1857:59}     |                                      |
| July 5  | the return of “Brick Makers” to the project                                                                                               | {Wilson and O’Callaghan 1857:60}     |                                      |
| July 6  | “By letter we learn that Colonel Montresore Commander in Chief of a Body of 1500 Men, who are employed building a stone Fort at the Lake” | <i>Boston Gazette</i> (23 July 1759) |                                      |
| July 7  | 400 men on detail                                                                                                                         | {Wilson and O’Callaghan 1857:63}     |                                      |



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|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| July 11 | A Detachment of 120 men to be commanded by a Major to be made from the Provincials, as a Guard for the Posts and protection of the Workmen that are to be left here. Major Dowgrie for this command... | [Wilson and O'Callaghan 1857:70]           | Start of planning for continuation of fort during expedition |
| July 12 | "...ten carpenters to be furnished by Provincials for the Engineers to-morrow " and "officer will leave a list of artificers to be left" behind during expedition                                      | [Wilson and O'Callaghan 1857:68 and 72]    |                                                              |
| July 13 | 450 workmen                                                                                                                                                                                            | [Wilson and O'Callaghan 1857:74]           |                                                              |
| July 20 | all artificers employed by Colo. Montresor to join their Regiments and to be paid                                                                                                                      | [Wilson and O'Callaghan 1857:87]           | Fatigue units return to Regiments                            |
| July 26 | "Fort at Lake-George ...is very forward"                                                                                                                                                               | <i>New-York Mercury</i><br>[30 July ,1759] |                                                              |

The majority of the army returned through Lake George at the onset of the winter season on route to points south. At the end of November Amherst viewed the progress of the fort, finding only the southwest bastion completed. He requested that Montresor add a "casemate under the Rampart of the East Flank of the Bastion" and hoped work would continue the following year (Bellico 2010:214) (Figure 8).

A number of French prisoners were kept at the bastion over the winter. One described the fort in early December as "a square fort measuring about 80 toises (511 feet) on each exterior side. The lower part of the rampart is more than 18 feet thick and made of masonry. The parapet is timbers placed one on top of the other, are well cut to size and banked up with earth twelve feet thick....a bastion completed, entirely casemated like a redoubt" (Bellico 2010:214).

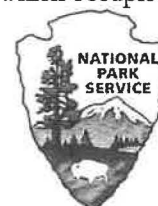
The construction of the fort bastion in 1759 likely removed all the vestiges of the southern portions of the Colonel Young's Retrenchment, as well as older works.

DeCosta and Bellico provide details of the fort in the period after the French and Indian War (Bellico 2010; DeCosta 1871). A brief summary is provided here.

- 1765: the complex included "a Small Fort, tumbling down and not tenable" near the lake a "Complete Bastion built of Stone, the Casemates of Wood: it mounts ten guns" (Bellico 2010:256).
- 1767: "there is no fortification except a redoubt mounting 12 guns, about 200 yards from the shore, and some barracks" (Bellico 2010:256).
- 1768 the fort is abandoned and not formally re-occupied until 1775 (DeCosta 1871:9).

In 1775, American Bernard Romans "captured" the fort from the British who had nearly a caretaker near the fort (DeCosta 1871:10). Shortly after the capture of Fort George and Ethan Allen's daring raid at Ticonderoga, the American stationed about 25 men were stationed at Fort George. The purpose was largely to help protect the path by which the cannons from Ticonderoga could be safely transported to Boston. In the summer of 1775 a detachment of nine men stationed at Fort George under Captain Marinus Willett (NYPL, Digital Archives). At the time the fort was described as "much out of repair altho still defensible, being built mostly of stone...[and] a few wretched Hovels that were formerly used as Barrack" (Bellico 2010:258). The barracks were placed in the center of the bastion and held six rooms (Bellico 2010:259).

A the time it was described as "a small stone fort, and secure against small arms, but not bear cannonading" (DeCosta 1871:18). Visitor Thomas Carroll in 1776, was less flattering "Fort George is in as ruinous a condition as Fort Edward, it is a small bastion, faced with stone, and built on an eminence commanding the head of the lake.—There are some barracks in it, in which the troops were quartered, or rather one barrack, which occupied almost the whole space between the walls" (DeCosta 1871:22).



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The Americans left the fort for the advancing British. In response to criticism that Schuyler abandoned the Fort to the British without resistance, Schuyler described it in 1777 as:

...part of an unfinished bastion of an intended fortification. The bastion was closed at the gorge. In it was a barrack capable of containing between thirty and fifty men; without ditch, without wall, without cistern; without any picket to prevent an enemy from running over the wall. So small, as not to contain above one hundred and fifty men, commanded by ground greatly overlooking it, and within point blank shot; and so situated that five hundred men may lie between the bastion and the Lake, without being seen from this extremely defensible fortress. (DeCosta 1871:37)

Within days the British were in possession of the fort and control of all of Lake George and Lake Champlain (Hadden 1884:xliv). One of Burgoyne’s trusted commanders, General Friedrich Adolphus Riedesel, provided the General with a summary of the situation at Fort George from reconnaissance just before the fall of Fort Ticonderoga:

1st. The citadel has been recently repaired and provided with two nine pounders. It contains, also, twelve cannon, which are not yet mounted. Barracks for 1,000 men lie within twenty yards east of it.

2d. Close to the shore is a large magazine in which there is an abundance of provisions.

3d. To the west of this magazine, where Fort William Henry formerly stood, is a large hospital, a building of great dimensions, & used for the sick from Fort Carrillon. This is said to be surrounded by palisades, and to have a small redoubt on the hill south of it. A strong guard is posted here every night. The rebels at Fort George are very busy cutting down trees & carrying them to the shore, to be used in the construction of six strong vessels on the lake. A so-called Commodore Wyncoop, is said still to be in command at this post; only one regiment, it is further said, remains here during the summer; but as yet there are only 400 men there. There is also considerable scarcity of ammunition. (DeCosta 1871:39)

Riedesel’s account provides the best description of the situation at Lake George during the American Revolution, as maps of the area do not appear to have survived. The accounts suggests the outpost featured



- The bastion,
- Large barracks to the east,
- Shoreline magazine,
- Hospital (at Fort William Henry),
- Small redoubt to the south of hospital,
- And boat building facilities.

Lieutenant James Hadden also provide details of situation at the southern end of Lake George in July 1777 (Figure 9):

So soon as we arrived at Fort George The Infantry were employed clearing a post on Gage's Hill which commands the Fort at the distance of about 1500 Yards, on the Road to Fort Edward. This is a very strong position, the Road being in a manner cut thro, the height on which the post is taken.

Fort George which stands near the water at the end of the Lake, is a small square Fort faced with Masonry and contains Barracks for about a hundred Men secured from Cannon Shot. This Fort cou'd not stand a Siege, being commanded, & too confined not to be soon reduced by Bombardment. The Rebels before they abandon'd it had endeavour'd to destroy the defences and actually blew up the Magazine on the side next the Water, which demolish'd that Face.

The Ruins of Fort Henry are on the Eastern shore of the Lake, this was never much more than a small stockaded Fort. The Land is cleared for about a Mile Round the Fort on both sides of the Lake, and on it are built 5 Farm Houses. We found that the Enemy had carried off a large Magazine of Flour & other Provisions.

Gen'l Burgoyne had intelligence of these circumstances, as the Storekeeper of Fort George (originally in the British service & whose Son was with us). (Hadden 1884:107-108) (Figure 10)

For the remainder of the campaign, Fort George served as an important transshipment point for materiel and supplies for Burgoyne's army. These were sent down Lake George and over the military to Fort Edward and eventually distributed to the army. The area was typically well-garrisoned Burgoyne until he crossed to the west side of the Hudson River in early September 1777. Once having affected the crossing he cut his communication with the posts to the north. As a result only a small residual force was left behind at Fort Ticonderoga, and Lake George. To help protect the meager supplies still at the southern end of the lake, Burgoyne ordered them removed to Diamond Island for safe keeping. The forces on the island were attacked on September 24, 1777 by Colonel John Brown, but it was easily repulsed. By the October 7, Burgoyne surrendered, and once again the fort fell into the hands of the Americans without the use of force.

The Americans attempted to repair the defense along the lake and by 1779, "built some barracks near the water side" (Bellico 2010:261). Beside these structures little of note occurred at Lake George until October 1780.

In October 1780, an invasion force of 518 British and German regulars, 150 Loyalists, 108 mission "Indians," and 30 Fort Hunter Mohawks, under the command of Major Christopher Carleton, was assembled in Canada (Loding 2007). The force was transported south down Lake Champlain by eight ships and 26 smaller boats to Fort Ticonderoga, eventually landing at Skenesbough, at the southern end of Lake Champlain. From there the force advanced to Fort Anne, which was garrisoned by 75 New York militiamen and a few Continentals under the command of Colonel Adiel Sherwood (Watt 2013). Realizing he was significantly outnumbered, Sherwood decided to surrender, providing the women at the garrison be allowed to return to their homes. Carleton continued his advance south towards Fort Edward, devastating rebel farms along the west side of the Hudson as far south as Saratoga, and destroying settlements at Queensbury, Kingsbury, Fort Edward, and Salem along





the east side of the river. The attacks were generally unopposed, even by the rebel troops garrisoned at Fort Edward (Watt 2013).

Carleton next turned his attention to Fort George, considered one of the strongest garrisoned rebel posts. Although the American commander later is called it “an unfinished Angle of the Intended Fort” (DeCosta 1871:51). Fort George and Lake George were under the command of Seth Warner’s Independent Continental Regiment, comprised of approximately 200 men chiefly stationed at Fort George with token components at Bemis Heights and Bennington (Watt 2013).

At the time, the fort was occupied by approximately 70 soldiers of Warner’s regiment under the command of Captain John Chipman and the rest were off scouting Lake George. Chipman sent a rider to Fort Edward to request provisions. The rider encountered what he thought was a small, scouting party that turned out to be Carlton’s main force. Chipman was unaware that Carleton was in the area and deployed Captain Thomas Sill and 50 men to attack the supposed detachment near Bloody Pond on the Military Road (DeCosta 1871; Watt 2013). According to Captain Chipman:

As it is reported to me that there is a small Party of Savages near Bloody Pond you will immediately take the Command of a Party of forty eight Men Officers included and proceed on main Road until you make Discoveries of them keeping sufficient advanced and flank Guards in such a Manner as to prevent being surrounded if you find a large Party you will immediately retreat to the Fort except they should be Savages only in which Case you will immediately attack and charge upon them. (DeCosta 1871:51)

Upon the assault, Captain Sill realized it was a much larger force and was quickly overwhelmed and killed. Only a handful of Sills’ men escaped. Captain Chipman, having lost most of his troops, could not defend the fort, with only a single six-pounder at his disposal and the small arms of 14 men (DeCosta 1871:51) and surrendered. Carleton, with a large number of prisoners and booty, returned north along the west side of the lake (Watt 2013). No after burning the fort and all the remaining stores and provisions (Bellico 2010:261).

There appears to have been little activity in and around Fort George after the 1780 raid. According to diary of Lt. John Eyns, Col Udney Hay was stationed at the fort in 1783. Hay remained at the southern end of the lake near the fort until the 1790s. He purchased several large tracts that he later sold to William Caldwell (Bellico 2010:266).

There was little activity in the Lake George area during the War of 1812. In September 1814, a large contingent of troops camped at the lake on their way westward to Sacket Harbor (Figure 12). By and large, the strategic value of Lake George greatly diminished after the Revolutionary War.

The land on which Fort George was built remained property of New York state, reserved for potential future military activity until 1802 when the land was sold to Columbia and Union colleges (Bellico 2010:266). Thereafter the land was parceled off over time. In 18100 a scheme was developed to further divide the lands around the Fort into residential plats. Perhaps due to the topography and other limitation, the plans was never executed. In 1823, a number of parcels including that of Fort George fell into the hands of William Caldwell (Figure 11).

The property remained in the Caldwell family well after William’s death in 1848. The family sold portions of their holding to Judge William Parmalee, a former mayor of Albany. The lands devolved to his wife, Helen Parmalee, in 1856 and eventually his daughter, Harriet Caldwell Nivert, in the 1860s. Helen’s sister also had interest in land in Lake Gorge (Catherine E. Van Cortlandt). Harriet moved to Paris, France with her husband. As the sole heir of Catherine Van Cortlandt and Helen Parmalee the Nivert family controlled numerous lots in and around the village and town (Figure 14). By 1905, many of the same lots were sold to the Worden family, owners of the Worden Hotel located on the west side of Canada Street (New York Bar Association 1917).



Later development within and around the fort was relatively limited throughout the rest of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the fort was protected within the state park once the state purchased the property in 1898 from Harriet Nivert (Bellico 2010:290). Some portions of the fort broader lines were likely destroyed or impacted by the park as it developed infrastructure and public facilities over the years.

Segments of the fort's original outline, as designed by Montresor, are still visible on the ground as small mounds of earth and rock, especially along the far eastern side. Archeological excavations would be necessary to confirm if these features are a part of the fort or earlier lines.

"Improvements" and excavations at the fort began as early as 1921, when the east wall was cleared and refaced (Bellico 2010:291) (Figures 15-19). cursory archeology, after the wall was stabilized, occurred in 1924. However, systematic excavations however has been lacking until recent archeology by David Starbuck beginning in 2000 and continuing intermittently until 2015 (Bellico 2010:293) (Starbuck 2010:14-15).

**Integrity:**      Good ☒      Medium ☐      Poor ☐      None ☐      Unknown ☐

#### **Archeological Potential:**

David Starbuck conducted a series of excavations at the Lake George Battlefield State Park between 2000 and continuing intermittently until 2015. Starbuck based his excavations on the remarkable research of Scott Padeni (Padeni 1994) who conducted a fairly extensive surface reconnaissance of the Fort George area for his study at Empire State College, as well as his own interim report (Starbuck 1994).

Starbuck utilized students and volunteers as part of a summer-long field school to conduct the excavations in and around the remnants of Fort George. The first year's excavations focused on two large barracks buildings that appeared on the Fraser 1758 map associated with General Abercromby's encampment. The northernmost building is thought to measure 17 by 67 feet with four-foot thick walls. Among the interesting finds was a brass hinge with an inscription "Ahmuty of the " 27<sup>th</sup> Foot, referring to Lt. Thomas Ahmuty whose regiment camped at the lake in 1758 (LaFrank 2011:7.5).

The second building to the south measured 19 feet wide by an unknown length. It has been variously interpreted as a "Hospital" or soldiers barracks (although it could have been repurposed and served as both). A large assemblage of 18<sup>th</sup>-century artifacts was also collected in addition to mammal and fish bones. A regimental button from the British 26<sup>th</sup> Foot evidences occupation during the 1777 Burgoyne campaign, while the remainder of the material is thought to be largely from the French and Indian War (LaFrank 2011:7.6).

Another structure near the barracks was also investigated that summer. It is thought to be a blacksmith shop, where several Brown Bess musket barrels cut into 6 to 8 inch lengths were found. Some have interpreted these as a reaction to the 1758 order to shorten the weapons to make them lighter and more adept to fighting in the wooded terrain of Lake George.

In 2001, focus shifted to the southwest bastion of Fort George (Farry 2006), as well as several pits and possible hut sites (Starbuck 2014). David Starbuck and SUNY Adirondack conducted additional field schools within the state park in the summers of 2014 and 2015. Excavations focused in the vicinity of the southwest bastion of Fort George. Findings included potential evidence of a casement (where ammunition and powder was stored) within the bastion, and nearby soldier huts.

As the site had largely been preserved over the years, the archeological potential in and around the fort is considered to be quite high, as evidenced by the recent archeology conducted by David Starbuck.

**Current Ownership, Use and Threats to Resource:** The site is now part of the state-owned Lake George Battlefield Park (Photos 1-4, Figures 20 and 21), and there are no known threats to the resource.



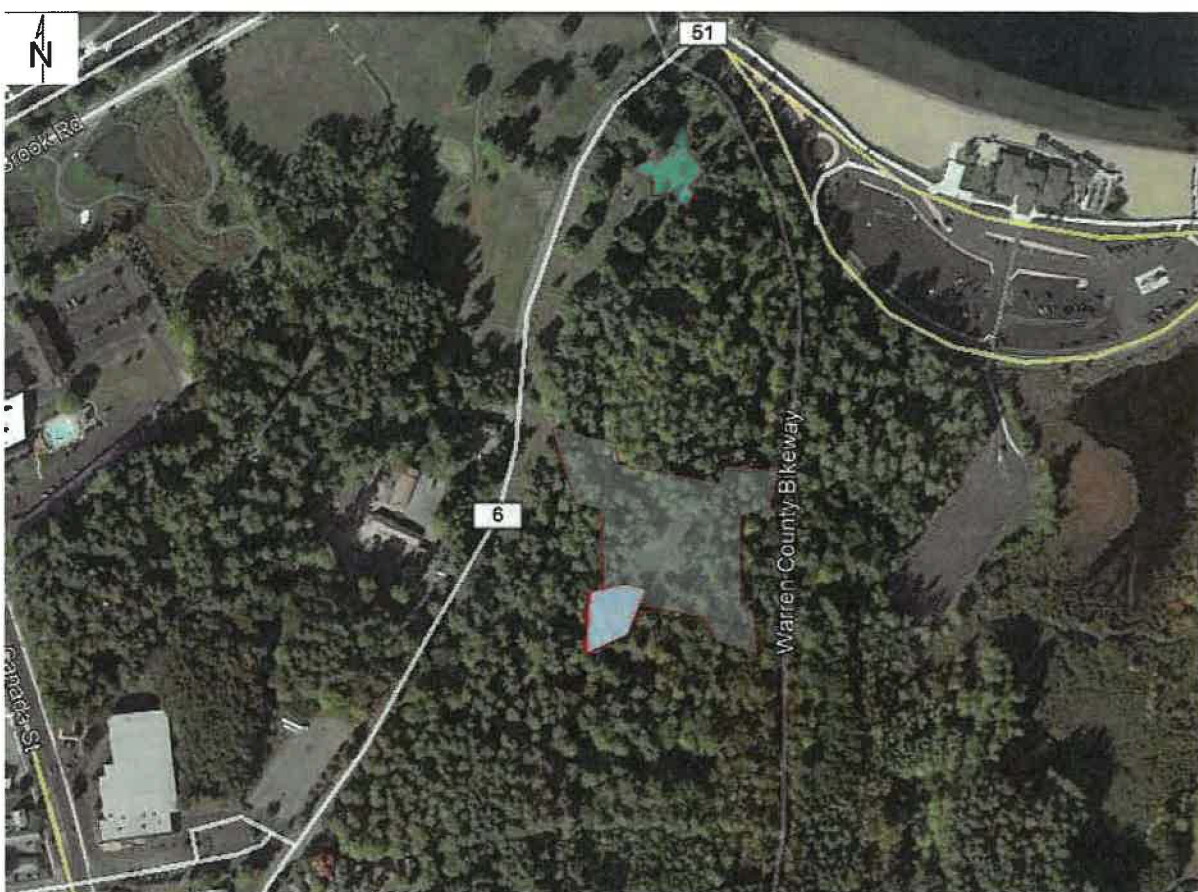


Figure 1. An orthoimage of the finished southwest bastion (darker blue) and outline of the larger, planned Fort George that was never finished.



Photo 1 A view to the north/northeast of the southwest bastion of Fort George in the state-owned Lake George Battlefield Park.







Photo 2 A view to the northwest of the tip of the salient angle of the southwest bastion of the proposed Fort George, 1759. This occupies the high ground of the central terrace south of Lake George.



Photo 3 A view to the south of the standing ruins of the southwest bastion of Fort George. The stone, earth, and mortar walls are still largely intact. Recently, David Starbuck completed a series of excavations in and around the bastion.







Photo 4 A view to the south of a low stone and earth wall, that likely corresponds to the outline of the fort as laid out by Col. Montresor in 1759. This may be the proposed southeast bastion of the fort, which was never completed.





Figure 2. The planned fort in 1758. The red outline is the actual layout constructed by Montresor the following year [Anonymous 1758].





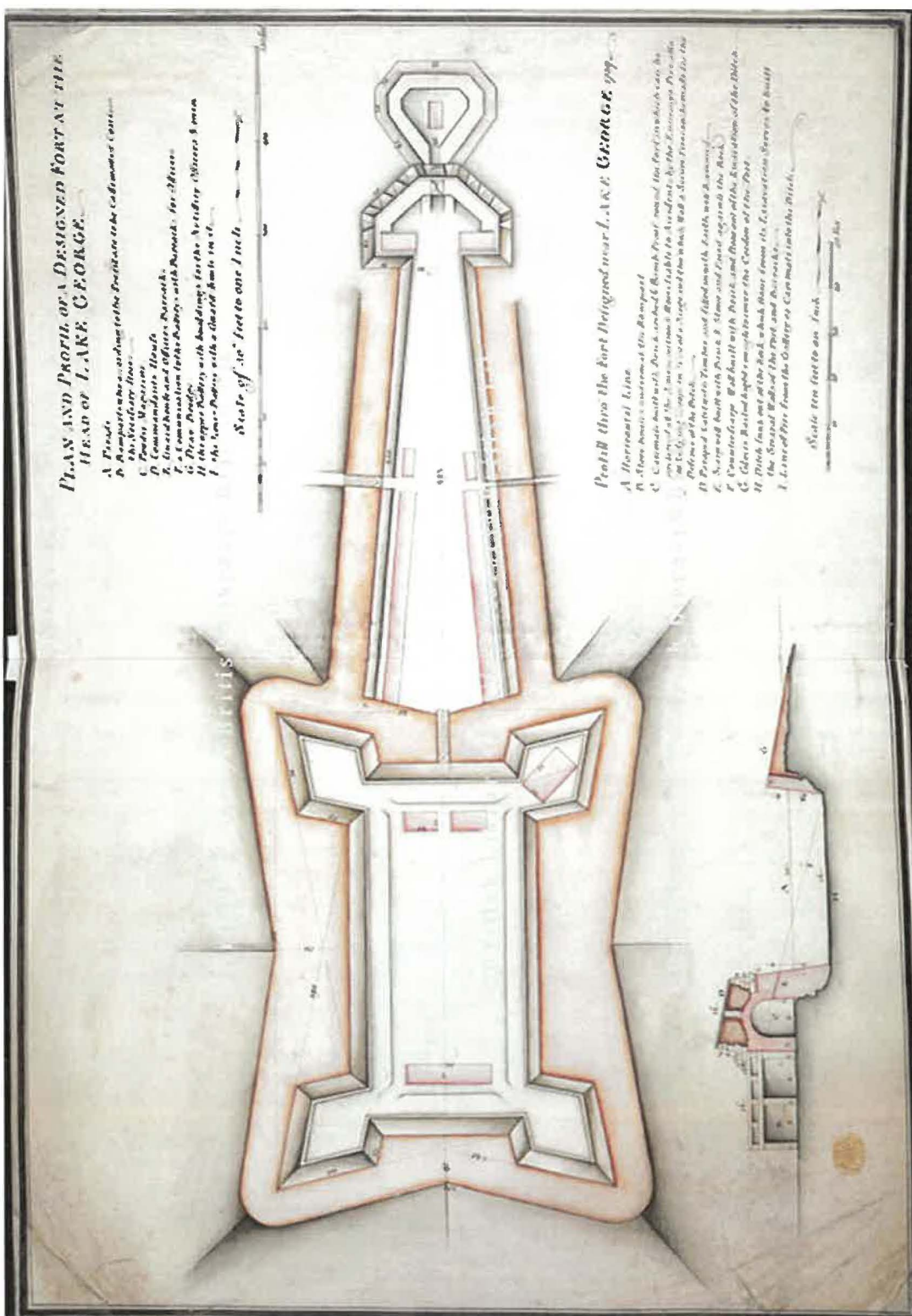


Figure 3. A detailed plan of the fort in 1759, with forward projecting bastions and a covered way (Brasier 1759c). This ambitious plan was scaled back almost immediately after construction began.



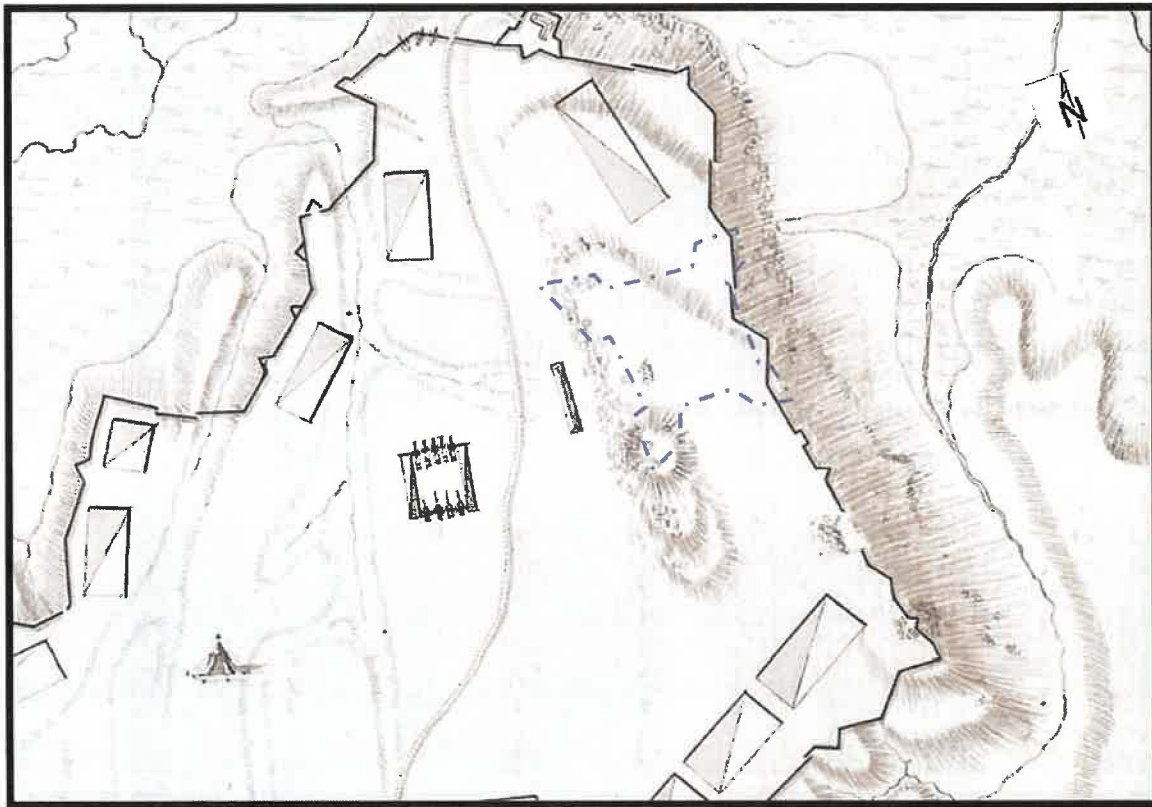


Figure 4. The area of the proposed fort in 1758. The blue outline is the eventually proposed footprint (Ratzer 1758).

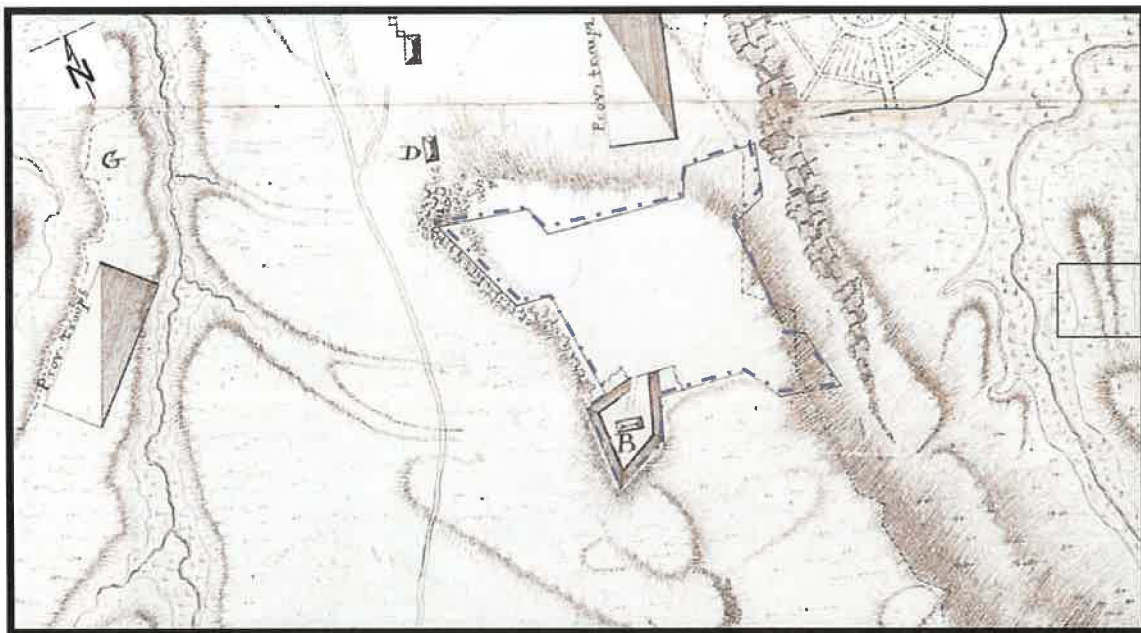


Figure 5. The outline of the fort and completed southwest bastion in the summer of 1759 (Ratzer 1759). The dotted lines on the map represent the old lines of Abercromby's army.





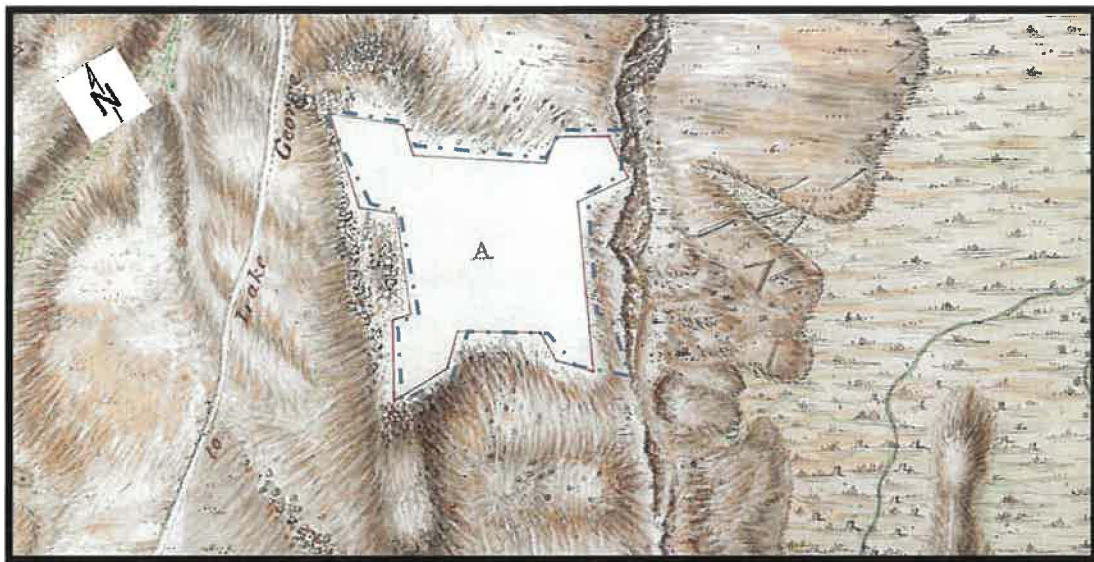


Figure 6. A variation on the proposed outline by Brasier; his plan is riddled with errors and distortions (Brasier 1759a)

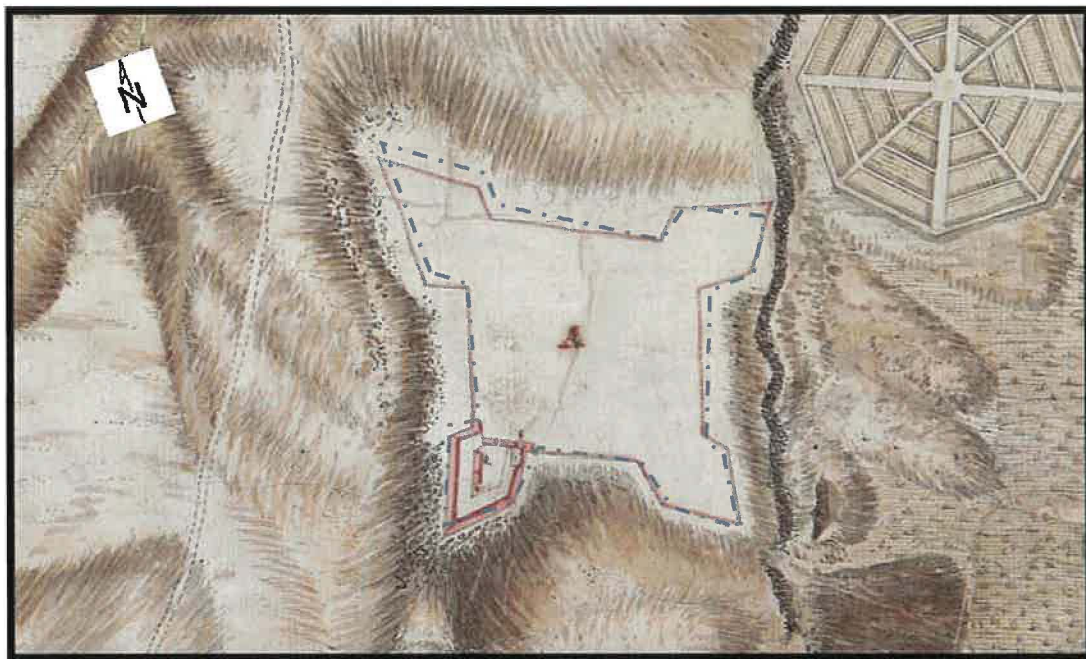


Figure 7. A later version of the above plan with the southwest bastion completed (Brasier 1759b).



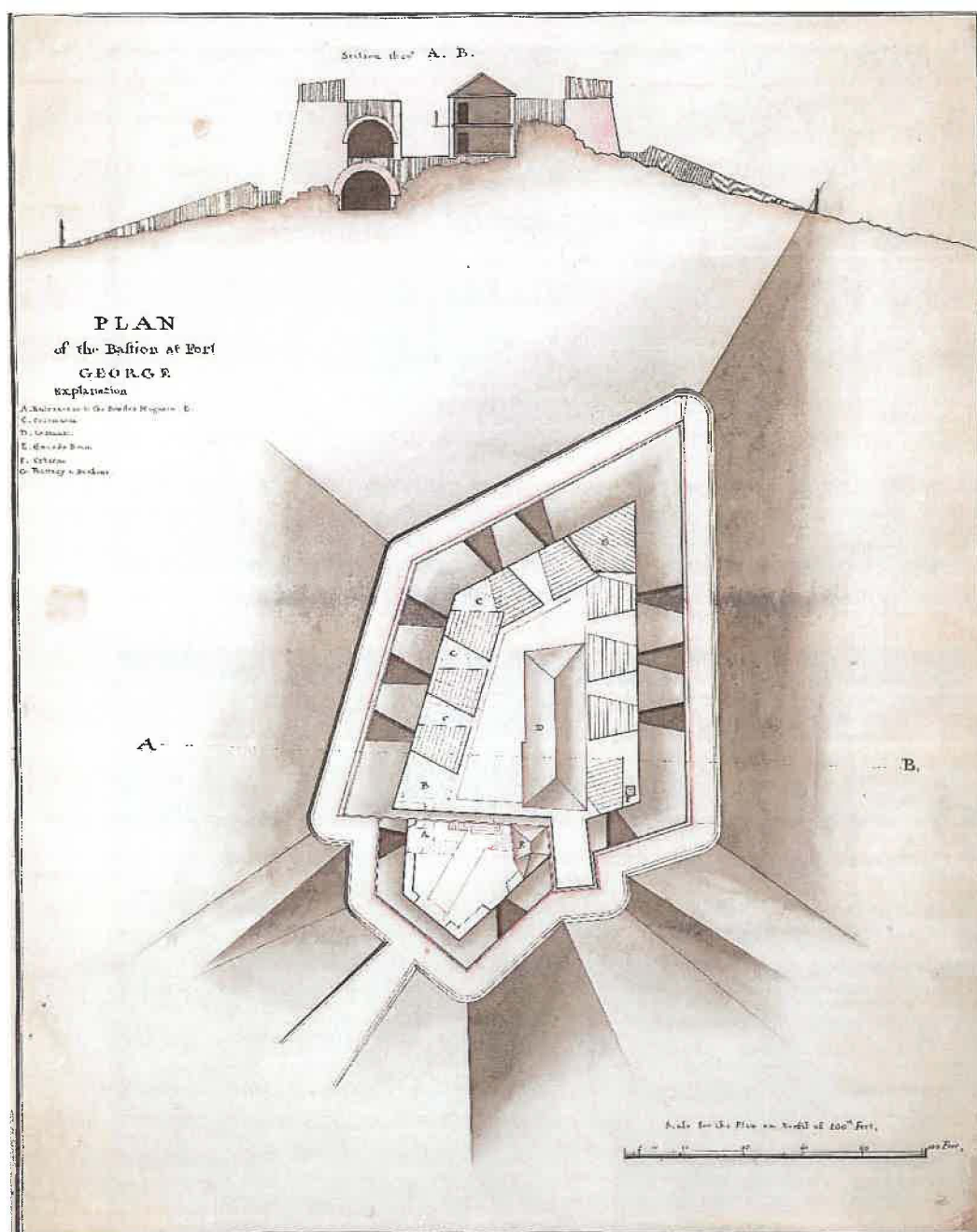


Figure 8. This was likely drafted by Brasier and is part “as-built” and partially a plan to complete the bastion to make it self-standing. The plan includes embrasures, casemates, a barrack or “cazernes,” a guard’s room, magazine, and glacis extending from the walls [Anonymous 1759].



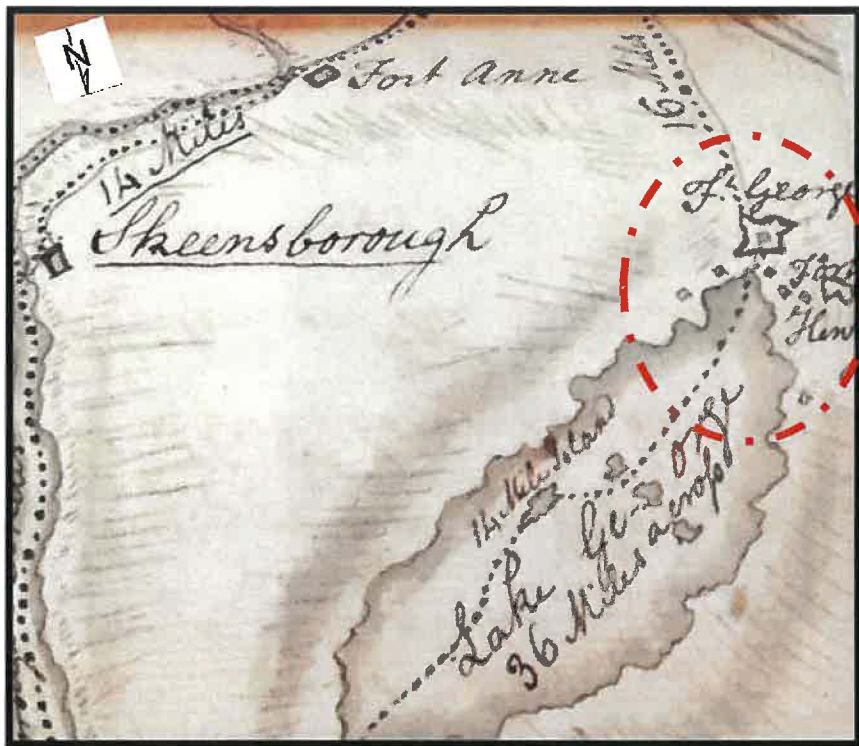


Figure 9 British Lt. James Hadden's sketch of Lake George in 1777 when Burgoyne's army displaced the American forces. The rendering suggests that a portion of the advanced guard near old Fort William Henry was in use and that six other structures or features were in place. Those structures near Fort George may have included hospitals (Hadden 1777).







Figure 10. Speculative reconstruction of the situation at Fort George in 1776 and 1777 based a combination of eye-witness accounts.



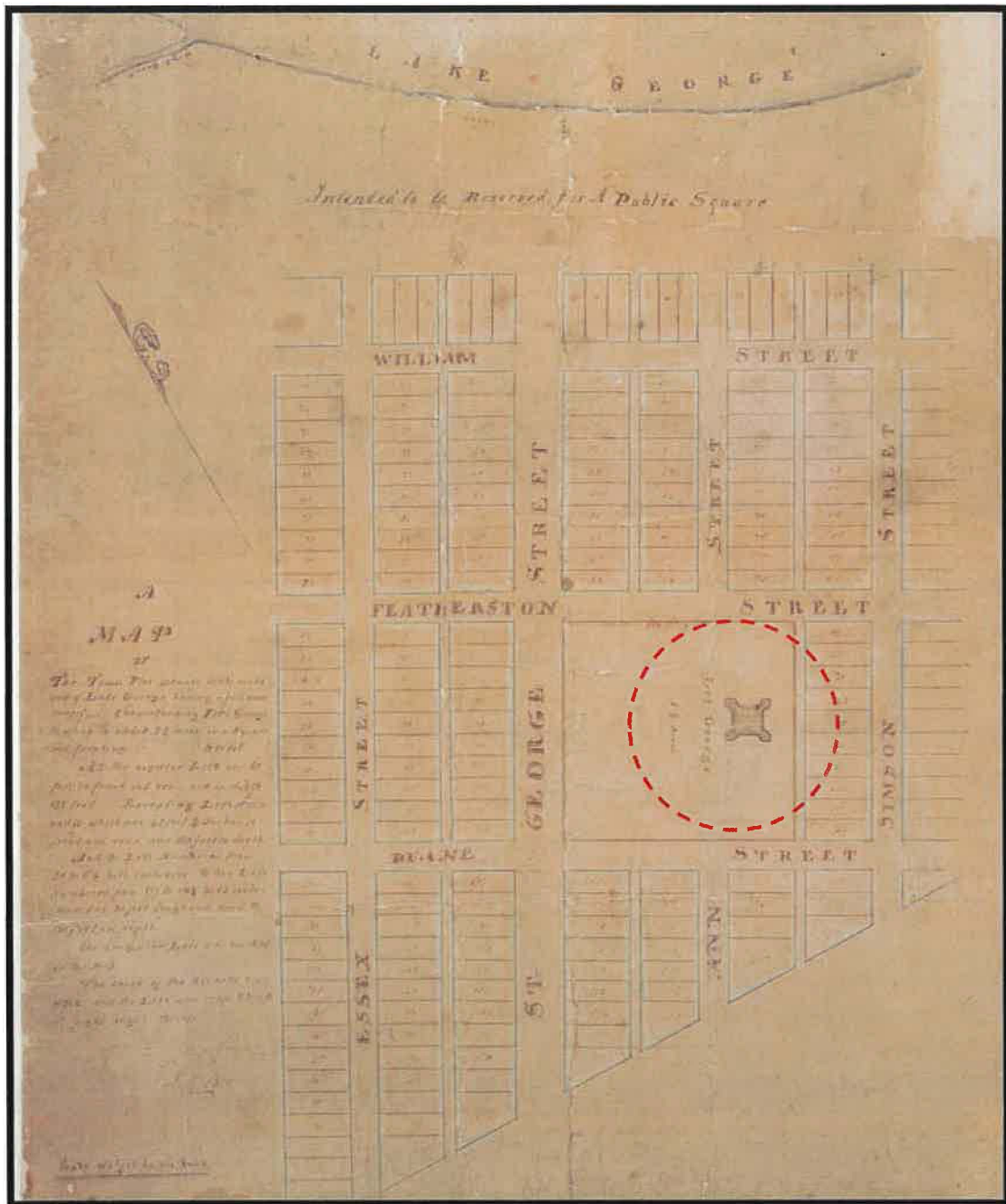


Figure 11. An early 19<sup>th</sup>-century plan to develop the southern end of Lake George into residential parcels, using the lake shoreline and a square around Fort George as public space. The plan includes a robust street grid four by five blocks with an alleyway between two streets (Anonymous 1810). The plan was never brought to fruition, likely due to the difficulty in developing such a varied terrain and the nearby swamps and brooks.



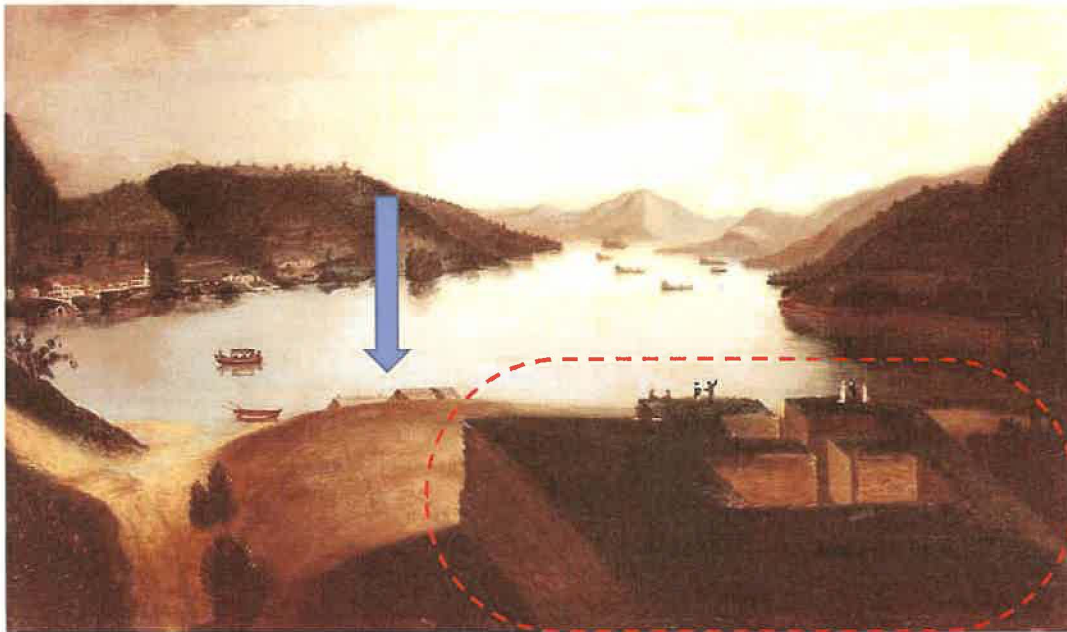


Figure 12. This circa 1812 view of the southern end of Lake George by Ezra Ames clearly shows that the southwest bastion of fort George was still intact, but since tourists were standing on the walls it appears to have had no military function. The top of two or three buildings (blue arrow) can be seen on the terrace below, perhaps the hospitals and barracks from the Revolutionary War (Albany Insituite of History and Art, AN1997.41).

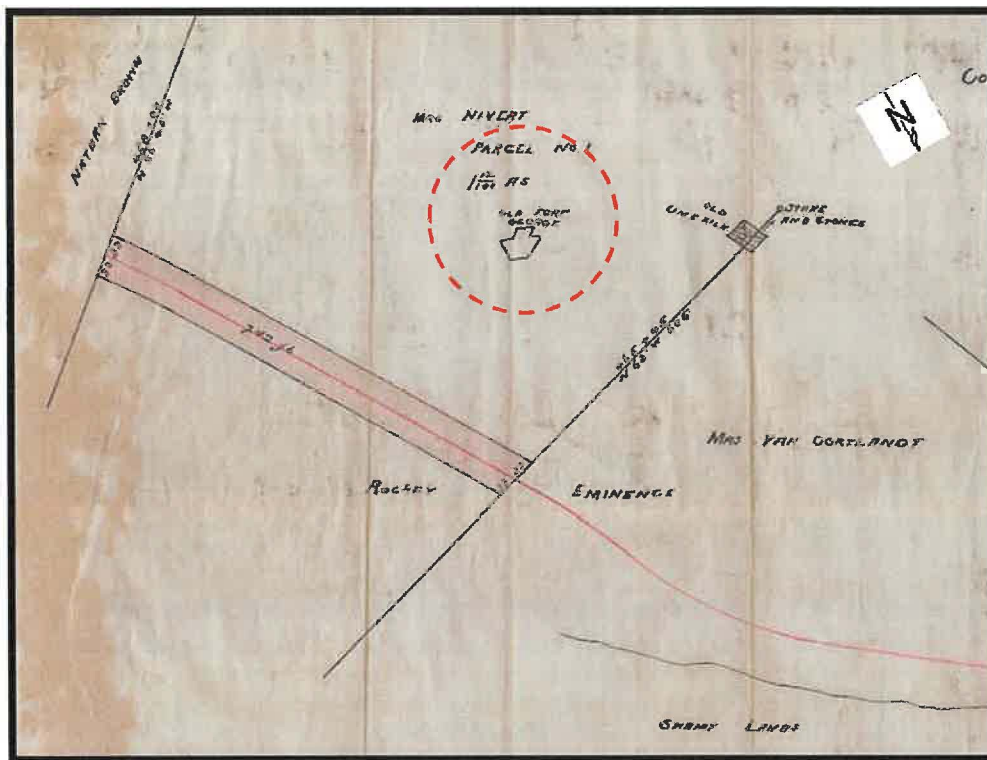


Figure 13. The area of Fort George as represented in 1881. Also of note is the "old lime kiln" to the northwest [Anonymous 1891 [1881]]. The area was in the process of being developed for the Delaware & Hudson Rail line constructed to the east of the fort in 1882.





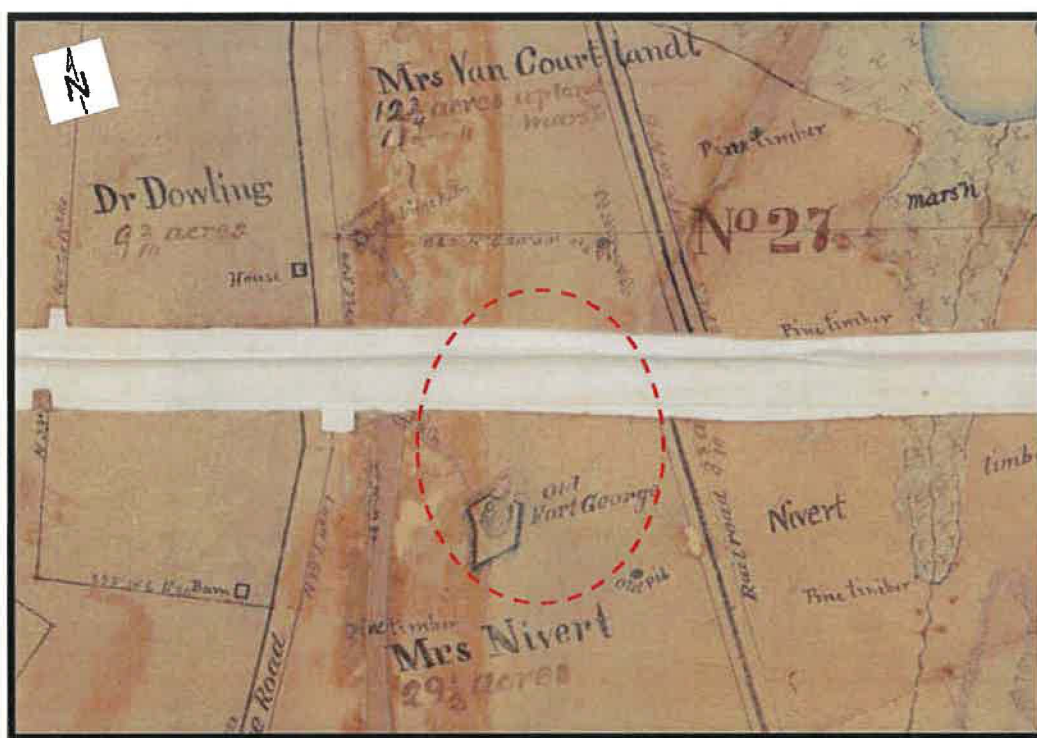


Figure 14. The “old Fort George” on the Nivert property in 1891, shortly before it was sold to the state in 1889 (Arnold 1891).



Figure 15. A circa 1919 view of the southwest bastion of Fort George (Adirondack Museum, 2013.025.0001o).





Figure 16. A circa 1938 view of the southwest bastion of Fort George from the north (New York State Archives, Digital Collections).





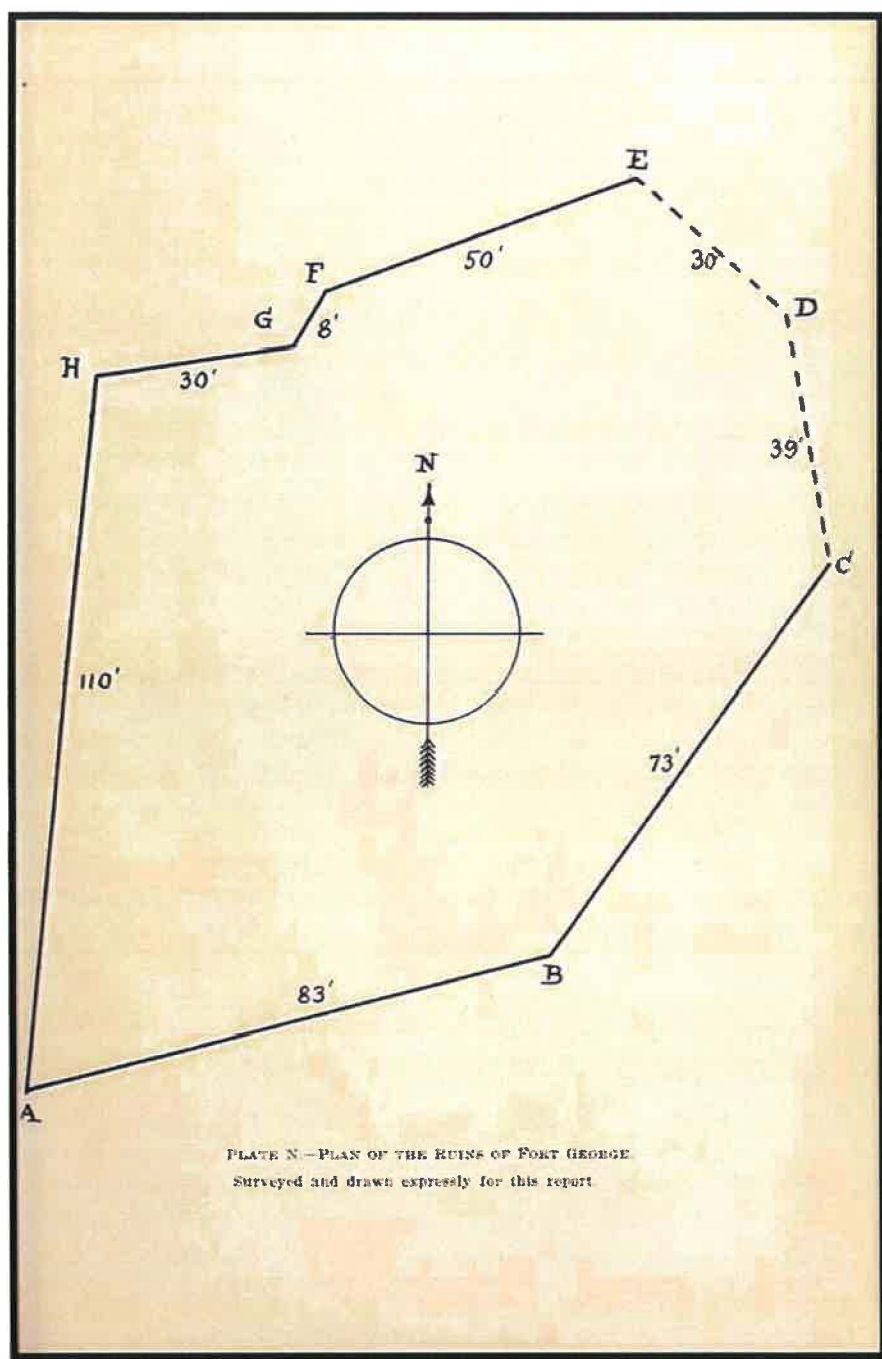


Figure 17. A plan drawing of the surveying bastion in about 1900 [Society for the Preservation of Scenic Historic Places and Objects 1900].



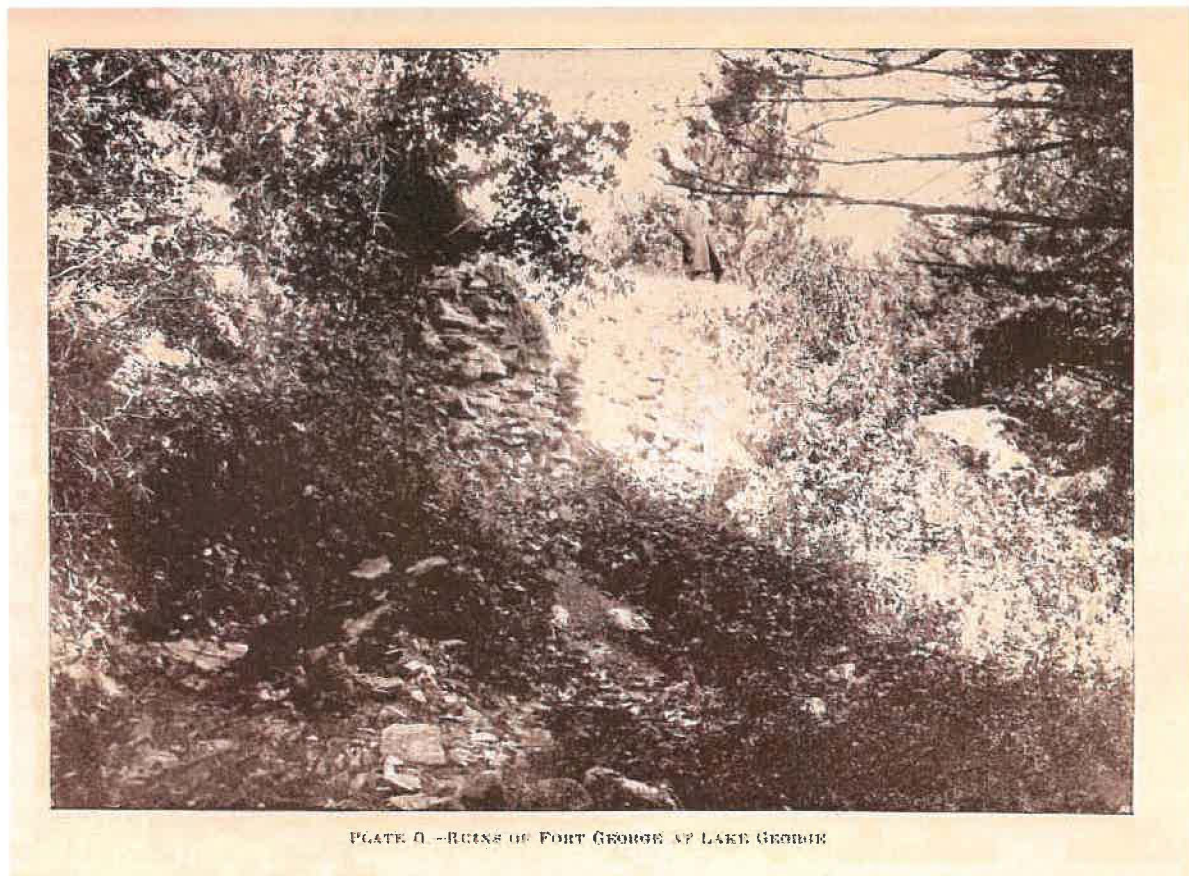


Figure 18. A photograph of the newly acquire bastion by the state, before reconstruction efforts altered the east face [Society for the Preservation of Scenic Historic Places and Objects 1900].



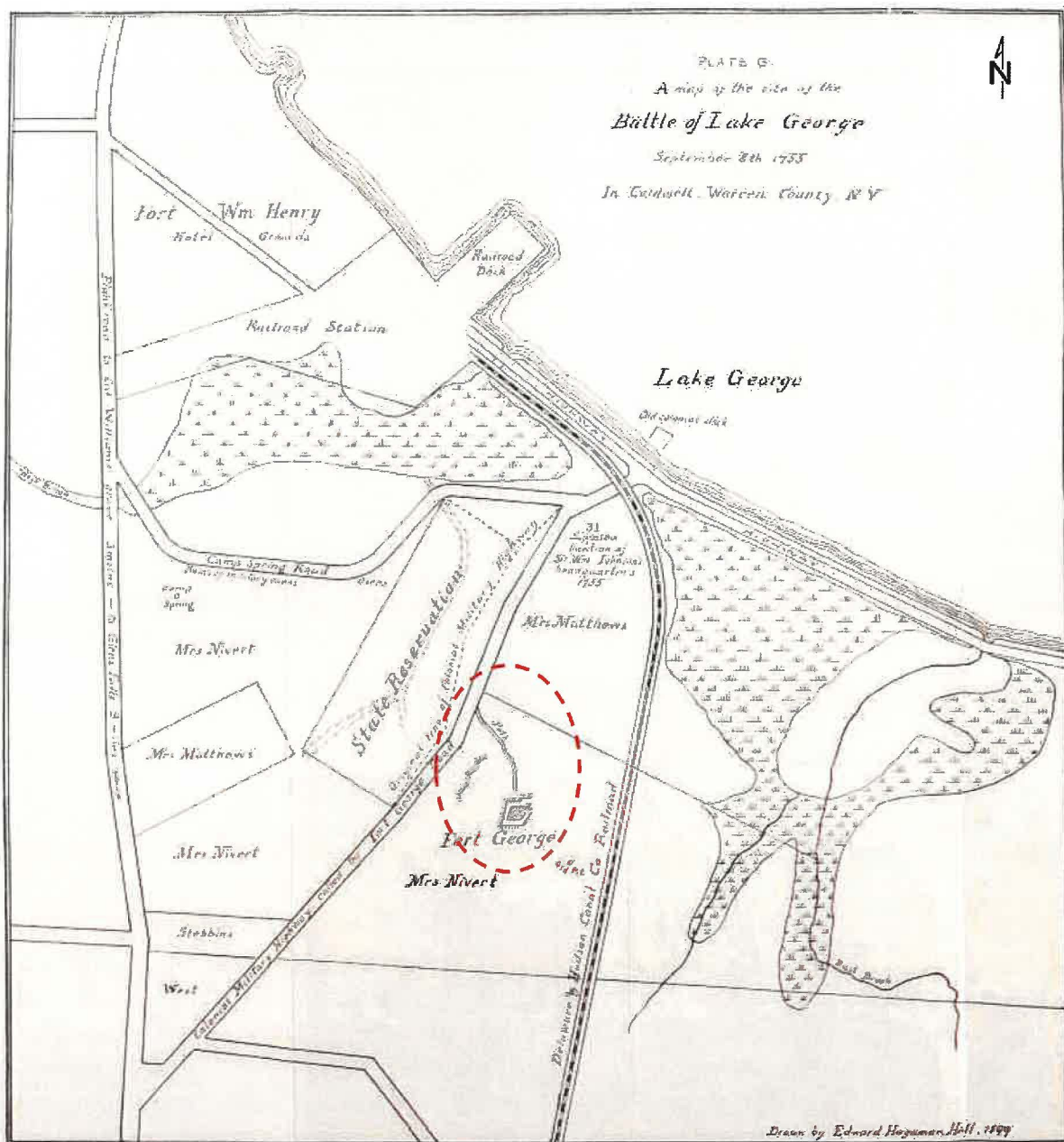


Figure 19. The newly assembled park parcels, with the surviving bastion of Fort George shown along with a small access road (now obscured) from the northwest [Society for the Preservation of Scenic Historic Places and Objects 1900].





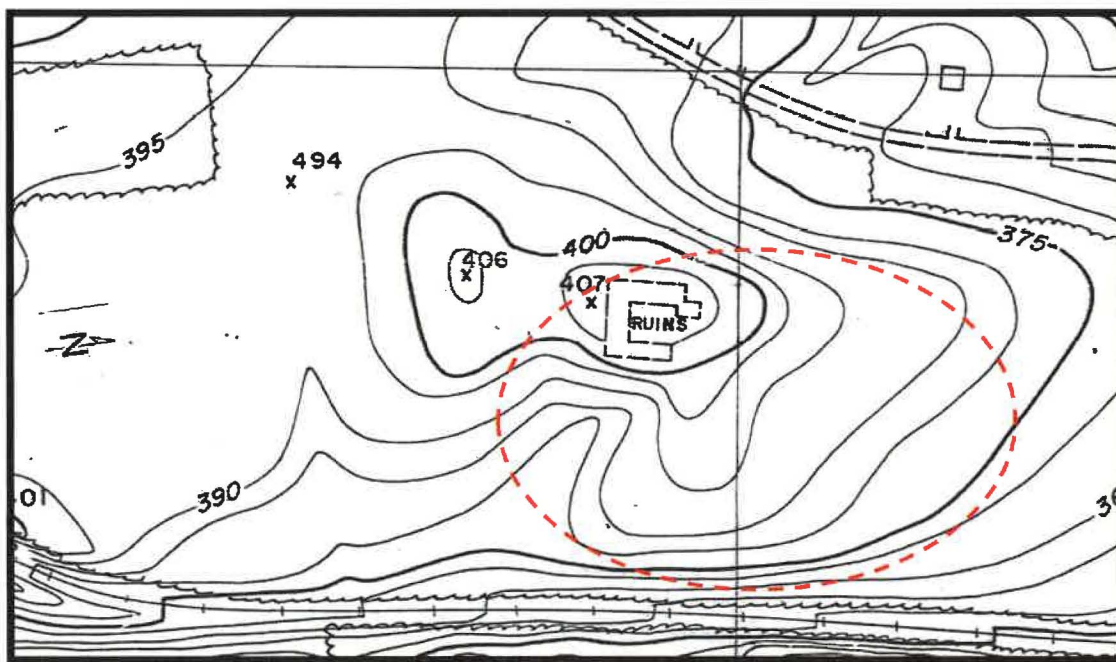


Figure 20. The bastion as mapped in the early 1950s (State of New York- Department of Public Works 1953-6).



Figure 21. Circa 1973 photograph of Fort George southwest bastion (Adirondack Museum, 1977.119.0186).





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# ABPP Fort George Documentation 2017-2018

## Resource Inventory Form



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Town and Village of Lake George, Warren County, New York

Resource ID/Name: 1759-5 New Artillery Park

Resource Type: Encampment

Resource Date: June to July 21, 1759

### Historic Context:

The summer campaign of 1759 at Lake George and Lake Champlain was planned and executed by Sir Jeffery Amherst, a methodical, experienced commander, in contrast to the previous year's General James Abercromby. At Lake George, his engineers built fortifications on the high ground near the beach, and they began a much larger fort, Fort George, on the exposed bedrock to the south. Artillery was positioned slightly southwest of the fortifications near the beach, where the guns overlooked West Brook and most of the Lake George beach (Figure 1).

The artillery position was near the northern corner of the encampment (Figures 2 and 3) (Anonymous 1759; Ratzer 1759a). The artillery park was within the formerly fortified lines of the encampment, which had been enlarged the year before (see Resource 1758-11). Most sources indicate that breastworks and other wooden fortifications around the camp were not rebuilt in 1759, and they were removed or destroyed at the end of the campaign season in 1758 (Figures 4 and 5).

On June 22, 1759, the artillery unit acquired a provincial guard: "The Provincial Regiments to furnish 2 Captains, 8 Subalterns, and 250 men, non-Commissioned officers included, for the service of the Artillery who will also serve as a Guard for the Artillery Men [about 100 in all] when no other is ordered. They shall obey all Orders they receive from Major Ord (Royal Artillery)" (Wilson and O'Callaghan 1857:41). It may be this division, the original British artillery unit and the provincial guard raised for it at Lake George that is shown on the Ratzer map (Figure 2).

The Frazer map of 1758 shows an artillery unit a couple of hundred feet south of the 1759 New Artillery Park (Figure 3). Apparently, the 1758 artillery location made a good parade ground: "Sept 3, 1758—"a workig party of 100 Regularss & 200 Provincials with a Proportion of officers to parade tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock on the road near the Artillery encampment & follow Lt. Coll. Eyer's Directions" (Fort Ti Bulletin 1970:98).

There are at least two other maps of Fort George from 1759 which do not indicate the artillery park or the position of artillery (Figure 6). Amherst's army took some medium-sized artillery pieces with it to Carillon, which was given up by the French in late July 1759, after a brief siege. With the British successes on Lake Champlain, Fort George was no longer on the battlefield, but was three or four forts behind the line of conflict with France. It is likely that Fort George was left with minimal artillery, just enough to defend it from raiding parties.

Integrity:    Good ☐    Medium ☒    Poor ☐    None ☐    Unknown ☐

**Archeological Potential:** The archeological potential is moderate for the 1759 Artillery Park. There does not appear to have been any grading or major ground disturbance in the area; however, the artillery park may not



have left much of an archeological signature, as it didn't include gun emplacements or any specific fortifications (Figure 7-9). Excavations in the general vicinity by Starbuck did not reveal archeological evidence of the artillery park (LaFrank 2011; Starbuck 1994). It might expected the area was leveled, or terraced with ramps and short road. Since ammunition was also stored there in the spring and summer of 1759, there are likely to have been some dropped balls or shot, and possibly other items such as gun carriage parts or other equipment. Some of this material may have already been picked up by landowners before the state took control of the land in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**Current Ownership, Use and Threats to Resource:** The New Artillery Park is on two, New York State-owned parcels, both within the Lake George Battlefield Park (Photos 1 and 2)(Figures 6-9). Therefore, the threat to the resource is low.



Figure 1. An orthoimage with a rectangle encompassing the approximate location of the New Artillery Park in 1759. The broader landform is outlined in red, and the camp of the Royal Artillery and the Artillery Park are shaded.





Photo 1 The distinctive rising ground to the right is the likely location of the artillery park in the summer of 1759. View looking north/northeast.



Photo 2 The approximate location of the artillery park in the summer of 1759, now part of the Lake George Battlefield Park. View looking northeast.





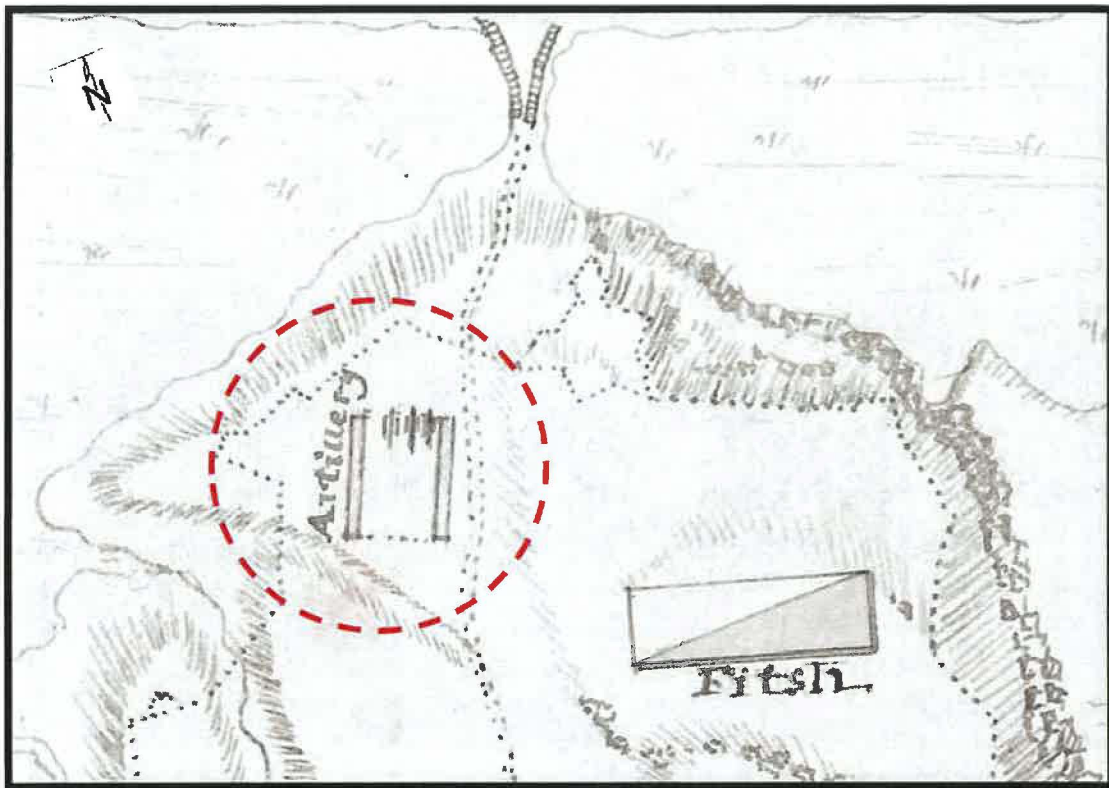


Figure 2. The artillery park was established by June 17, 1759, as evidenced on this map (Anonymous 1759).

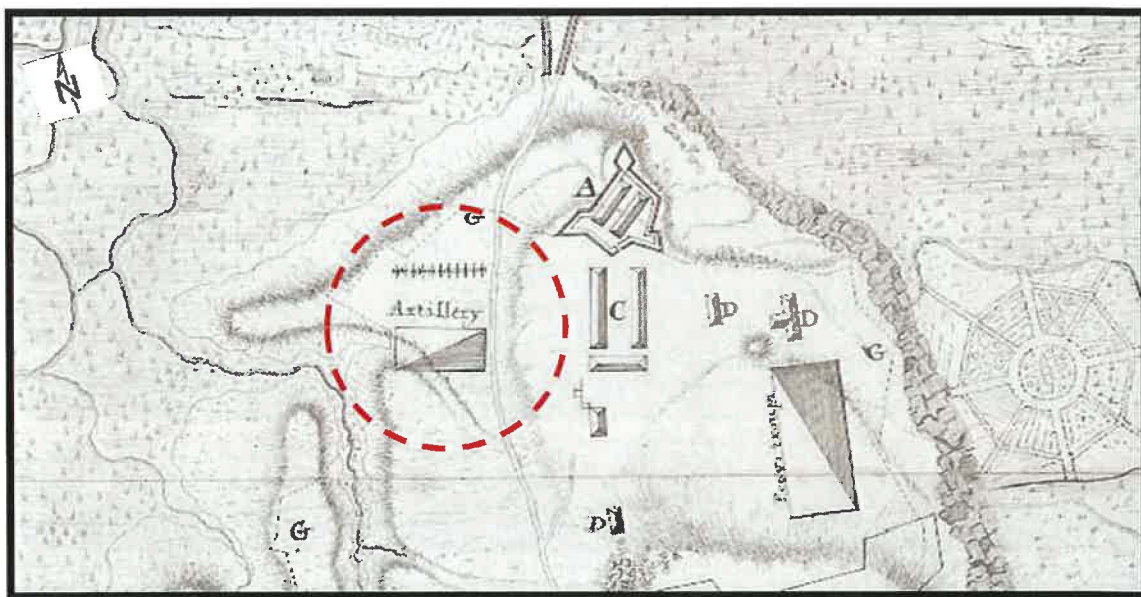


Figure 3. On this 1759 map, G denotes “old lines made by the Army under General Abercrombie”, A is Fort George, C is Barracks, and D are hospitals. The Artillery Park was moved from the previous campaign and encampment to the northwest corner of the encampment, closer to the lake [Ratzer 1759b]. The camp of the Royal Artillery corps was immediately south of the artillery park.





Figure 4. A rendering of the southern end of Lake George by Captain Henry Skinner in 1759 depicts a portion of the artillery park where the “piles of shot & shell” were stored in anticipation of being loaded onto bateaux and ships to transport northward [Skinner 1759].

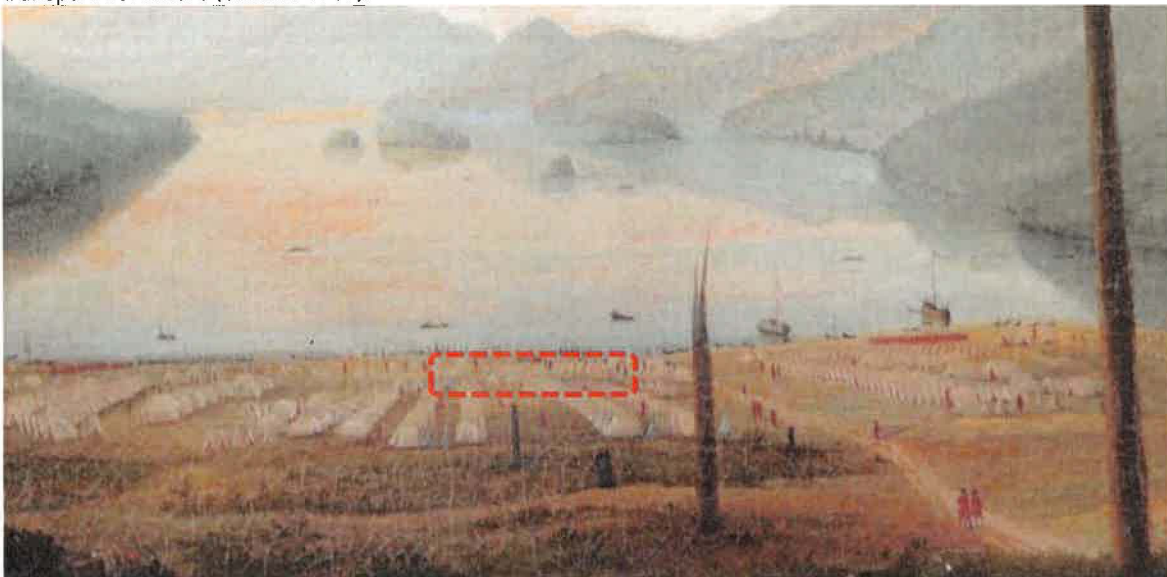


Figure 5. The red box indicates the possible location of the artillery park in 1759 on this rendering of the Amherst camp in 1759 by Captain Thomas Davies [Fort Ticonderoga Museum].





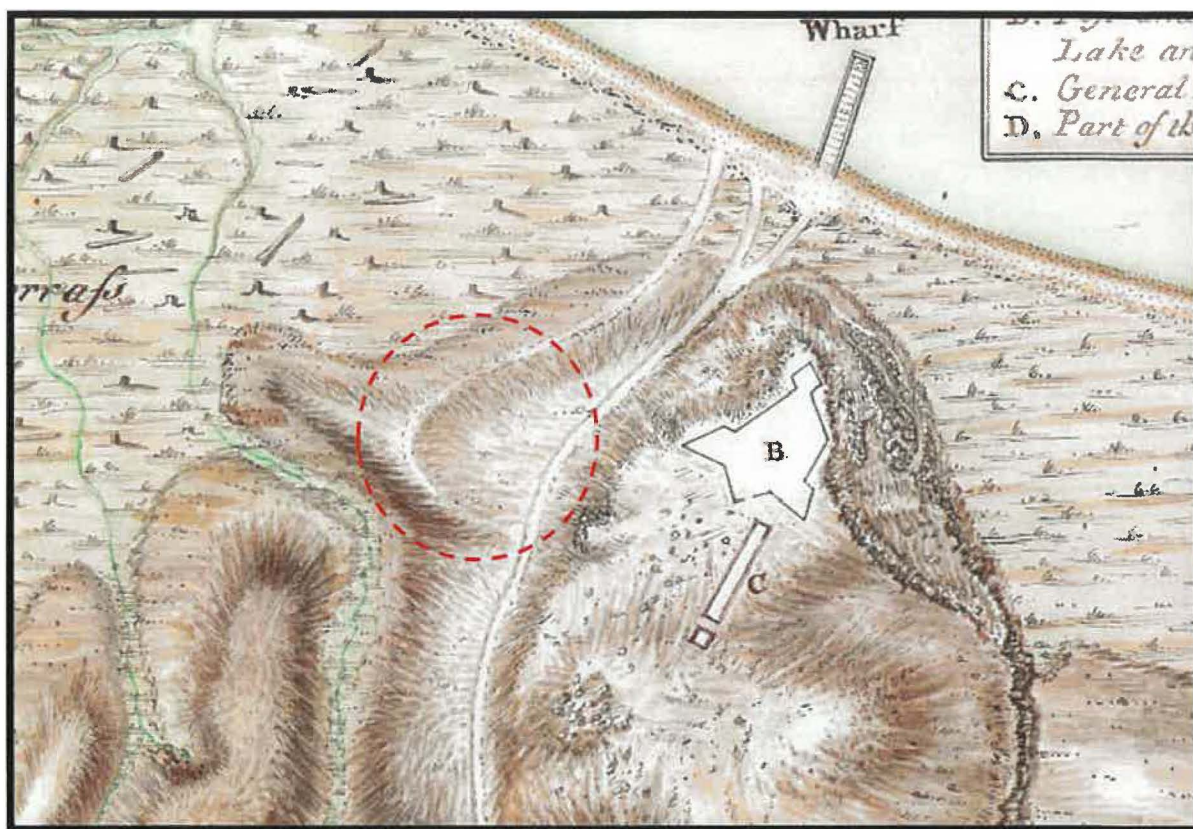


Figure 6. The artillery park is not mapped on this Brasier plan. It appears he was only interested in mapping fixed buildings and structures, as none of the Regimental camps are represented (Brasier 1759).



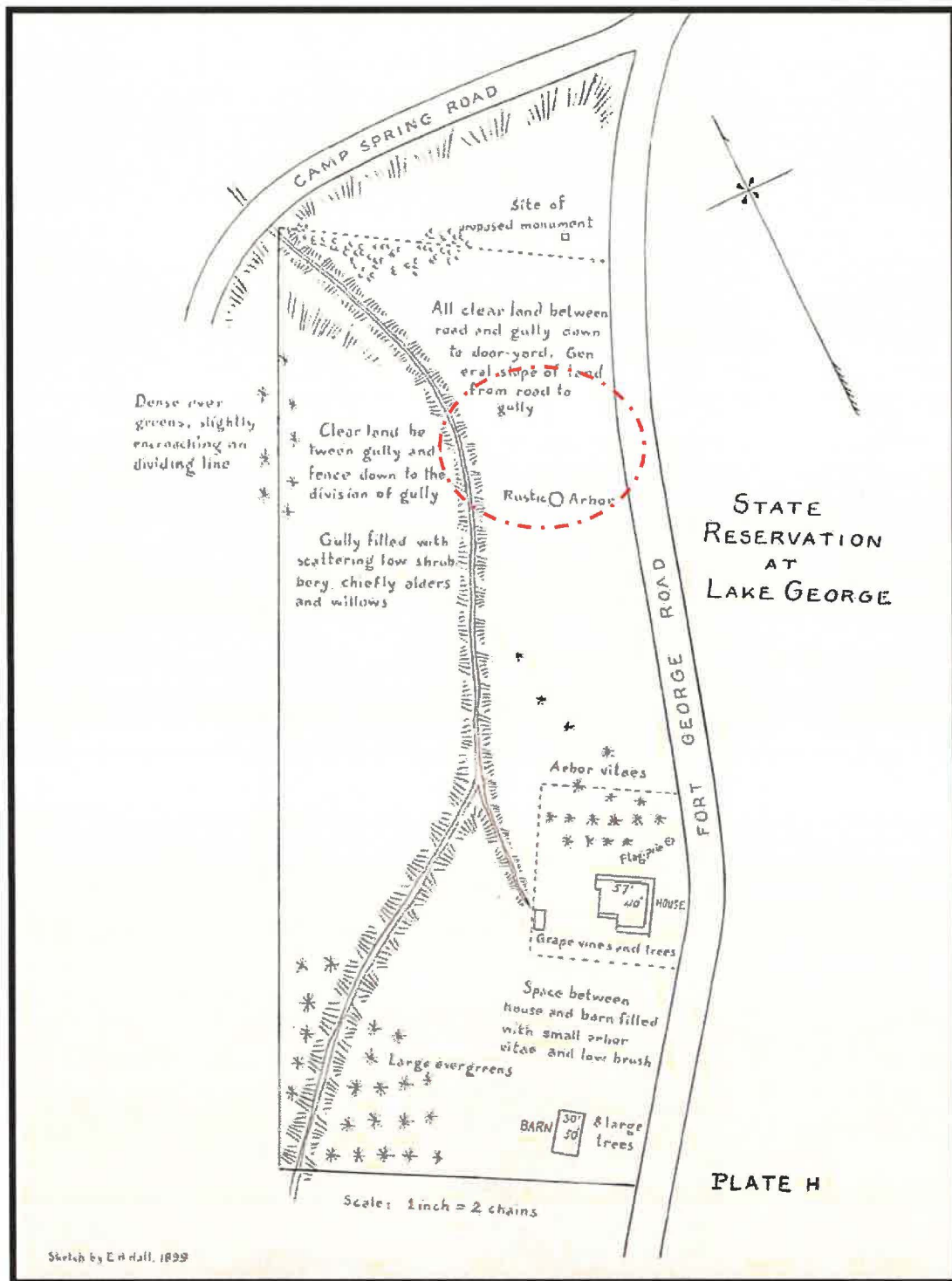


Figure 7. The approximate location of the new artillery park in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century as the area was being developed as a public park (Society for the Preservation of Scenic Historic Places and Objects 1900).



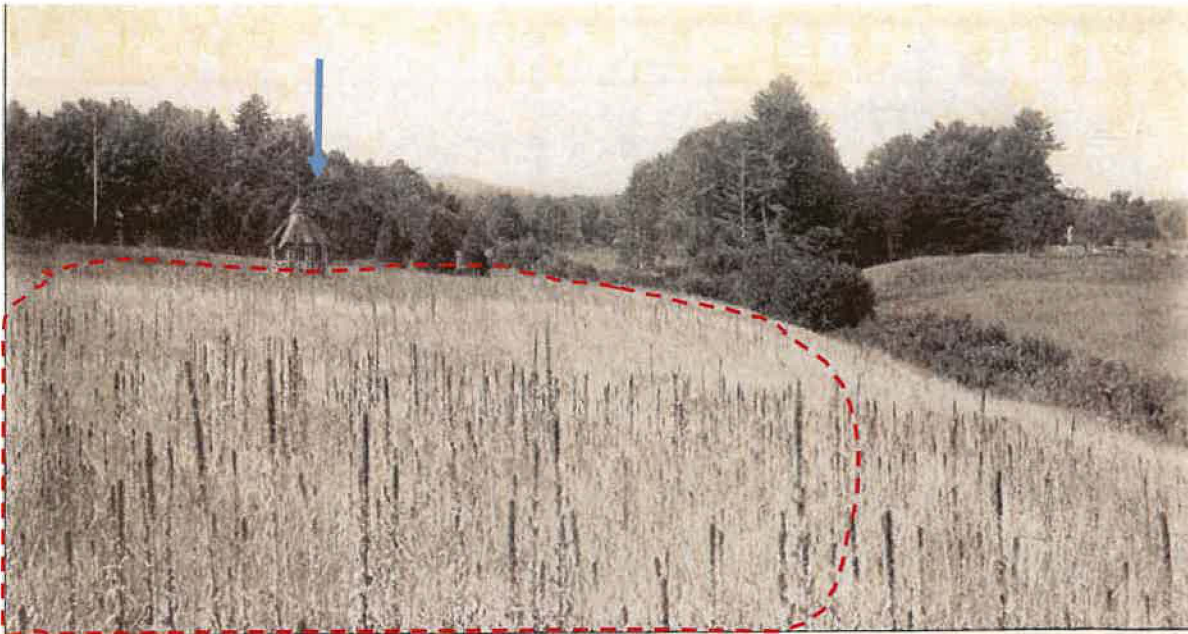


PLATE I - RESERVATION AT LAKE GEORGE, LOOKING SOUTH

Figure 8. A view to the southwest of the approximate area of the new artillery park during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The "rustic arbor" noted on the preceding map is seen in this photo (arrow) (Society for the Preservation of Scenic Historic Places and Objects 1900).





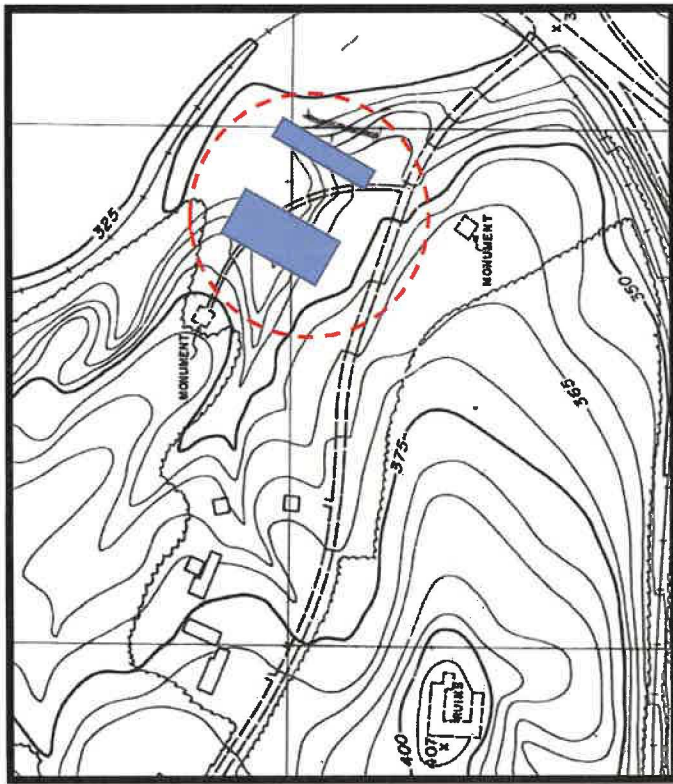


Figure 9. The area of this resource did not see much development in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century. Later park facilities such as Fort George Road, the Isaac Jogues Monument, an associated access road, and the related filling and grading likely negatively impacted the resource (Anonymous c. 1939; State of New York- Department of Public Works 1953-6; *The Warrensburg News* 1939).

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## Resource Inventory Form



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Town and Village of Lake George, Warren County, New York

Resource ID/Name: 1759-10 Lime Kiln

Resource Type: Construction

Resource Date: July 1759- Fall 1759

### Historic Context:

This resource is likely one of many kilns for lime and brick at the southern end of Lake George in the late 1750s. This particular resource appears on 1759 maps and was likely constructed to aid in the building of Fort George. It is situated between Beach Road and the Warren County Bikeway (former Delaware & Hudson railway) in the northern portion of Lake George Battlefield Park (Figure 1).

Fort George and its predecessor, William Johnson's encampment, are situated on a rocky hill jutting north toward Lake George, with swamps on either side of the landform. The rocks were occasionally obstacles to fortifying the area. In July, 1758, H Henry Champion, reported "picking down the rocky hill with pickaxes to level ye solid rocks, blowing up other with powder" (Trowbridge 1891:420).

Because it was made of limestone, however, the bedrock of the hill also provided material for building fortifications. Blocks of the stone could be used for walls, and quicklime made by cooking the crushed stone produced concrete. There is documentary evidence that quicklime was made at the Fort.

A record of orders from July, 1759 read "Lyme Burners all of Coll. Willards Regt are to attend Colo. Montresor (Montresor) att 5 o'clock tomorrow morn" (Hawks 1911:39). The British engineer, Lt. Colonel John Montresor, noted that "The Jersey blue lime burner began to work" on June 30 (referring to the color of the uniforms of the 1<sup>st</sup> New Jersey Regiment, who had built the kiln) (New York State Museum 2015:3, citing G. D. Scull's Montresor Journals (1882)).

And a stone feature explored archeologically by the New York State Museum appears to have been a lime kiln from the British army, based on three lines of evidence: its structure corresponds to the base of known lime kilns (round shape, an opening for the drawing eye, and traces of a wooden structure near the drawing eye- see Figures 2 and 3), a few 18<sup>th</sup>-century artifacts were found in the builders trench, and there was a buried deposit of burned lime next to the feature. The location of the Museum's lime kiln is indicated in the figures by a star.

This resource consists of both the Museum's lime kiln, and also the map-documented location of a potential lime kiln at the base of the same bedrock outcrop as the Museum's lime kiln, but 400 feet to the north (Figure 1). The Museum's lime kiln, in contrast, does not correspond to any structures indicated on any of the maps consulted for this study (Figures 2 and 3).

The map-documented location of the potential lime kiln is in the location of a paved road (Beach Road), and there is no surface evidence of the potential lime kiln there, as this may have been destroyed by the construction of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Several other potential limekiln sites are also located on the property. On the east side of Fort George Road, near the surviving bastion and across the road from the Lake George Park Commission offices at the Dr.

Dowling farmstead there are two conical mounds with evidence of burned limestone on and around them. These have not been verified archeologically.

### *Brewery Theory*

An alternative theory for the structure shown on the second Brasier map (Figure 3) is that it might represent a brewery, specifically a *spruce beer* brewery (as there are no label for the feature the map). Commissary Wilson's record of orders from Amherst's campaign has at least three references to the production of spruce beer at the camp:

- June 24: "Two Companys of Light Infantry to march early tomorrow Morning, one to cover a Working Party of one Lieut. and 40 Light Infantry, which goes to cut Spruce...Lieut. Avery, of Colo. Fitches Regiment will attend this Party to show them where the Spruce is." (Wilson and O'Callaghan 1857:45).
- July 2: "All the Reg<sup>ts</sup> that have received Spruce Beer are to pay for what they have received this Day inclusive, to Serjt Airey at the Brewery to-morrow Morning at 8 o'clock." (Wilson and O'Callaghan 1857:56);
- July 3: "all empty barrels under the care of a Segt to Colo Montresor" (Wilson and O'Callaghan 1857:57);
- July 3: "These Reg<sup>ts</sup> will be supplyd with Spruce Beer, by sending their Quarter-Masters to Colo. Robison" (Wilson and O'Callaghan 1857:57).

This is confirmed by General Jeffery Amherst's journal as well. In an entry dated June 25, he noted that they "Got spruce beer brewed for the men." On August 15, General Amherst provided the recipe used for making the spruce beer (Amherst 1931:127, 152).

The purpose of the spruce beer was primarily to ward off scurvy by providing Vitamin C (ascorbic acid) which may have been lacking in the typical soldier's rations (Bellico 2010:188). The map-documented location of the potential lime kiln seems more appropriate for a kiln, exploiting both the rock outcrop and the embankment, but it also is close to a source of water (the lake), the main ingredient in spruce beer.

This theory is conjectural, based on contemporary records of a brewery in the camp. The brewing of spruce beer entailed at minimum a heat source, a large metal kettle, and a barrel; sometimes the beer was also bottled after fermentation. It is also possible that, rather than being constructed solely for brewing purposes, old lime kilns were repurposed as the heat source for the brewing process. It is unclear exactly what a spruce beer brewery would have looked like, and the archeological signature may be small unless a storage facility was also constructed for the ingredients, supplies, and brewed barrels. The 1759 Brasier map (Figure 3) does seem to indicate the possibility that there was an actual structure.

**Integrity:**      Good ☐      Medium ☐      Poor ☒      None ☐      Unknown ☐

**Archeological Potential:** As indicated in the archeological investigation of the Museum's kiln, its base is intact, though covered with stone rubble. The construction of a rail line uphill from the feature likely produced some of the rubble above it. Based on the presence of a few 18<sup>th</sup>-century artifacts, on a deposit of burned lime, and on the predicted shape of the structure, the archeologists considered the identification of the feature as an 18<sup>th</sup>-century lime kiln confirmed (Photos 1 and 2) (New York State Museum 2015).

Figures 4 and 5 indicate that the map-documented location of a potential lime kiln was closer to the rail line, and was probably either destroyed by the line, or more severely filled than the Museum's lime kiln (Photos 1 and 2).





**Current Ownership, Use and Threats to Resource:**

The resource is located in a New York State-owned parcel of land, administered by the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Right-of-way (ROW) for the Warren County bikeway (Rail trail). It is within the Lake George Beach State Park, and is therefore not threatened.

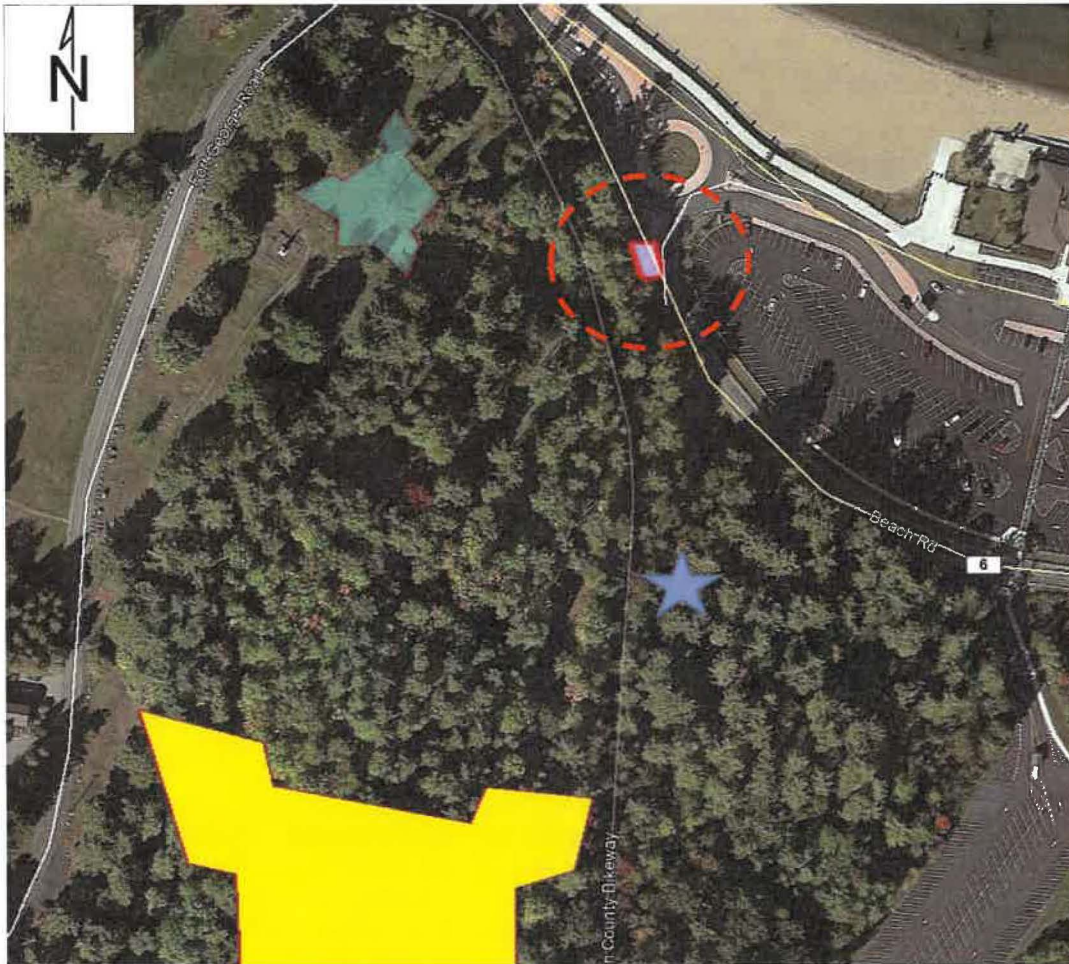


Figure 1. An orthoimage of the lime kiln located along the eastern slope of the limestone terrace at the southern end of Lake George. The star indicates the lime kiln identified by the New York State Museum (New York State Museum 2013).







Photo 1 Lime kiln feature, in center, before the New York State Museum's excavation. View facing northwest (Charles Vandrei, p.c.).



Photo 2 Lime kiln feature after excavation by the New York State Museum. Note its circular shape, and also the opening for the "drawing eye" in the center of the photograph. View facing south [New York State Museum 2015]





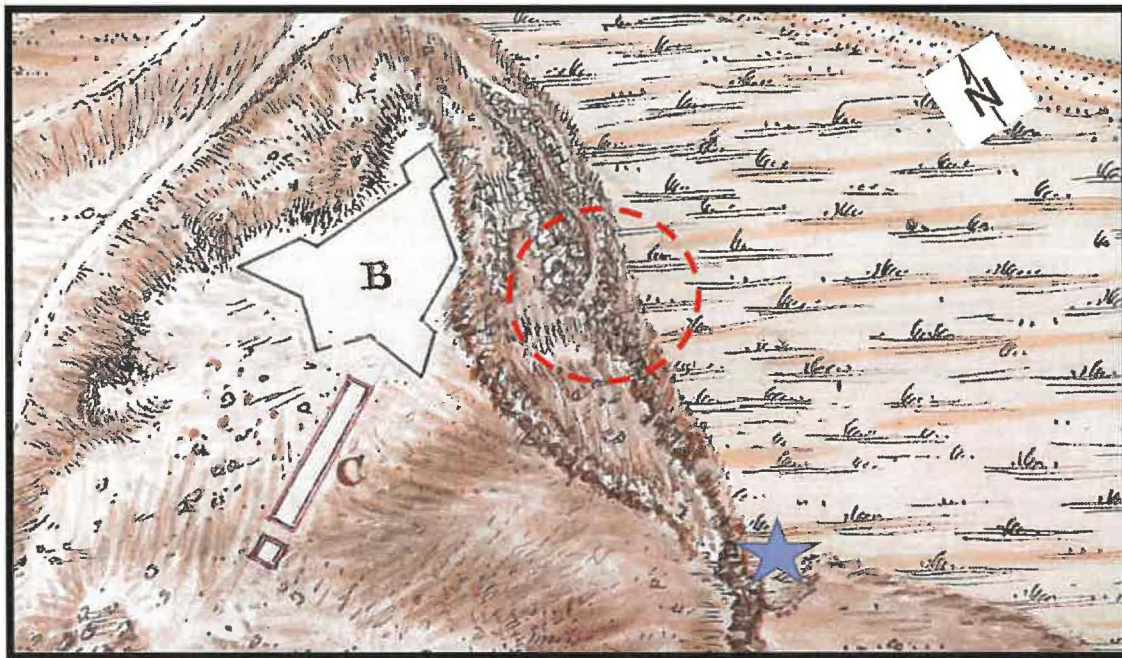


Figure 2. Neither lime kiln is shown on this version of the Brasier map [Brasier 1759a].

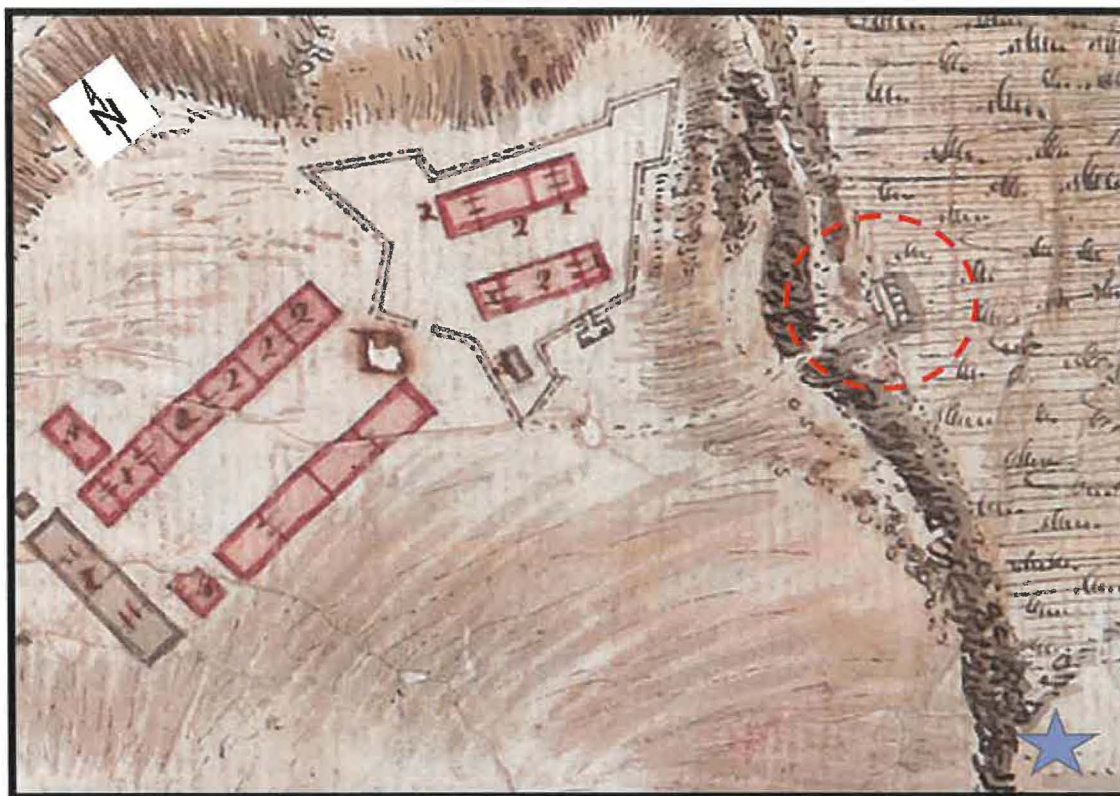


Figure 3. This version of the Brasier map indicates a potential lime kiln about 400 ft north northwest of the Museum's lime kiln feature (indicated by the blue star) [Brasier 1759b].





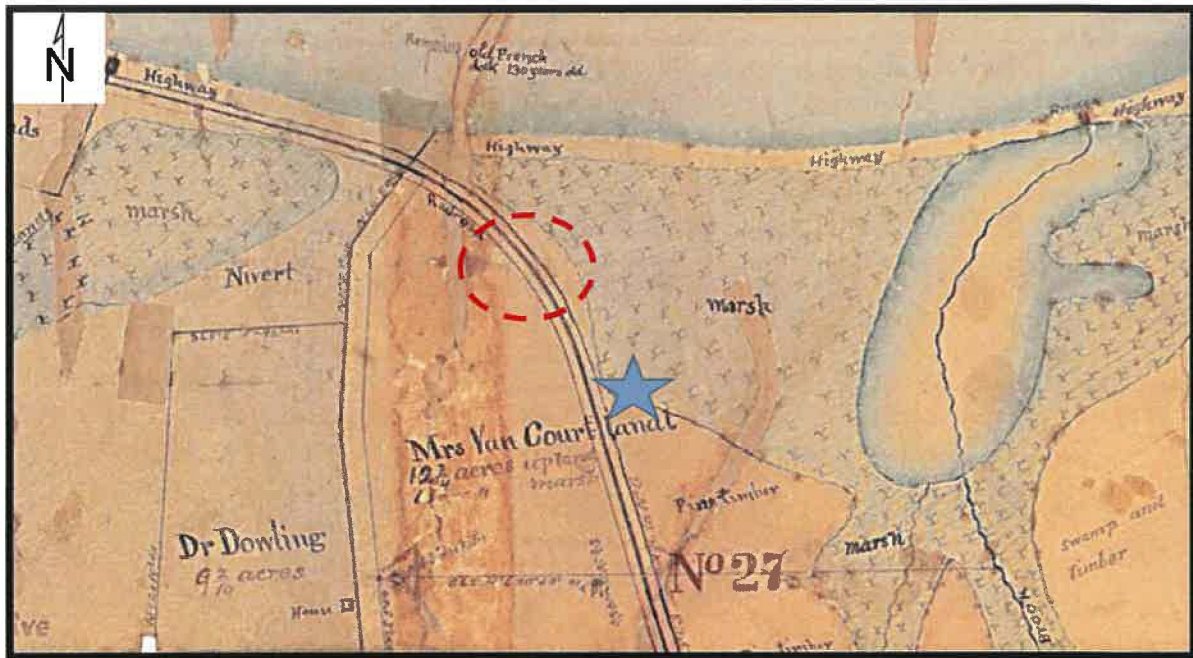


Figure 4. The mapped location of a potential lime kiln (red outline) and the location of the known archeological example (Arnold 1891).

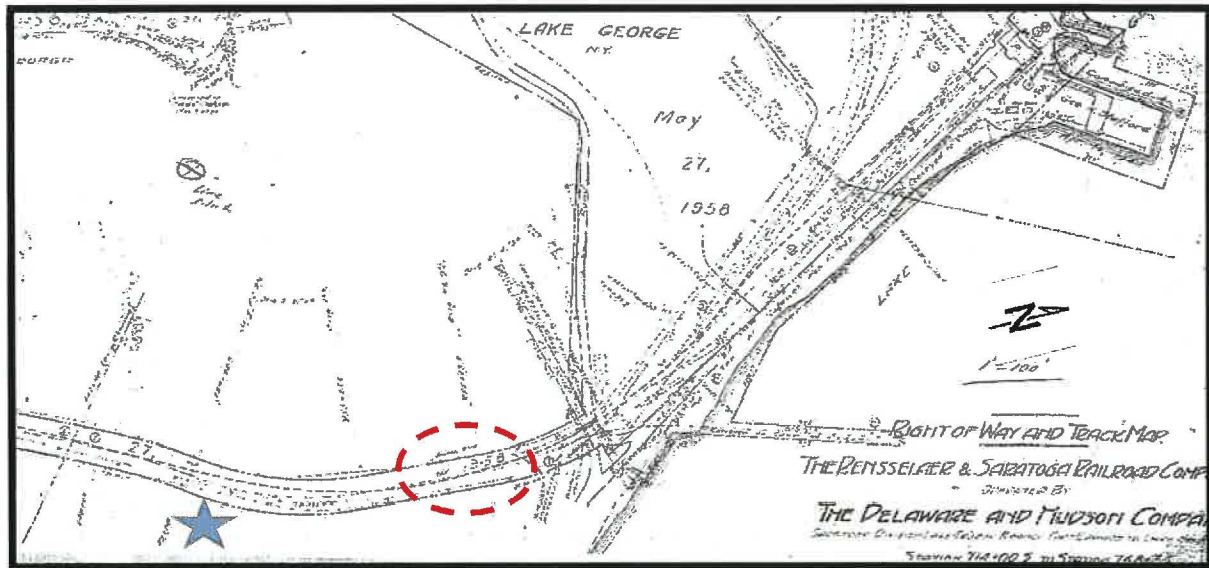


Figure 5. The mapped location of a potential lime kiln (red outline) and the location of the known archeological example (blue star) (The Delaware and Hudson Company 1958).



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## Resource Inventory Form



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Town and Village of Lake George, Warren County, New York

Resource ID/Name: 1759-11 Hospitals, Barracks, and Stores

Resource Type: Military Appurtenances

Resource Date: First identified on maps in 1759

### Historic Context:

This resource is associated with General Sir Jeffrey Amherst's encampment at Lake George in the summer of 1759. There were similar hospitals, barracks, and storehouse before 1759 in the general vicinity and even afterwards up until the Revolutionary War (Bellico 2012). These resources are situated at the northern end of modern Lake George Battlefield Park, between the Warren County Bikeway and Lake George Road (Figure 1).

There were earlier iterations of the hospital, barracks, and storehouses at Fort William Henry between 1755 and 1757, which were destroyed during Francois-Pierre de Rigaud de Vaudreuil's raid. The earlier hospital was located within the fort. A 1755 plan reads that "This Fort is large enough to Contain a Garison of 400 or 450 Men, with convenient Barracks, & two Magazines for Powder Bomb proof; also a large Hospital of the same strength..." (Anonymous 1755).

After the burning of Fort William Henry in 1757, the British continued to intermittently occupy former camps and other areas at the southern end of Lake George. They returned in 1758, constructing or reconstructing military features. According to Nester, "As late as October 6 [1758], the official count [for Abercromby's forces] was 10,945 troops. In camps near Lake George there were 8,269 troops, including 3,757 regulars, 4,113 provincials, and 399 rangers" (Nester 2008: 192). In his November 1, 1758 letter to Versailles, Governor Pierre de Rigaud de Vaudreuil de Cavignial noted that the British had already abandoned their camp at Lake George and had concentrated their troops at Fort Edward, located on the Hudson River (Nester 2008: 203). After their 1758 occupation of the camp, the English destroyed the wharves and anything else the enemy might find usable.

Major General Jeffery Amherst and his troops arrived in Lake George on June 21, 1759, and almost immediately set to work building and repairing features, including the hospital, barracks, and stores. (Figures 2-5) Two days earlier Amherst had written that the "Army for Lake George" consisted of 6,537 regulars and 4,839 provincial troops, although the troops who partook in the formal march on the 21<sup>st</sup> numbered "about 7000" men (Bellico 2010: 184). On June 22, the day after their arrival, Amherst and Colonel James Montresor evaluated the area, ordered bridges, wharfs, and other structures to be repaired, and had soldiers begin to dig for weaponry, ammunition, and other resources that had been buried at the departure of the army the previous year (Amherst 1931: 125).

There are many contemporary accounts of the construction of the three hospital buildings. Most of the soldiers referred to the hospital as one structure, but maps and later accounts note that this was expanded to three hospital structures (Figures 3 and 7). The barracks and stores were also in progress during this month-long

frenzy of activity, although fewer accounts mention these features. One such account by Oliver Partridge recorded “An Estimate of the Common Stores for a Crown Point Expedition,” which would likely have been housed in a storage facility of some type, perhaps the same depicted on the *PLAN of part of FORT GEORGE* (Figure 4), on the 1759 *Plan and Profil[e] of a Designed Fort at the Head of Lake George* (Figure 6), or that shown in Skinner’s contemporary drawing (Figure 5).

According to one detailed record, these stores included weapons, ammunition, tools, building materials like nails, and weapon accessories like flints (Partridge 1758). Brasier’s 1759 *Plan and Profil[e] of a Designed Fort at the Head of Lake George* (Figure 6) indicates that the fort’s construction process involved removing stone from the center of the fort, creating a “Ditch Sunk out of the Rock,” and the stone from this excavation “Serve[d] to built the Sevaral Walls of the Fort, and Barracks.”

Rufus Putnam, an orderly sergeant in a Massachusetts company, may have been generally involved in construction efforts throughout Fort George. In the summer of 1759, he wrote “June 12<sup>th</sup> I was with the other Carpenters of Col<sup>o</sup> [Timothy] Ruggels Regiment (about 80 in number) detached and Sent forward under the Command of L<sup>t</sup> Pool. we arrived at Lake George the 22<sup>d</sup> and were employed in various works there untill the army were ready to embark” (Putnam 1757-1760: 22).

Private Robert Webster wrote on June 23 that “all our regiment was turned out to make a hospital.” Two days later, he noted that “all hands [were] at work on the hospital, on the King’s works, and on the Fort” (Fort Ti Bulletin 1954: 314). A few days later, on June 27, Wilson, a commissary of General Amherst’s army, wrote of “50 Working Men to parade with the Working Partys this Afternoon to clean the Ground for the Gener<sup>l</sup> Hospital” (Wilson and O’Callaghan 1857: 49). Wilson ordered hundreds of workmen almost daily. On the 30<sup>th</sup>, Wilson ordered “200 Workmen and 100 Masons to parade to-morrow Morning at the useual Hour, to work for the Engineer” and the following day he commanded “205 Working Men to parade tomorrow Morning at y<sup>e</sup> useual Hour, to work for the Engineers; an uncomissioned Officer from each Regt with one from Ruggles constantly to attend the Engineers, and receive their Dirrections.” Several days later, he ordered 350 workmen to work for the engineers (Wilson and O’Callaghan 1857: 53-57).

Wilson sternly noted on June 24<sup>th</sup> that “The Officers employed in the Several Works are not to demand more Men than is sufficient to carry on the Works. It is expected that every Man will doe a good Days Work.” Although repairs and construction happened quickly, in the meantime, troops had to improvise. Wilson wrote that “When the Whether is very hot, the Arms are not to be left out, but put in the Bell Tents.” He also noted that “All Bedsteads found in Camp to be collected at the several Quarter Guards for the Use of the Sick” (Wilson and O’Callaghan 1857: 45-46). On Friday the 25<sup>th</sup>, a soldier wrote that “This day all the tools that belonged to the King’s stores was ordered to be returned to the stores, which made some think they was going to Ticonderoga again” (Meech and Meech 1911).

By July 3, reported the *Pennsylvania Journal*, “Provisions and Ordnance Stores were mostly up there [at Fort George], but the heavy Artillery remained at Fort-Edward” (*Pennsylvania Journal* 1759). The work continued to progress quickly. On July 7, Webster wrote that he “went out with a party of men after timber for the hospital” (Fort Ti Bulletin 1954: 317). That same day, Samuel Warner observed the troops’ construction progress. According to Bellico,

Samuel Warner described the stockaded fort on the ‘North End’ of ‘Element Hill’ as ‘14 squares or turns...made with wood and stone and a Hosp[ital] of Stone’ 132 feet by 18 feet; two days later he observed the buildings in the stockade fort again and revised his description: ‘inste[a]d of one Hospit[a] there is three more all in a few Rods of one an[o]ther one ston[e] two wood House[s]’ (Bellico 2010: 184).



William Amherst wrote that a “General Hospital is built beside some Regimental hospitals,” which could have been the three buildings that Warner described (Bellico 2010: 335-336). It is unclear exactly when construction of the “General Hospital” was completed, but records indicate it was in use by mid-July. Orderly John Hawks wrote that on July 14<sup>th</sup>, “The Surgeons of ye several Regts [were assigned] to meet Doctor Monro att the General Hospatel att 4 o’clock this afternoon who will direct what proportion of medicens each of them are to furnish for the Light Infentry. Each is immediately to be given into the Surgeon that take the care of that core...” (Hawks 1911: 33).

On July 13, Webster was again assigned to hospital construction, writing that “I went to work on the King’s Hospital.” Fort George was referred to as “the King’s fort” (Fort Ti Bulletin 1954: 310, 314). Shortly thereafter, a map drawn by Brasier that was dated July 17, describes the “General Hospital” as “almost finished” (Figure 5). Like Webster, Soldier Lemuel Lyon also recorded his assignment to the hospital construction, writing that on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, “This day to work upon the Hospetal gitting timber to it I went upon the Island [Diamond Island] to stay thair a week.” Indeed, about a week later, on “Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>...our post came in and I was released from the Haspital work” (Lyon and Haws 1855: 24-26).

After about a month of preparations at Fort George, most of Amherst’s troops set out for Ticonderoga between July 21 and 22. A small detachment remained behind at Fort George to continue constructing the fort and making other necessary repairs. The hospitals, one made from stone, had been constructed in anticipation of sending wounded back from the upcoming battle at Ticonderoga. Amherst’s troops took most of the provisions and weaponry, likely leaving little in storage, but the barracks probably remained in use to house the soldiers who remained behind. Others, forming a small detachment, remained behind for an unspecified amount of time to continue constructing the fort and making other necessary repairs. General Amherst twice mentioned the plan to maintain guard posts at Fort George, on July 1<sup>st</sup> he had many workmen “Erecting a Post for 100 men, and one of 20, to leave for the security of things here when we pass the Lake.” Four days later, he “Ordered four 4-Pounders to be left in the two Posts erecting here for the security of everything when the Army is gone” (Amherst 1931: 130-132). These preparations, as well as the installation of the elaborately designed garden (Resource Form 1759-6) indicate that the English planned to continue to occupy Fort George. There is little information from those who may have remained at the fort or from those who may have returned later in 1759, and the hospitals, barracks, and stores at Fort George are not mentioned after the army’s move to Ticonderoga.

**Integrity:**      Good ☐      Medium ☒      Poor ☐      None ☐      Unknown ☐

**Archeological Potential:** Parts of the resource appear to be intersected by Fort George Road and by the Warren County Bikeway in the northeastern section (Figures 1 and 8). Park construction for the interior loop road, the pedestrian walkways, and the erection of various monuments, as well as a pavilion and restrooms may have all impacted these resources to varying degrees. It is unlikely that much of the wooden hospital structures survive (except for perhaps a modest foundation), but portions of the stone hospital structure may remain due to its more robust foundation. The barracks were reportedly constructed from stone as well, and parts of this structure’s foundation may also remain.

The SUNY Adirondack Archaeological field school (1999-2000) documented two substantial stone foundations between the northern Park loop road and the northern break in slope (LaFrank 2011; Starbuck 1994). These appear to correspond to the larger structures in Figures 3, 4 and 7. The artifact assemblages support a barracks identification for both. Limited testing of the area to the north of these found no evidence of structures, but was very limited. It is also likely that construction of the railroad line that passes along the eastern and northern edges of the hill may have removed a portion of the hill and possibly destroying some structural evidence.





Figure 1. An orthoimage depicting the outline of the hospitals, barracks, and stores.





Photo 1 View northwest of surface evidence of military structures, perhaps associated with the hospital, barracks, and storehouses of 1759. The paved, interior park loop and other pathways may have disturbed some features.



Photo 2 A view southeast from near the Unknown Soldier monument in the Lake George Battlefield Park. The stones (red arrow) in the foreground may be part of a feature associated with the hospital, barracks or storehouses built in 1759. In the distance, the pavilion and restrooms can be seen (blue arrow), which may have disturbed some of these archeological features.





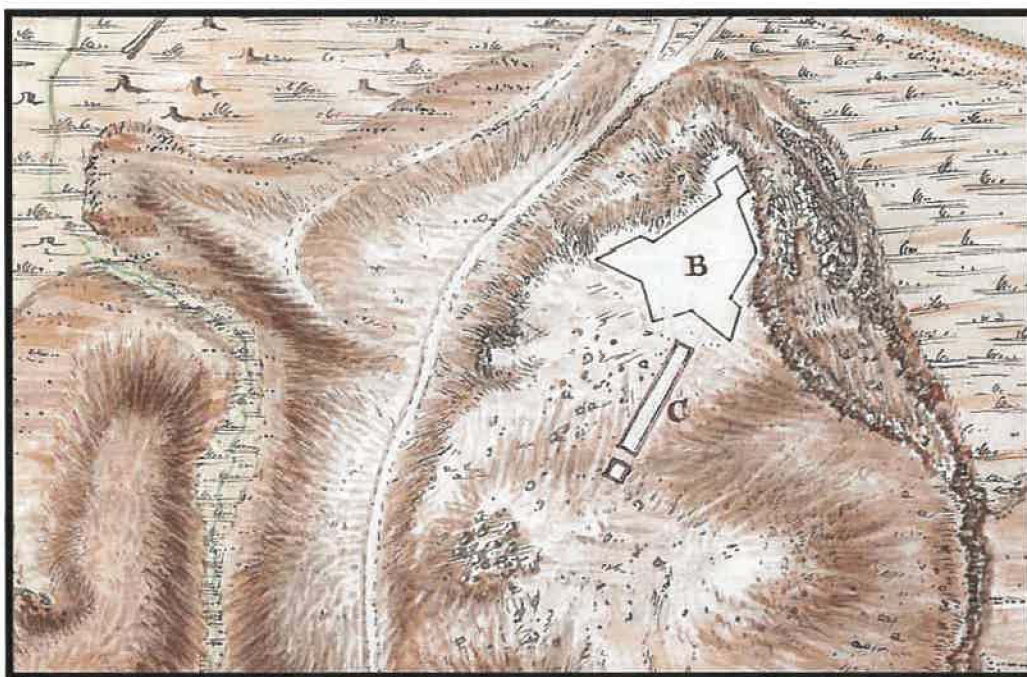


Figure 2. The key describes "C" as "General Hospital almost finished." On the 1759 Ratzer map (Figure 3) it appears that this structure is labelled as the barracks, and three other hospital structures have been built (Brasier 1759a).

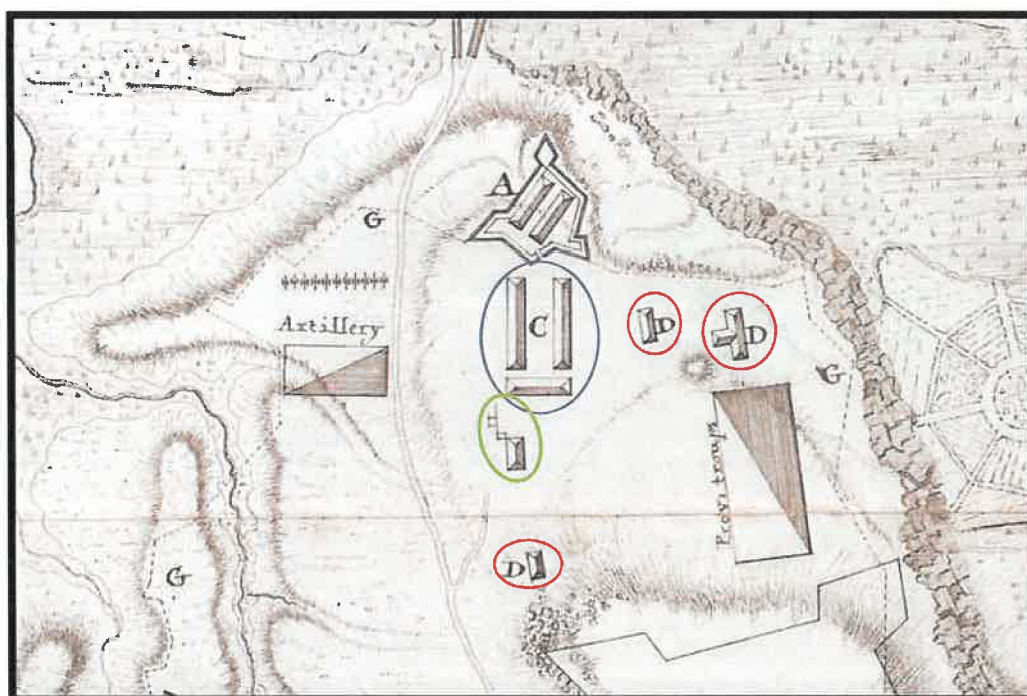


Figure 3. The 1759 Ratzer map indicates that there were three hospitals within the fortification, marked by the letter "D" and circled in red. The Barracks are marked by the letter "C" and circled in blue. The potential location of one of the storehouses is circled in green (Ratzer 1759).





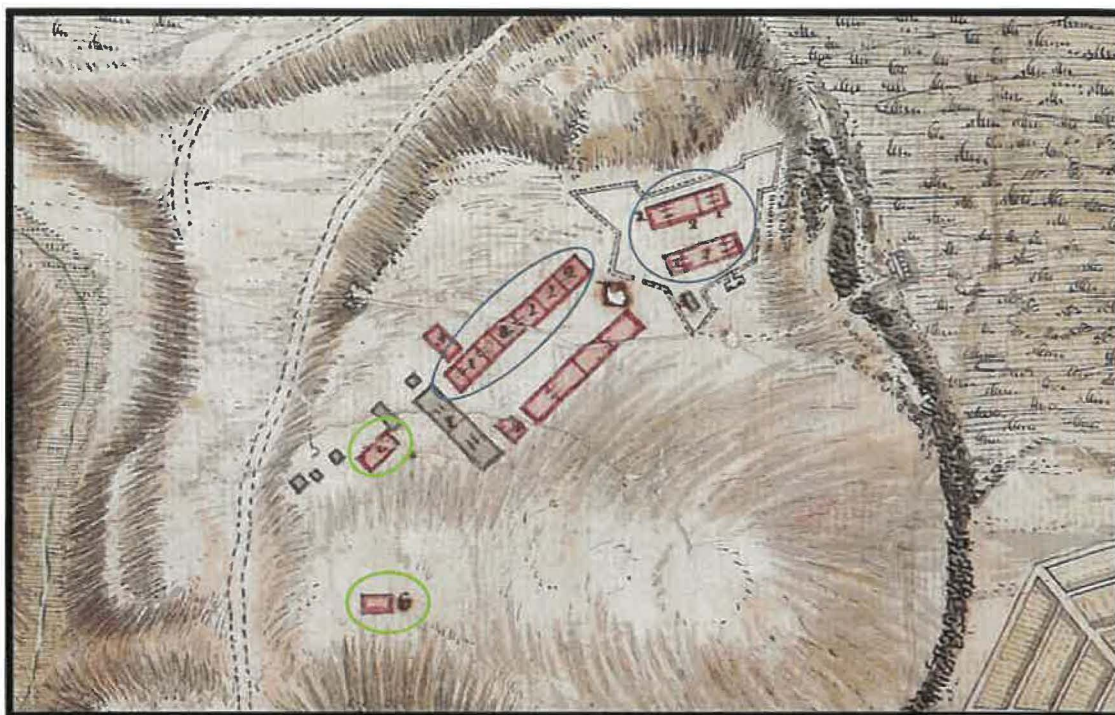


Figure 4. In this 1759 *PLAN of part of FORT GEORGE*, the storehouses (labelled 6) are shown in green. The officers' barracks are numbered 1, and the soldiers' barracks are numbered 2. All the labelled barracks are circled in blue (Brasier 1759a).

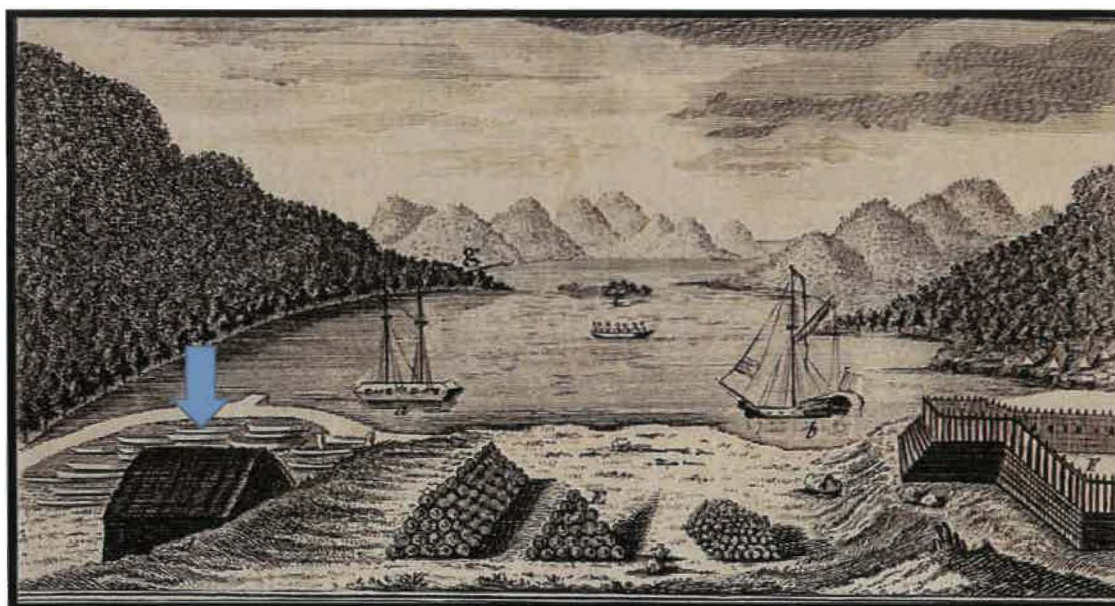


Figure 5. This image depicts a "Store House," located downslope from "A Stockaded Fort" and "Piles of Shot & Shells" (Skinner 1759).



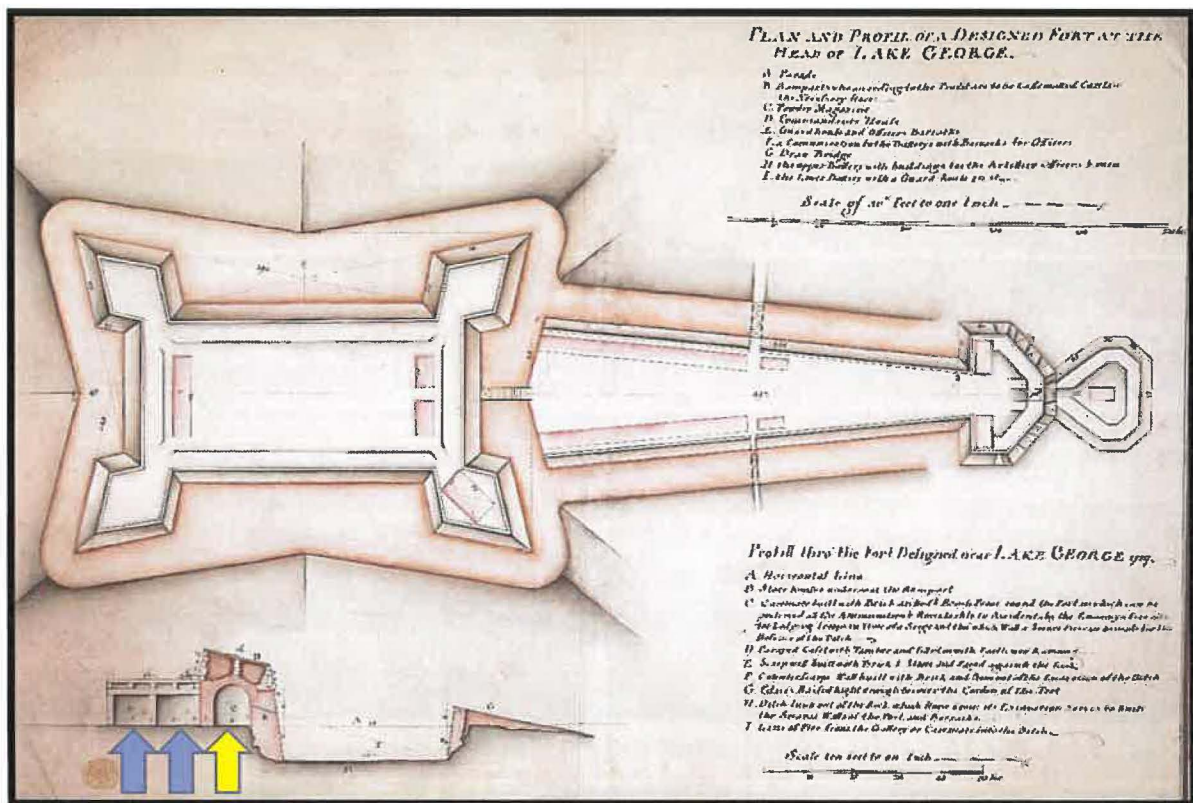


Figure 6. In this plan and profile Ratzer drew the "Store houses underneath the Rampart" (blue arrows), and the "Casemate built with Brick arched & Bomb Proof...in which can be preserved all the Ammunition & Stores liable to Accidents by the Ennemy's Fire" (yellow arrow) (Brasier 1759b).





A topographic map showing contour lines and various features. A red dashed circle is drawn around a central area. Labels include '494', '406', '400', '375', '365', '350', '340', '324', and 'MONUMENT'. There are also small squares and crosses marked on the map.

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## **Appendix 2F**





# ABPP Fort George Documentation 2017-2018

## Resource Inventory Form



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Town and Village of Lake George, Warren County, New York

Resource ID/Name: 1775-1 Route of Henry Knox Artillery Train

Resource Type: Transportation Related

Resource Date: 1775-6

### Historic Context:

Fort Ticonderoga was taken in a raid conducted by Ethan Allen in April 1775 in an effort to weaken the potential for British operations against New York and New England. The fort was commanded by Benedict Arnold in June 1775 until he was relieved by Colonel Benjamin Hinman of the Massachusetts militia (Bellico 1992:120; Daughan 2016). Several days after Fort Ticonderoga fell, American Bernard Romans “captured” Fort George from the British who had merely a caretaker near the fort (DeCosta 1871:10). While this was not a stunning victory to take the Fort from a pensioner British officer, it did mean that both ends of Lake George were both in American hands and that allowed Knox the ability to use Fort George as a way point (p.c. Lyn Hohmann).

The American’s quick action took the British by surprise and produced impressive early results as Brigadier General Richard Montgomery with 1,700 troops raised primarily from the New York corps of militia used Fort Ticonderoga as a launch pad to capture St. John’s and Montreal. This forced the British commander Guy Carleton to retreat to Quebec City.

By November 1775, General Philip Schuyler Commander of the Northern Army was ordered by General Washington to supply whatever cannons could be spared for use in the siege of Boston (Flick 1928:121). Schuyler after considering the needs of the fort, directed Colonel Henry Knox to remove the cannons and find the appropriate iron-wheeled carts to transport them, as he had experience with artillery and gunnery (Flick 1928:119). In the end he selected 16 mortars and cohorns, two howitzers, 13 brass cannons, and 30 iron cannons. The largest was a 24 pound brass cannon (Flick 1928). In all, more than 119,000 pounds of artillery made their way south, some on board the scow *Pettiaugre* and other on board bateaux (Bellico 1992:128).

The artillery was sailed/rowed up the lake to the southern end of Lake George with much difficulty, as some of the boats became stuck on rocks in the lake north of Sabbath Day Point. The crews rowed through the night to eventually reach the southern end of the lake. Knox reached Fort George by December 15, 1775, and then made preparations for the passages along the various falls in the Hudson River. Fort George at the time was commanded by Colonel Goosen Van Schaick (Egley 1992:31)

Henry Knox wrote to General George Washington from Fort George during his brief stay. He wrote

I returnd from Ticonderoga to this place on the 15th instant & brought with me the Cannon &c. It having taken nearly the time I conjecturd it would to transport them here<sup>1</sup>—It is not easy to conceive the difficulties we have had in getting them over the lake owing to the advanced Season of the Year & contrary winds—three days ago it was very uncertain whether we could have gotten them over untill next Spring, but now please God they shall go—I have made forty two exceeding strong sleds & have provided eighty yoke of Oxen to drag them as

far as Springfield where I shall get fresh Cattle to carry them to Camp. The rout will be from here to Kinderhook, from thence into Great Barrington, Massachusetts Bay & down to Springfield...(Knox 1775)

On the 16<sup>th</sup> at "Fort George" he made a receipt for Captain John Johnson was "paid the different carters for the use of their cattle in dragging Cannon from the Fort of Ticonderoga to the north landing of the Lake George". He enlisted the help of local Judge William Duer to assist with procuring the necessary sleds and sleighs for the cannons and men. It appears the cannon were dragged southwards to Fort Edward and perhaps they transported by sleigh further south (Knox 1775-1776).

On December 24, "After crossing the ferry we got with Considerable Difficulty to Arch McNeals Saratoga where we din'd" (Knox 1775-1776:13). "McNeals" refers to the ferry that crossed the Hudson River just south of the modern Northumberland Bridge (Route 4). Knox continued south through the end of December to discuss the train's movement with General Schuyler, leaving the artillery and stores to plod along.

After reaching Saratoga about December 28, there was not sufficient snow for sleds. As a result, the route grew more difficult and dangerous for the teams (Flick 1928:128). The train finally reached Albany on January 5, 1776. Knox recalled it took four Hudson River crossings to accomplish the task (Flick 1928:132). These likely included the Fort Edwards Falls, the Fort Miller Falls, McNeill's Ferry, and the Half Moon Ferry.

Knox's artillery train arrived outside of Boston at the end of January, and by March 17, the British were forced to surrender Boston. Eventually they regrouped in New York City and established a new theater of conflict.

In summary the "Noble Artillery Train" passed through Fort George over the course of several days, December 15<sup>th</sup> to about the 17<sup>th</sup>. The archeological signature is not likely to be very distinct. The events suggest that wharfs for docking the boats, pulley and winches were erected to remove the cannon from the boats, and a barracks or other housing was available at the time for Knox and his men.

**Integrity:**      Good ☐      Medium ☐      Poor ☒      None ☐      Unknown ☐

**Archeological Potential:** There is likely to be a minimal archeological signatures, and due to the later activities in and around the lake and Fort George, its potential to be recovered is considered to be extremely low.

**Current Ownership, Use and Threats to Resource:** New York State and ROW of Beach Road. No known threats.





Figure 1. An orthoimage of the likely location of activities (outlined in red) associated with the Knox artillery train. The train was likely also dragged down the Military Road, perhaps similar to modern Fort George Road.







Figure 2. The supposed route of Knox train on a contemporary map of the frontier of New York (Anonymous 1775).

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## **Appendix 3A**

Table 6. Summary of 18<sup>th</sup>-century archeological sites within the Town and Village of Lake George.

| Map Number | OPRHP Site No.                | Site Identifier                  | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Approximate location                                      | Resource ID        |
|------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1          | 11302.000003/<br>11302.000031 | Bloody Pond Massacre Site        | Site of one of three separate engagements which are known as the "Battle of Lake George" between the French & English and their Indian Allies on Sept 8, 1755. 250 men from Fort Edward surprised a party of 300 Canadians and Indians here and under Captain McGinnis overwhelmed them. The slaughtered were thrown in to the pond, which gave it its name.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Bloody Pond, east of Route 9                              | 1755-3;<br>1755-B1 |
| 2          | 11302.000002                  | Fort Gage                        | Site of military outpost occupied by the British from Fort William Henry in 1757 as an outpost previous to the attack by Dieskau (mis-information recorded on site form, see resource form 1758-8).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | South of Fort William Henry, between Northway and Route 9 | 1758-8             |
| 3          | 11302.000005                  | Fort George                      | Earthworks of military outpost constructed in 1759 by Commander Lord Jeffrey Amherst, but never completed. Abandoned in 1777, but re-occupied after Battle of Saratoga by American troops. Captured by Major Carlton in 1780.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | East of Fort George Road, northeast of Garrison Lane      | 1759-1             |
| 4          | 11302.000008                  | Diamond Island Battlefield       | Relics from the Colonial War period have been found on the lake Bottom near the island; in 1777, the British were moving large quantities of supplies and storing them on the island; the Americans attempted to seize the island, but were defeated.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Diamond Island                                            | 1755-8             |
| 5          | 11302.000010                  | Diamond Island Site (ALB 116)    | A peace monument was erected on the northern end of the island, the inscription reads, "Peace Here the conqueror of many wars 1666-1777, French Armies passed this island under Courcelles 1666, St. Helene 1690, Manteth 1693, Vaudreull 1745, Dieskau 1755, Montcalm 1757-1758, Colonist-English army under Abercrombie and Howe after defeat 400 here encamped, Island called Diamond 1777, Two companies 47th British Infantry Co. Montresor and Capt. Aubrey fortified and Sept 24th defeated Americans 23 days before British surrender at Saratoga..."; chert flakes also found south of the monument. | Diamond Island                                            | 1755-8             |
| 6          | 11302.000017                  | Wiawaka Bateau Site              | NRL; "The Sunken Fleet of 1758" remnants on the bottom of Lake George. They along with the Land Tortoise, the sloop Halifax and dozens more bateaux were intentionally scuttled to protect them from French patrols.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Southern Lake George                                      |                    |
| 7          | 11302.000018                  | Birch Avenue Military Encampment | NRE; artifacts uncovered include: axes, metal buttons, gun flints, gun parts, coins cannon balls, musket balls, hand blown green bottle glass, plain and decorated and delftware (See Collamer 1993, 1994, 1997).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | West of Evergreen Cemetery                                | 1759-10            |

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| Map Number | OPRHP Site No. | Site Identifier                                          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Approximate location                                                 | Resource ID                   |
|------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 8          | 11302.000019   | Radeau Land Tortoise Wreck Site                          | National Historic Landmark (NHL). Discovered in 1990, this 51 foot vessel was built by the Royal and Provincial forces in 1758. It is remarkably intact for a vessel of its age and has provided information about the construction of radeaux in the 18 <sup>th</sup> century which up unto this point was unobtainable. | Northeast of Tea Island                                              |                               |
| 9          | 11302.000032   | British Advanced Guard and Dock Site                     | Built in 1758; houses and street built on the site in the 20 <sup>th</sup> -century.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | North of Prolyn Road                                                 | 1758-2                        |
| 10         | 11302.000033   | Fortified British camp site                              | No more information.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | East of Fort George Road, northeast of Garrison Lane                 | 1758-11                       |
| 11         | 11302.000051   | Brookside Historic Site                                  | Single lead musket ball.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | North of Route 9L                                                    |                               |
| 12         | 11302.000054   | Lake George Battlefield Campground Prehistoric Site      | NRL; both historic and precontact artifacts including 5 chert flakes, 1 chert biface, 1 delftware fragment, and 1 pipe stem (See Curtin 2001).                                                                                                                                                                            | East of Fort George Road, northeast of Garrison Lane                 |                               |
| 13         | 11341.000002   | Fort William Henry                                       | NRL; historic military site. The original fort was constructed in 1755 by Major General William Johnson during the French and Indian War for protection against the French invasion. Johnson named the site for the grandson of King George II.                                                                           | South of Beach Road                                                  | 1755-6                        |
| 14         | 11341.000007   | Montcalm Street Site                                     | This site was a portion of the interconnecting Montcalm's fortifications which played a role in the communications of the French Army during the French and Indian War.                                                                                                                                                   | Montcalm Street in between Ottawa and Iroquois Streets               | 1757-1                        |
| 15         | 11341.000019   | Nimo Human Skeleton                                      | The excavation and removal of a human skeleton on Mohican Street; most likely the remains of a young 18 <sup>th</sup> -century soldier.                                                                                                                                                                                   | Northwestern corner of Mohican and Canada Streets                    | 1755-1780<br>Military Burials |
| 16         | 11341.000025   | Submerged 18 <sup>th</sup> -century bateau historic site | 18 <sup>th</sup> -century bateau is likely covered by delta sediment; it has not yet been recovered but there is a high probability it is there.                                                                                                                                                                          | Off the western shore of Lake George, near the end of Scrimshaw Lane |                               |
| 17         | 11341.000028   | Fort William Henry Military Cemetery and Precontact Site | Prehistoric and historic site with human remains. 18 <sup>th</sup> -century artifacts include Rhenish stoneware, pipe stem fragments, and green window glass.                                                                                                                                                             | Just south of Beach Road, northwest of Fort William Henry            | 1755-1780<br>Military Burials |



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| Map Number | OPRHP Site No. | Site Identifier                                  | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Approximate location                                                  | Resource ID                |
|------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 18         | 11341.000033   | Lake George Battlefield Campground Human Burials | Partial remains of two people, probably of Euro-American descent dating to unknown time period (See NYSM 2011).                                                                                                                                                                                     | North of Lake George Forum, east of Route 9, west of Fort George Road | 1755-1780 Military Burials |
| 19         | 11341.000036   | The Million Dollar Beach Historic Site           | 194 historic and precontact artifacts recovered including 18 <sup>th</sup> -century artifacts such as a lead musket ball and a piece of hand-blown olive-green bottle glass; also uncovered was a large circular stone feature, most likely an 18 <sup>th</sup> -century lime kiln (See NYSM 2013). | Just south of Beach Road near the auxiliary parking lot               | 1756-5                     |

Table 7. 18<sup>th</sup>-century National Register Listed property in the Town and Village of Lake George.

| NR number | Property Name                                  | Status | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Location and Proximity to Project                                                                   |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11NR06215 | Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District | NRL    | This historic district includes the Lake George Battlefield Park, the Lake George Battleground Campground and Lake George Beach State Park; numerous archeological sites associated with a series of conflicts between c.1755 and c. 1814.                                                                                                                                                                                            | Southern shore of Lake George, encompasses Million Dollar Beach                                     |
| 92PR02515 | Wiawaka Bateaux Site                           | NRL    | The "Sunken Fleet of 1758"; seven 1758 bateaux, also known as the "Wiawaka Bateaux Cluster," are 25 to 36 feet long and 4 to 5 feet wide; these warships lie roughly perpendicular to shore over a 450-foot long area, suggesting they were all scuttled at once; only the bottom planks, the lower part of the ribs, some cleats and garboards remain; stones, apparently used to help sink them, can be found on the bottom planks. | Approximately one mile north of Lake George Beach on the east side of the lake                      |
| 95NR00819 | Land Tortoise (radeau) Shipwreck Site          | NHL    | Floating gun battery, built by provincial troops under the direction of Samuel Cobb in 1758; appears to be the sole survivor of this class of military vessels unique to Lake George and Lake Champlain in the eighteenth century; it also has been designated by the Smithsonian Institution as "the oldest intact war vessel in North America."                                                                                     | Located in the south basin, nearly two miles north of Lake George Beach.                            |
| 66NR00891 | Adirondack Forest Preserve                     | NHL    | First state forest preserve in the United States; established in 1885 to preserve several million acres of forest land.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Located in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, St. Lawrence, and Warren Counties; |

Table 8. Previous surveys within the Town and Village of Lake George.

| Map ID | Project/Phase                                              | Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Citation            |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1      | Proposed Pirates Cove Miniature Golf, Phase I              | The site of Fort Gage and the old military road from Lake George to Fort Edward border the project site. The Fort Gage site is well-defined outside the project by the record and descriptions of earlier investigators. The old military road intersects with modern Route 9 opposite the south end of the project. No evidence of archeological sites could be located through shovel testing. No additional work was recommended.                                                        | [Curtin 2000]       |
| 2      | Proposed Campground, Lake George Battlefield Park, Phase 1 | The project contains several important colonial military facilities. These include Fort George, the bastion of a partially constructed French and Indian War Fort. The project area also contains a portion of the site of the 1755 Battle of Lake George, and part of the site of the 1757 massacre subsequent to the surrender of Fort William Henry. French and Indian War period artifacts and features were recovered. Avoidance of any disturbance within the project is recommended. | [Curtin 2001]       |
| 3      | Victoria's Grant Subdivision, Phase I                      | The Phase IB incorporated visual inspections of the exposed soils in disturbed areas with the excavation of 100 shovel tests in the remaining lots where development had not occurred. Only one glass windowpane fragment was recovered. No foundations, earthworks, midden areas or other indications of either precontact or historic occupation were identified. No further archeological work was recommended.                                                                          | [Arch Tech 2004]    |
| 4      | Hampton Inn, Phase I                                       | One piece of white salt-glazed stoneware was uncovered from 61 screened shovel tests. No precontact or significant historical deposits were encountered. No further work was recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | [Hartgen 2003]      |
| 5      | Wakonda Lodge, Phase I                                     | No archeological deposits or sites were identified. No further work was recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | [Black Drake 2007a] |
| 6      | PIN 1805.66.101 Site #1, Phase I                           | Eight shovel tests were excavated in the Lake George portion of the project. One fragment of whiteware was found. No buried archeological sites were identified and no further work was recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | [Hartgen 2005]      |
| 7      | Proposed Wingate Inn, Phase I and II                       | One precontact site (11341.000024) was identified and one historic site was identified. The Wingate Historic Site 2 was identified as a find spot where an 18 <sup>th</sup> -century musket ball was found. Avoidance of the precontact site was recommended. The location of Wingate Historic Site 2 was located in severely disturbed soils. No further work was recommended for this find spot.                                                                                          | [Landmark 2005]     |
| 8      | Lake George Special Communications Facility, Phase I       | Eight shovel tests were excavated at the site of the proposed tower and along testable portions of the access road. No archeological resources were encountered. No additional work was recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | [Hartgen 2006]      |

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|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 9      | Proposed Cora Court 15-Lot Subdivision, Phase I                   | Two precontact sites were identified. The Bloody Pond Road Site was identified as a small lithic scatter. Avoidance of this site was recommended. A chert biface midsection fragment and a small thinning flake were uncovered at the French Mountain Site. This site may have been a temporary hunting camp. This site is located outside of the Area of Potential Effect (APE) and is not at risk for destruction. No further work was recommended for this site.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | (Hudson Mohawk 2006)                        |
| 10     | Wingate Prehistoric Site, Phase III                               | Small, temporary camp utilized by a hunting and gathering group probably in the fall/winter season.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | (Collamer 2007)                             |
| 11     | Beach Road Reconstruction, Phase I                                | The three areas of potential effects are covered by twentieth-century fill deposits that greatly exceed the depth of the projects expected impacts. No natural soils were uncovered, and no archeological deposits were identified. No additional work was recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | (Hartgen 2011)                              |
| 12     | Route 9 and West Brook Project Area, Phase I                      | The project has been subjected to extensive disturbance, and no precontact or historic archeological resource were identified.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | (Berger 2009)                               |
| 13     | West Brook Stormwater Facility, Phase IB and addendum             | The project had at least 10 feet of modern fill and all project disturbances were within this fill. No further work was recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | (Birchwood 2012; Black Drake 2007b)         |
| 14     | Mountain's Edge Subdivision, Phase I and addendum                 | Historic Midden consisting of 20 <sup>th</sup> -century artifacts were recovered from two shovel tests. No precontact artifacts were found. No further work was recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | (Collamer 2006; Collamer & Associates 2008) |
| 15     | Lochlea Subdivision, Phase I and II                               | One precontact site and three historic sites were identified. The Lochlea Precontact site was identified as a hunting/ activity preparation area. The Lochlea Mansion Site was identified by seven positive tests which included redware, whiteware, green asbestos tiles, window glass, brick fragment and a cut nail. The Gatehouse Site was identified by brick fragments, cut nails, redware, white-glazed stoneware, window glass, and clear bottle glass; the one fragment of white salt-glazed stoneware was produced from 1720 to 1805, as this artifact was found within an isolated shovel test context, eight radial confirmation tests were excavated; no additional 18th-century artifacts were found within any of the eight radial confirmation tests excavated around Shovel Test 132. The Old Mill at Lochlea Historic Site was identified as remnants of 19th-century retaining wall and dam associated with a mill. These sites did not fulfill the requirements for National Register eligibility, and no further work was recommended. | (Hartgen 2009a, b)                          |
| 16     | Diamond Lookout Subdivision Project, Phase I                      | No cultural features were identified and no archeological sites were found. No further work was recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | (Birchwood 2009)                            |
| 17     | West Brook Conservation Initiative Project, Supplemental Phase IB | No sites were identified. Two precontact artifacts were recovered. 69 historic artifacts were recovered. All historic artifacts were uncovered from fill.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | (Birchwood 2012)                            |



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| 18     | Shower Building and Water/Gas Lines Replacement, Phase I                     | 119 shovel tests were excavated. One precontact site was identified, the Lake George Battlefield Campground Precontact Site was identified as a site consisting of 3 deposits of lithic remains. Avoidance of locus 2 was recommended. 18 <sup>th</sup> -century artifacts were recovered, such as a piece of delft and a musket ball.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | [New York State Museum 2009]               |
| 19     | Proposed Brookside Estates Development, Phase I, II, and Additional Phase II | Lead musket ball and precontact artifacts uncovered during the Phase I. During the Phase II, there was limited metal detecting in the vicinity of the musket ball find. No significant historic archeological materials found during the Phase II for the Brookside Historic Site. Additional precontact artifacts were found during the Phase II for the Brookside Precontact Site and this site was recommended for a phase III.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | [Curtin 2009a, b, c, 2010]                 |
| 20     | Carr Condominium Project, Phase I and Additional Phase I                     | No archeological sites were identified in the Phase I. No further work was recommended. Additional work identified earthen features associated with the 18 <sup>th</sup> -century occupation of the Birch Avenue Historic Site.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | [Black Drake 2010a; Taconic Research 2006] |
| 21     | 372 Bloody Pond Road, Phase I                                                | No potentially significant deposits were identified. No precontact remains were found.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | [Black Drake 2013]                         |
| 22     | West Brook Road Sidewalk, Phase I                                            | Previous surveys on either end of the APE identified several feet of fill through the channel of West Brook. Hartgen conducted limited testing to the depth of the project impacts (approximately 16 inches) and recorded fill throughout the APE from the mid-20 <sup>th</sup> -century creation of the battlefield park. No battlefield artifacts were recovered and no further work was recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | [Hartgen 2015]                             |
| 23     | Million Dollar Beach Site, Phase I and II                                    | Two precontact sites were identified. One historic site was identified. 194 historic and precontact artifacts recovered including 18 <sup>th</sup> -century artifacts such as a lead musket ball and a piece of hand-blown olive-green bottle glass; also uncovered was a large circular stone feature, most likely an 18 <sup>th</sup> -century lime kiln;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | [New York State Museum 2013]               |
| 24     | The Hawley-Missale Commercial Building Project, Phase I                      | The Phase IB field reconnaissance did not recover any cultural materials, which determined that the project would not impact any archeological sites. No further archeological work was recommended                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | [Hartgen 2016]                             |
| 25     | Military Sites at Gage's Hill Town of Lake George, Phase I                   | The site of Fort Gage was partially excavated in 1975 under the direction of Paul Huey. At that time, the area investigated was known as Fort Gage, however the footprint of the historic remains may actually have been those of the Provincial Light Infantry post, occupied by Col. Partridge's Massachusetts's Rangers. Colonel Thomas Gage's own light infantry appears to have occupied the same height of land the following year, in 1759 when under the command of General Amherst. As of 2015, the site of Fort Gage, Major Roger's Encampment and the Southwest Redoubt were situated on two lots in the Town of Lake George. The site of Rogers' Rangers Encampment is on an 18 acre parcel owned by the Boychuk Family (Lot 264.03-2-3.1) and the Southwest Redoubt site is on the 9 acre parcel formerly the Ramada Hotel (Lot 264.03-2-2). | [Walling 2016]                             |

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| 26     | Village of Lake George Evaluation and Treatment Plant Upgrade Initiative Project, Phase I | 13 shovel tests were excavated and most tests encountered fill deposits. No archeological deposits were uncovered. Project clearance was recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | (Landmark 2017)                |
| 27     | Excavation and Removal of Human Remains on Mohican Street                                 | The excavation and removal of a human skeleton on Mohican Street; most likely the remains of a young 18 <sup>th</sup> -century soldier                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | (Starbuck 2001)                |
| 28     | Fort William Henry Hotel Reconstruction, Phase I                                          | 19 <sup>th</sup> - and 20 <sup>th</sup> -century artifacts were found during the excavation of trenches. Also found were four features associated with the Fort William Henry Hotel. One partial projectile point was found from an unknown provenience. No significant precontact or historical artifacts were identified during the investigation. Nor further work was recommended.                                                                                                        | (Hartgen 1993)                 |
| 29     | Beach Road Stormwater Project, Phase IA                                                   | Soil borings conducted to a depth of five feet determined that the soils in the project consist of sandy fill and that the project will not impact buried cultural resources to a depth of five feet. However, because the borings did not reach six to eight feet, the maximum depth of planned excavation, there remains a potential of encountering significant cultural resources within the last one to three feet. Monitoring is recommended for all excavation that exceeds five feet. | (ACOE 2006)                    |
| 30     | Fenimore Woods Subdivision, Phase I                                                       | An isolated precontact spear point, and two modern historic artifacts were uncovered. These findings were not significant archeological deposits. No further work was recommended,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | (Black Drake Consulting 2010b) |
| 31     | Excavation of Undocumented Burial in the Lake George Battlefield Campground               | Partial remains of two people, probably of Euro-American descent dating to unknown time period, but most likely 19 <sup>th</sup> century based on nails associated with a wooden (decayed) coffin.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | (New York State Museum 2011)   |
| 32     | Birch Avenue Substation, Phase I, II, and III                                             | Over 2,000 artifacts were recovered and 96 subsurface features and visible military earthworks were identified. The features and artifacts found are consistent with occupation and use by the 18 <sup>th</sup> century military. Frasier's map indicates that the location of Rodgers Rangers encampment or the 1758 encampment of General Gage's Light Infantry Brigade is near or at this location. This could not be verified through this investigation.                                 | (Collamer 1993, 1994, 1997)    |
| 33     | Ottawa Street Wastewater Treatment Plant, Phase I                                         | This area has experienced extensive soil disturbance. No additional work was recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | (Hartgen 1993)                 |
| 34     | I-87 Fiber Optic Glens Falls-Canada, Phase I                                              | Four areas along the Warren County section of the corridor were selected for subsurface testing. The areas that were tested include Area 4 located in the Town of Queensbury, Areas 22 and 23, situated in the Town of Warrensburg, and Area 29 located in the Town of Chester. No subsurface testing was conducted in the town of Lake George.                                                                                                                                               | (Hartgen 1999)                 |

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| 35     | Lake George Shoreline Improvement, Phase IA                          | Backhoe trenching was recommended in areas where the excavation could exceed the known depth of fill. Of particular concern was a series of fortifications and earthworks constructed in 1757 during the siege of Fort William Henry such as Montcalm's third battery which was located near the public restrooms in the southwest corner of the project area. This battery was connected to the others by means of a fortified trench which may also be located in the project area. It was also recommended that all construction be monitored by a qualified archeological consultant throughout the duration of the project.                                                                                                                     | (Hartgen 1997)              |
| 36     | Proposed Wetland Restoration, Lake George Beach State Park, Phase IA | Based on the extensive military activity in the area and the lack of good documentation on the source and extent of the fill, subsurface testing of the storm sewer and the wetland reclamation was recommended. It was also recommended that the wetland be tested at regular intervals to document the type and extent of fill in the impact area. It was suggested that the best way to test this area was from a backhoe under the supervision of an experienced archeological crew.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | (Hartgen 1998b)             |
| 37     | Lake George Forum, Phase I                                           | A single artifact (gunflint) associated with the 18 <sup>th</sup> century military occupation of the Lake George region was recovered; the blond gun flint was of French origin but British form; the immediate vicinity of the test was heavily disturbed from the construction of a guest cottage and its associated water and sewer lines. No additional 18 <sup>th</sup> -century material was recovered. Due to the scarcity of 18 <sup>th</sup> - and 19 <sup>th</sup> -century material and the modern disturbances from motel construction, no further work was recommended.                                                                                                                                                                 | (Hartgen 2003)              |
| 38     | Wildwest Stable & Ranch, Phase IA                                    | Sawmill and logging operations on the property from the 1940s until 1993 greatly disturbed and modified much of the project. Description of the planned impact of the project indicated that the primary area of modification would be in the area at the northern end of the project that was already greatly disturbed. Modification in the rest of the project consisted of widening and grading of existing logging roads throughout the wooded portions of the property. These activities would disturb very little additional area. Therefore, archeological testing was not recommended. It was said that if modifications were later considered in undisturbed portions of the project, an archeological survey would be deemed appropriate. | (Hartgen 1994)              |
| 39     | Lake George Recreation Center, Phase IA                              | The area had been greatly disturbed, therefore, no archeological investigations were recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | (Hartgen 1998a)             |
| 40     | Warren County Sanitary Sewer, Phase I                                | It was recommended that the construction of the sanitary sewer would not have any adverse effects upon any cultural resources in the area that might be eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | (Hagerty 1976c; Henke 1979) |

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| 41     | Village of Lake George Sewage Transmission Facilities, Phase I and II | The subsurface testing along the portion of Montcalm Street between Iroquois and Canada Streets showed evidence of a crescent-shaped depression which was believed to be associated with Montcalm's first battery during the Siege of Fort William Henry in 1757. The possible association with trenches connecting other batteries made further subsurface exploration necessary. | [Hagerty 1976a, b, c, 1978] |
| 42     | SUNY Adirondack Field School, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2014, and 2015        | Field school directed by David Starbuck, excavations at the Southwest bastion of Fort George, barracks, possible blacksmith shop, hut sites, and                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | [Starbuck 2014b]            |

## 6 Colonial Wars

In general, between about 1689 and 1763, the Lake George area was part of a major travel corridor through which numerous armies and troops traveled north and south, between quarreling groups in Canada (Montreal primarily) and New York (principally Albany). The corridor was the western extension of the larger area known as the Champlain-Hudson lowlands connecting Montreal in the St. Lawrence Valley, through the Richelieu River Valley and Lake Champlain, and via Wood Creek or a portage into the Hudson River Valley. This was also a favorable trading route. Lake George sits higher than Lake Champlain which feeds the larger lake to the north through La Chute River and its confluence with the lake at Ticonderoga.

This route, while useful for those traveling northeast, was not as heavily trafficked as the Wood Creek to South Bay route (though modern-day Skenesborough). Both routes were critically important, and served as the focal point of the "borderland" clashes between the imperial powers of France (New France) to the north and England (New York and New England) to the south. The traders and troops involved in these various conflicts include European, (French, Dutch, and English, among others), Africans (in the form of freed and enslaved peoples), and Native Americans (including Iroquoian and Algonquian peoples).

Below is a table that identifies the various colonial conflicts that affected the area, a brief summary of events, and a sense of the scale of the number of individuals who may have traveled through the area (Table 9). Of more particular note is the construction of Fort Burnet in the 1720s in the town of Greenwich. Although identified as a fort, the outpost was more likely a patrolling point as New York officials tried to interrupt the rampant trade between colonial interests in Albany and Montreal, despite that fact that the parent countries were at war.

Table 9. Various colonial conflicts that affected the Lake George area between 1628 and 1763 (name of conflict in European theatre in parenthesis).

| Date      | Name of the War                                       | Relation to Lake George                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 1626-1628 | Mohawk-Mohican War                                    | Likely small scattered Native settlements in and around Hudson River and Lake George regions                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1675-1676 | King Philip's War                                     | Though largely contained to western Massachusetts, fighting between the Wampanoag and European settlers extended through Connecticut, Rhode Island, through Schaghticoke, NY, and up into Maine, likely passing through the Lake George region.                                                                 |
| 1689-1697 | King William's War<br>[War of the League of Augsburg] | Hundreds of French and Indian soldiers, in addition to Albany militia, likely moved through the area. Saratoga settlement attacked and garrisoned for short time. First iteration of Fort Anne [Fort Schuyler] built 1692. Lake George likely corridor for troops and scouts.                                   |
| 1702-1713 | Queen Anne's War                                      | Peter Schuyler, Samuel Fetch, and Francis Nicholson assemble large army and flotilla of bateaux on Lake Champlain for Canadian expedition in 1709-abandoned<br>Second expedition with a large force in 1711-also abandoned<br>Fort Anne replaces Fort Schuyler<br>Troops and scouts likely passed through area. |



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| 1720s-1730s | Uneasy Peace                               | Fort Burnet built (on east side of Hudson River near Schuylerville),<br>Fort St. Fredrick at Crown Point constructed by the French                                      |
| 1739-1748   | War of Jenkins' Ear                        | Fort Clinton built (on west side of Hudson River near Schuylerville)                                                                                                    |
| 1744-1748   | King George's War                          | Four battles at Fort Clinton, likely hundreds of French and British troops,<br>and hundreds of Native allies traveled through area.                                     |
| 1756-1763   | French and Indian War<br>(Seven Years War) | Beginning of sustained use of the Lake George corridor in response to the<br>French construction of Fort Carillon at Ticonderoga at the northern end of<br>Lake George. |

The first significant battle in New York during the colonial period involved the French and Iroquois occurred in 1609 in what is today the Town of Crown Point on Lake Champlain. The event is significant for several reasons. First, it demonstrated the willingness of the French to fight on behalf of their Native allies, and the extent to which they were able to penetrate deep into the Champlain Valley at an early date. Secondly, the French developed an early understanding of the geography of the Champlain Valley and the strategic importance of the region. This knowledge of the area likely shaped much of the actions of the colonial government throughout the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

The Battle of Lake Champlain, as it later came to be known, involved an attack on a group of Mohawk warriors. Samuel de Champlain personally led the expedition with a group of Montagnais, Algonquin, and Huron in an effort to bolster his personal prestige among his allies (Starna and Brandao 2004:727). For the Native Americans, the battle is clearly part of a protracted and expansive conflict between the Iroquois and their neighbors. The French likely had little understanding of this and engaged in the battle thinking it would end the overall conflict, but instead it simply enflamed the situation.

The battle was fought on a cape at the west side of the lake near present-day Crown Point. Champlain had hoped to surprise the Mohawk contingent, but they were aware of the French war party's approach. As a result, the Mohawk "began to fell trees with poor axes...and barricaded themselves well." The following day Champlain used arquebuses and killed two Mohawk leaders and injured a third while several others were also killed and 10-12 prisoners were taken (Bellico 2010:10). The battle marked the first time the Mohawk faced firearms in battle. The confusion caused by the firearms likely had a more dramatic impact on the enemy than the effectiveness of the weapons themselves. The Mohawk, however, regrouped and continued to press the French and their allies.

The subsequent governor of New France did not share Champlain's resolve, and throughout the rest of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the colony focused on negotiation and diplomacy with the Iroquois. When this failed, smaller skirmishes were inevitable. However, large-scale, preemptive coordinated attacks did not occur again until later in the century. In the meantime, the Iroquois continued to fight with their neighbors as part of the broader Mourning Wars.

French incursion against the Iroquois continued throughout the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century and beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. At the same time, French missionaries tried to secure Iroquois allegiance through proselytizing. French soldiers, missionaries, and traders worked throughout New York, from which they gained an intimate knowledge of the landscape and settlements of the region. The soldiers and volunteers became increasingly familiar with new, untapped agricultural lands of the Champlain lowlands and associated areas, and scouted the locations of future trading outposts that could draw Native traders further into the French sphere of influence. Their actions also had the effect of disrupting Mohawk villages, pressuring the tribe to (at the very least) adopt a posture of neutrality against the French colonists and their Native allies.

The French recognized the need to better protect its borders from incursion, especially from the Mohawk. Part of the answer was to engage the Mohawk and other neighboring native nations in trade. To that end, in 1700, French Canadians established a trading post at Pointe a la Chevelure near Crown Point (Coolidge 1989:115). This outpost was not truly fortified until 1730 or 1731 however, under Sieur Hertel de la Fresniere and M. de la Corne with a small garrison of 20-30 soldiers. Yet, the outpost served an important purpose: to watch the frontier and gather useful intelligence about the defense and movement of the nearby English colonists. By the

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18<sup>th</sup>-Century Archeological Sites  
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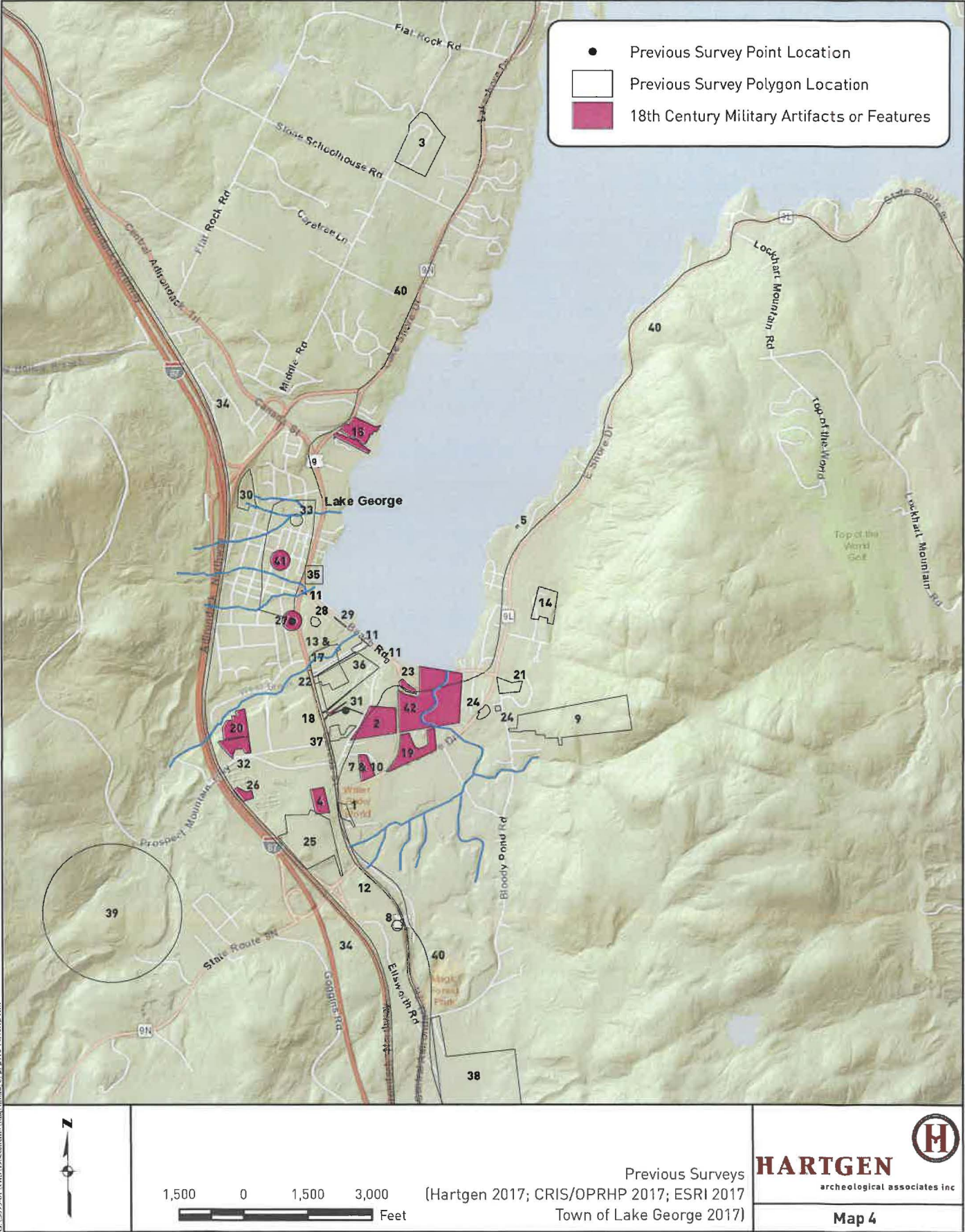
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| Project Description:       | <p>The Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) and the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) are holding a joint public comment period to solicit comments for an amendment to the 1986 Mt Van Hoevenberg Intensive Use Area Unit Management Plan (UMP). The public is invited to submit input on a draft amendment for modernization and repair of facilities as well as construction of mountain biking trails and features at Mt Van Hoevenberg.</p> <p>Specific actions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Repair/Maintenance: Repair Track Curves 6, 7, and 8 (for information, approval not required)</li><li>• Expand/Extend Existing Facilities: Expand Elevated Walkways for Track, Extend/Upgrade Water and Sewer Services, Install Alpine Coaster Spectator Improvements</li><li>• Rehabilitate or Replace Existing Facilities: Upgrade Existing Track Roof and Shade System, Start 1 Building Improvements, Replace Start 3 Building, Replace Refrigeration Building/Infrastructure</li><li>• New Facility Construction: New Consolidated Timing/Operations Building (consolidation of existing buildings' functions), Site Improvements in The Heart, Site Improvements at Curve 10, Install People Mover Between Lodge Area and Curve 10 and Between Curve 10 and Start 1, Construct purpose-built mountain biking trails to UCI standards on the Town Easement lands.</li></ul> <p>Further information can be found here:<br/>Draft Unit Management Plan Amendment<br/>Slide Show from UMPA Presentation</p> |





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Comment 1 - The existing finish building is used to weigh sleds and athletes. Each sport has specific measurements and weight restrictions. Three different scales are currently used. Also, during competition, a portion of this building is sectioned off so race officials can check competitors sleds. This space requires privacy and is not open to public viewing.

The second building at the finish known as the athletes warming house. This facility is far from being efficient. In a nutshell the heating system is not adequate, and there is not enough square footage to service the flow of competitors. In addition, when events are televised the TV production personnel use much of this competitor's space to store sensitive equipment. I would recommend doubling the size of the warming building and building a separate facility for the TV personnel.

Comment#2 - The sliding sports are exciting to watch with action packed events. Unfortunately, since the entire run is covered there are very few viewing areas for spectators. I would strongly recommend consideration of several Jumbotron tv's with suggested locations of curve 10 and the heart.

To the best of my knowledge the track still has tv cameras for most of the track controlled by timing.

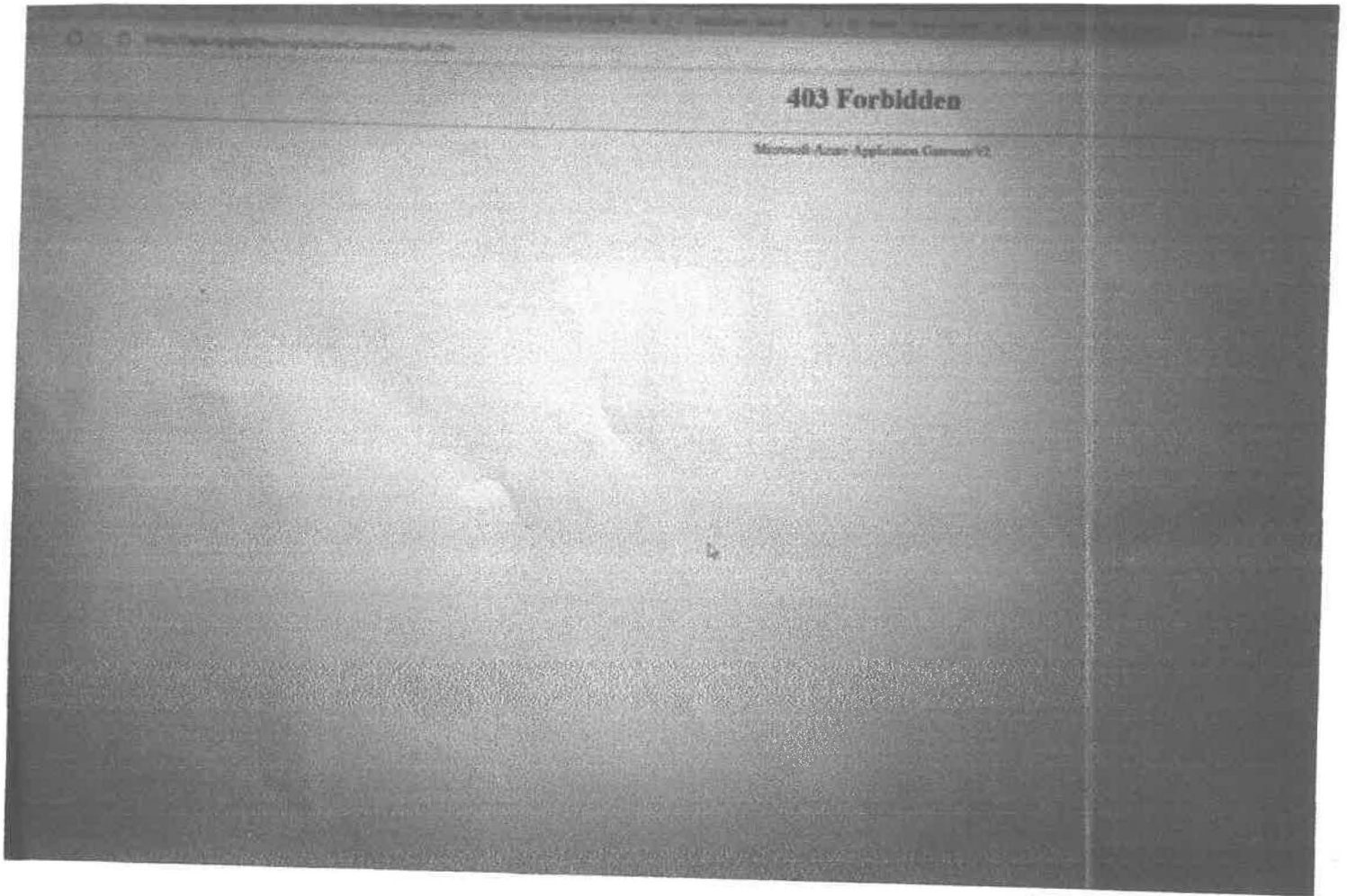
It's a shame to have such a world class facility and not be able to show the public how exciting these sliding sports are. Even if you build a series of tv viewing areas around the track (similar to the set-up near the finish dock) with large TV screens and space for spectators you would enhance the appreciation of these sliding sports.

I am glad to see these facilities upgraded after 50 years of neglect.

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Dear Ms. Phillips:

I am a member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the not-for-profit "friends group" that supports and promotes the preservation of one of America's most hallowed grounds.

I write to request that the APA insert an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of State-owned facilities classified as "Historic" properties within the Adirondack Park. I believe that a Historic classification will help protect these properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, and open space attributes. The change in classification would also facilitate the State's enhanced stewardship of the property to reflect a prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation. The location is a National Register of Historic Places-listed property referenced as the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District, and clearly meets eligibility requirements for the APA's Historic classification.

These sites were the locations of key events during the French & Indian War and the American Revolution, are important elements of our national heritage, and are deserving of the additional protections that the Historic designation will afford.

Sincerely,





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Ms Phillips,

For over 14 years I have been a full time resident of Piercefield, NY, a St. Lawrence county town within the Adirondack Park. I am writing to voice my opposition to the APA amending the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan in order to permit more motorized vehicle access and equipment use within the Adirondack Park.

During my time in the Adirondack Park I have seen increased snowmobile, ATV and other electric motor traffic. I have seen increased use of dirt bikes and scooters. This has led to an increase in noise and pollution and has been to the detriment of the wild character of the Adirondack Park. It is contrary to keeping lands withing the Adirondack Park, Forever Wild.

I urge you not to weaken motor vehicle restrictions within the Park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence Lee". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and contact information.

Lawrence Lee  
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The purpose of this study is to investigate the effects of the proposed system on the performance of the system. The study is divided into two main parts: a theoretical analysis and an experimental evaluation. The theoretical analysis is based on the principles of the system and the results of previous studies. The experimental evaluation is based on the results of a series of experiments conducted under controlled conditions. The results of the experiments are presented in the following sections.

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RE: ASLMP Draft Amendments

Megan Phillips, Deputy Director of Planning  
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Dear Ms. Phillips:

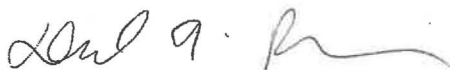
Thank you for allowing me to comment on the proposed Adirondack State Land Master Plan (ASLMP) Amendments. While I understand the need for handicapped access, I am completely opposed to the weakening of any existing protection of the Forest Preserve, particularly related to Wilderness areas.

At the workshop years ago, John Banta, who was then the APA attorney, stated that "The Forest Preserve should be a refuge from technology." This made a lot of sense to me. NY has a State Park System which can facilitate handicapped access. So can DEC Campgrounds within the Forest Preserve. There's also the Galusha agreement and the CP-3 program. Furthermore, motorized access is permitted in Wild Forest areas. Consequently, I see no reason to compromise our Wilderness areas in the Adirondacks. Wilderness is rare and precious. A place can either be Wilderness or ADA compliant. It cannot be both.

Finally, there' is no reason for these proposed amendments since neither the APA nor DEC have given any public evidence that the U.S. Justice Dept. is forcing the APA to amend the ASLMP to comply with federal ADA rules.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely



David A Pisaneschi





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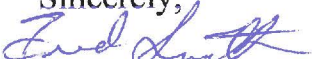
Dear Ms. Phillips:

I am a member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the not-for-profit "friends group" that supports and promotes the preservation of one of America's most hallowed grounds.

In that capacity, I am writing to request that the APA insert an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of State-owned facilities classified as "Historic" properties within the Adirondack Park. A Historic classification will help protect these properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, and open space attributes. The change in classification would also facilitate the State's enhanced stewardship of the property to reflect a prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation. The property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places where it is referenced as the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District, so it clearly meets eligibility requirements for the APA's Historic classification.

Key events took place on these sites during both the French & Indian War and the American Revolution. They are, therefore, important elements of our national heritage and are deserving of the additional protections that the Historic designation would provide.

Sincerely,

  
Fred Smith



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Megan Phillips  
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November 14, 2024

Dear Ms. Phillips,

I am writing to urge you to consider reclassifying Lake George Battlefield Park under the "historic use" designation within the State Land Master Plan instead of the "intensive use" designation under which the park now falls.

The site of the Battle of Lake George in 1755, Lake George Battlefield Park played a key role in the development of what became the United States. The park also serves as a significant tourist draw within the Village of Lake George, offering green space for visitors eager to escape the crowds and admire the lake.

Right now, statues are defaced with graffiti. Walkways are crumbling. Vegetation is consuming the ruins of the historic Fort George.

Every day, the state Department of Environmental Conservation does admirable and important work managing the park and its varied uses. However, the very nature of the site, as both a historical monument and a tourist attraction, can expose it to unnecessary and destructive results unless care is taken to preserve its historic structures and artifacts.

Members of local organizations such as the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance are rightly troubled by the condition of the park and are ready and willing to assist the state however possible.

It is my belief that reclassifying the park could better protect it from potential disturbances and uses that threaten the historic structures and artifacts still buried at the site.

I urge you to consider a similar model for Lake George Battlefield Park.

Respectfully,

Daniel G. Stec  
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In reference to: Project APSLMP2024; Adirondack Park Agency

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These sites were the locations of key events during the French & Indian War and the American Revolution are important elements of our national heritage, and are deserving of the additional protections that the Historic designation will afford.

Thank you for your consideration.,

Larry J. Arnold





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RE: Project APSLMP 2024; APA: Megan Phillips


Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battlefield Campground  
Support for State Master Plan Amendment to "Historic Use" designation

Dear Ms. Phillips,

By way of introduction, I am a former Board President of the Lake George Land Conservancy, a former trustee of the Ft. George Alliance and a year-round resident of the Adirondack Park. I am very familiar with the historic and land preservation significance of these two sites. These lands filter runoff and protect the water quality of nearby Lake George. Native American artifacts have been recovered on this property that are up to 8,000 years old. This land was the location of the Battle of Lake George in 1755, the Fort William Henry Massacre in 1757 and several annual military encampments in the French and Indian War and Revolutionary War. These lands are the final resting place for hundreds of soldiers and other civilians who defended freedom during these wars. Since the 1820s, they have drawn historic tourism to the area thus improving the economy of adjoining communities. As a former historic tour guide at the battlefield, I can testify that this land and their monuments have historic and archaeological significance that rival such outstanding properties as the Crown Point Preserve and Rogers Island. These lands are on the National Register of Historic Places. These are precious and unique heritage sites for all the people of New York State that deserve much more protection and preservation than they currently receive.

THEREFORE, I STRONGLY SUPPORT AMENDING THE MASTER PLAN TO DESIGNATE THESE TWO PROPERTIES AS "HISTORIC USE". I support the efforts of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance and others who wish to extend the appropriate level of protection to these two sites. Thank you.

Respectfully,

  
Jeff Brozyna



Kayla Mucia  
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Regarding other proposed changes, I support the use of the Visitor Use Management Framework as the preferred tool for determining the amount and types of use suitable for a unit, but only if that tool explicitly includes ecological, physical, and social components, measurements, and metrics. Any study that does not include all aspects is fundamentally incomplete.

I also greatly appreciate the proposed change in the APSLMP that would require planning and analysis related to climate change vulnerabilities in Unit Management Plans.

Sincerely,

Kayla Mucia



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Sincerely,

*Karen M. Batt*  
Karen Batt



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**RE: Proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan**

Dear APA Planning:

The Adirondack Forest Preserve is one of the very last remaining pockets of space in the United States that is not overrun with development. The Forever Wild article and the Adirondack Park Agency Act have created a unique and priceless sanctuary that offers the possibility to escape the noise and pollution of roads, cars, airplanes and other technologies, and enjoy time in a clean, peaceful, natural environment.

Machines – which pollute the air, disturb the ground, and destroy the peace – do belong in these precious remaining preserves. The United States is already laced with 4 million miles of roads – enough to circle the globe 505 times. Motor vehicle users have more than enough space to roam without spoiling every last bit of remaining wilderness.

Americans with Disabilities deserve access to public resources – within reason. If a person is paralyzed from the neck down, how can they visit the summits of all 46 high peaks? They would need to be driven. Should the APA therefore approve a highway to the top of every high peak, in the name of accessibility?

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Sincerely,



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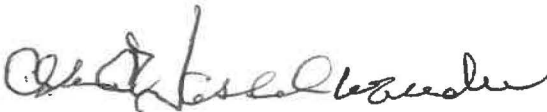
Megan Phillips  
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Re: Public Comments about the 2024 Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan

I am a disabled 90 year old man with a home in the Adirondacks. I am no longer able to walk on trails, an experience I used to enjoy. I realize that these hikes are something I must forego.

I oppose the use of OPDMDs and all motorized vehicles in the Adirondack Forest Preserve except for emergencies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alan C. Hasselwander", written in a cursive style.

Alan C Hasselwander

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**RE: Amendments to the State Land Master Plan:**

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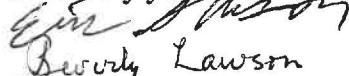
My wife and I have had a lengthy history of involvement in the Adirondack Park. We purchased land in Essex County shortly before the first land designations within the Park were promulgated. Our property is in the Rural Development classification and over many years we have participated in the 480a management scheme for forest land.

An important consideration for the commitment we feel toward the Adirondacks has been the fact that a significant portion of the Park has been designated Forever Wild, a classification that assures that these lands shall remain "forever" untouched by human experience, a place of perpetual serenity and a reminder of the delicate balance between nature and humankind that is essential for our survival.

Recent efforts by the APA and the State Department of Environmental Conservation to accommodate to the American with Disabilities Act by permitting motorized vehicles to intrude into Wilderness areas of the Park are misplaced. These changes breach the wall that has protected these delicate acres in the Forever Wild Classification for a half century. Once broken, by permitting motorized access by even a carefully defined population, future expansions become inevitable to the irreversible detriment of the Forever Wild status of a significant portion of the Adirondack Park.

We urge the APA and the NYS DEC to find alternative solutions that will satisfy their obligations under the ADA.

Sincerely yours,



Eric and Beverly Lawson

**From:** ssmith@gmavt.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2024 10:32 AM  
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**Cc:** 'Cathy Pedler'; 'Marjorie Kelting'; Susan Smith  
**Subject:** comments on apa suggested regulations changes attm Megan Phillips

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Greetings, I would like to comment on the proposed changes to the SLMP on the proposed change to allow the use of beaver control structures thus allowing beavers to not be killed but to allow them on state lands .

We at Shatagee Woods Chapter of ADK in the Northeastern Adirondacks strongly support the use of beaver control structures which mitigate the beaver/human conflicts by installing a built pond leveler(to prevent flooding) and culvert protection devices (to prevent beavers from clogging culverts).

Beaver created wetlands and ponds have many benefits especially in the time of climate change. The last two summers have made it very clear we now experience very different high volume rain storms that cause excessive flooding and erosion. Beaver dams can slow the flow of water, thus allowing more water to be absorbed into the water table. ( Along with the excessive, destructive rains we can expect drought periods.)

The beaver created wetlands provide many benefits to habitat and diversity of wildlife. Water quality is improved by allowing sediments to fall to the bottom of the pond instead of choking streams and lakes.

A question that I have is : what is a "right sized" culvert for beavers? Beavers can clog any size culvert. Another question is : does "permitted" mean it requires a permit or it is allowed?

Since building these beaver control devices each has its own challenges it is recommended that trained people, such as Skip Lisle or Mike Callahan build them.

It will be very beneficial to our State Lands to create more ponds and wetlands.

Susan Smith  
Shatagee Woods ADK Chapter  
803-373-7942

megan, please excuse typing errors as  
I am visually impaired.  
Susan Smith



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The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and the role of the accounting department in ensuring the integrity of the financial data.

It is essential for the accounting department to have a clear understanding of the company's financial goals and to be able to provide timely and accurate information to management.

The accounting department should also be responsible for monitoring the company's cash flow and ensuring that all payments are made on time.

In addition, the accounting department should be involved in the budgeting process and should be able to provide input on the company's financial performance.

The accounting department should also be responsible for preparing the company's financial statements and for ensuring that they are accurate and complete.

Finally, the accounting department should be responsible for maintaining the company's financial records and for ensuring that they are secure and accessible.

The accounting department is a critical part of the company's financial management and should be given the resources and support necessary to perform its duties effectively.

Kathy Regan  
250 Alstead Hill Lane  
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November 25, 2024

Megan Phillips  
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Dear Megan, Phillips,

I spoke in Wilmington at the Public Meeting on October 23rd and am submitting these written comments to the proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP). I understand the amount of work and coordination that goes into such a project and appreciate the effort the staff have taken. The majority of changes suggested are good, but I do have a few concerns and suggestions.

I do not like that a classification action (Four Peaks Tract) has been added into this amendment package; even though I agree with the proposed classification category of Wild Forest. I believe that keeping classification actions as a separate package enable the people to better evaluate alternatives.

I couldn't find current figures for unclassified land on the web page. The data listed was from 2021 for 4,657 acres of unclassified State land, but there was a classification action in 2023 which classified 5,818 acres. Perhaps this is the only tract needing classification at this time. However it could appear to be a parcel that many State Land staff are interested in seeing classified sooner than later in order to expand upon their local mountain biking interests. If the number of parcels needing classification are limited and will be included in future APSLMP amendments, it should be stated as such.

I like that the terms Wheelchair and Other Power-driven Mobility Device (OPDMD) have been defined. I do not like that the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), unlike the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), does not have a policy developed for OPDMD's. On the DEC web page I could only find a document entitled "Procedures for Implementing Reasonable Accommodation in Programs and Services for Individuals with Disabilities". This is a procedure or process

provided to all State agencies to implement reasonable accommodations. The OPRHP policy states who may use these devices as well as what factors go into assessing when they can be used. A policy needs to be developed by the DEC that follows the guidance of the APSLMP before OPDMDs can be used. The new section on Accessibility (page 13) should also state that a consultation with the Agency is required.

I think enabling the use of beaver control devices is good. The guideline added in the WF land category:

*-- Beaver control structures will be permitted where beaver activity threatens to cause damage to stream improvement structures for fisheries purposes, or to prevent the introduction of invasive species*

is confusing and should be clarified. As written it suggests that we are only concerned with the prevention of invasive species in lands classified as Wild Forest or less restrictive.

I am also in favor of enabling the Department limited use of Motor Vehicles (MV) to remove non-conforming uses. I believe limiting this to non-conforming structures may be a little short-sighted. As nervous as this makes me, I think there should be consideration of allowing MV use to remove some conforming structures under **very strict** guidelines, perhaps limiting it to the restoration or rehabilitation of natural conditions.

Examples that come to mind are dam removals and stream restorations. The removal of Marcy Dam with the use of MV would have caused less damage to the downstream wetlands. The use of MV for stream restoration in the East Branch of the Ausable River (an area classified as Wilderness) was approved, but I don't understand how it was considered to be compliant with the APSLMP. With major climate events, we should consider this change.

Setting up a procedure for evaluating when MV can be used in Wilderness, as was done for the use of non-natural materials for bridges in areas classified as Wild Forest, should be a priority.

I am also in favor of restructuring Appendix II. A closer review of the language in the APSLMP Conservation Easement Lands (page 3) should occur to reflect the new terminology and acreage figures in the Appendix. As should a review of the other acreage and percent figures in the first three pages of the APSLMP. And as a reminder, the final document is not likely to be signed by the Governor until 2025, thus changing a few more figures!

Thank you for this opportunity to provide public comment. The APSLMP is a critical document and deserves careful review prior to being amended.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Kathy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathy Regan  
(Former Deputy Director of Planning at the APA)





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Dear Deputy Director Phillips,

Please accept this letter as my support for the proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) specific to the language pertaining to enhanced accessibility. Each year, millions of residents, and out-of-state visitors, descend upon areas designated as forever wild. These lands provide users an opportunity for various forms of recreation, relaxation, and a glimpse of the beautiful, aged forests.

Without a doubt, access to these areas is a treasured asset to anyone that steps foot into New York State. Regrettably, efforts to make these pristine areas accessible to people with disabilities has lagged. Recently, the New York State Comptroller's Office conducted an audit of amenities at parks in eleven regions of the state. The review was completed to determine whether the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has taken adequate steps to ensure State parks and historic sites are accessible and can accommodate persons with disabilities, including meeting state and federal requirements. One of the key findings provided in the August 10, 2023, report, Accessibility for People with Disabilities, was that many of the amenities at the 40 parks were ADA compliant, however, accessibility could potentially be improved, should Parks seek to exceed the minimum requirements.

To that end, I feel that the proposed changes to the APSLMP are a shift in the right direction. Revising existing definitions and including language to define Other Power-Driven Mobility Device (OPDMD) will provide increased access for people with disabilities to many areas, including the Santanoni Preserve in Newcomb. As the gatekeeper to the permitting process, the Department of Environmental Conservation is in place to strike the proper balance between allowable use by OPDMDs and protection of our natural resources.

The Adirondack Park is a treasure that should be available to everyone. I urge you to approve the proposed amendments.

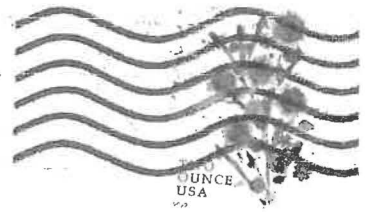
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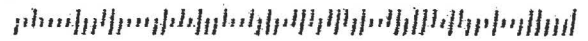
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Dear Megan,

I am writing in regards to the proposed amendments to the APSLMP. I'm sure you get a lot of comments, so I will try to keep this brief. My two main concerns are the new accessibility section and the revised motor vehicle definition. As currently written in the ACCESSIBILITY section, "The DEC is responsible for interpreting federal regulations and guidance to determine where the use of Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) may be appropriate." This statement gives the DEC too much unregulated power. While I respect and thank the DEC for their work, this statement gives them permission to allow OPDMDs anywhere in the park, which is not right. By not setting specific guidelines, such as the NYSOPRHP has done in their document on the issue (I have included it for your reference), confusion and inconsistency will occur for both the DEC and patrons wishing to use OPDMDs. The areas in the Adirondacks are much larger and more varied than in NY State Parks, but allowing the DEC unregulated control opens the door for users/organizations to pressure the DEC to allow OPDMDs in areas where they should not be allowed as per the guidelines in the APSLMP. This statement should be rewritten and specific guidelines set forth to be followed by persons wishing to use OPDMDs.

On that note, the amendment to the (24) Motor Vehicle definition "but does not include wheelchairs or other power driven mobility devices" is unacceptable. This means that OPDMDs may be used (with DEC permission, as currently written) in sensitive areas such as wilderness, canoe, and primitive areas, which should not be allowed. Doing so would cause undue environmental and ecological damage and is not consistent with the 'forever wild' clause and its subsequent protections for these and other areas. To prevent damage, gas powered devices should be expressly prohibited in wilderness, primitive, and canoe areas, and their use regulated in wild forests, intensive use areas, and historic areas. The use of OPDMDs, especially gas powered OPDMDs, in

wilderness areas undermines the very wilderness that users would be seeking to experience. Please either change the motor vehicle definition, or set specific regulations for gas/fuel and battery powered OPDMDs in all protected areas, including the prohibition of gas powered (combustion engine) OPDMDs in wilderness, primitive, and canoe areas. The wilderness in the Adirondacks and Catskills is the only such land in NY, which is why protections were implemented in the first place, and we cannot allow their protections to be compromised by the proposed amendments. Please change the amendments and keep the wild areas wild.

With sincerity and respect,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beverly Reynolds". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a large, stylized 'B' and 'R'.


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|  <p><b>New York State<br/>Parks, Recreation and<br/>Historic Preservation</b></p> <p>Section:<br/><b>Operations</b></p> | <p>Policy Title:<br/><b>Use of Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices<br/>in Outdoor Areas of New York State Parks &amp;<br/>Historic Sites</b></p> <p>Directive:<br/><b>OPR-POL-024</b></p> <p>Effective Date:<br/><b>04/01/2022</b></p> |
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## Purpose

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (OPRHP) is committed to enabling the use and enjoyment of the State park system by persons with disabilities. The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) rules implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) require public entities to allow people with disabilities who use manual or power wheelchairs or scooters, and manually-powered mobility aids such as walkers, crutches, and canes, to use such devices in any areas open to pedestrian use. A public entity must also make reasonable modifications in its policies, practices, or procedures to permit the use of other types of power-driven mobility devices (OPDMDs) by individuals with mobility disabilities, unless the entity can demonstrate that the type of OPDMD cannot be operated because of legitimate safety requirements or damage to natural resources.

## Definitions

***Other power-driven mobility device (OPDMD):*** Any mobility device powered by batteries, fuel, or other means – whether or not designed primarily for use by individuals with mobility disabilities – used by individuals with mobility disabilities, including golf carts, electronic personal assistance mobility devices (i.e., the Segway PT), or any mobility device designed to operate in areas without defined pedestrian routes, but that is not a wheelchair.

***Wheelchair:*** A manually-operated or power-driven device designed primarily for use by an individual with a mobility disability for the purpose of indoor or of both indoor and outdoor locomotion.

## Process for Assessment

***Who May Use OPDMDs:*** The ADA requires that people with mobility related disabilities be allowed to use OPDMDs, and also allows public agencies to institute reasonable restrictions on their use for legitimate safety reasons. The use of OPDMDs in OPRHP facilities is restricted to people with mobility disabilities as defined in §35.104 of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Users of OPDMDs may be asked to provide credible assurance that the mobility device is required because of their disability. A government-issued pass showing evidence of a

qualified mobility disability or any state's valid disabled parking placard or card assigned to the person who will be using the OPDMD constitutes credible assurance that a mobility device is required by the person's disability. A verbal representation is also acceptable, if the statement is not contradicted by observable fact. However, Staff shall not ask an individual using a wheelchair or OPDMD questions about the nature or extent of the individual's disability.

**Assessment Factors:** OPRHP facility managers have experience with OPDMD use and application of the prior version of this policy since 2015. The following factors are used in determining whether an OPDMD can be safely used in an OPRHP facility:

- i) The type, size, weight, dimensions, and speed of the device;
- ii) The facility's volume of pedestrian traffic (which may vary at different times of the day, week, month, or year);
- iii) The facility's design and operational characteristics (e.g., whether its service, program, or activity is conducted indoors, its square footage, the density and placement of stationary devices, and the availability of storage for the device, if requested by the user);
- iv) Whether legitimate safety requirements can be established to permit the safe operation of the other power-driven mobility device in the specific facility; and
- v) Whether the use of the other power-driven mobility device creates a substantial risk of serious harm to the immediate environment or natural or cultural resources, or poses a conflict with land management laws and regulations.

**Land Classifications:** Outdoor Developed Area Paths (e.g., through developed lawn areas, boardwalks or any other routes that pedestrians use).

#### Paved Trails

Typical examples of Paved Trails are Bicycle Class I (Greenway Trails) and developed or interpretive hiking trails. Paved trails are typically multi-use trails but in some high-use areas may be designated for foot traffic only. Tread width can vary from 5 to 14 feet with additional shoulder width. Considering the factors listed above, the characteristics of an OPDMD could affect other trail users based on the volume of pedestrian traffic and operational characteristics of the trail. These trails are typically high capacity, high volume, two-way traffic areas, where a width restriction allows for safe passing of other OPDMDs, bicycles and pedestrians.

#### Wide Unpaved Trails

Typical examples of wide unpaved trails are natural surface (unpaved) fire and park roads, carriage roads, and mowed trails, usually greater than 8 feet in width. These trails are typically wide enough for one-way vehicle traffic, and this width restriction allows for safe passing of other OPDMDs, bicycles, and pedestrians.

***Standards for Outdoor Developed Area Paths, Paved Trails and Wide Unpaved Trails:***

- **Size:**  
OPDMDs shall not be wider than 48" (this width is needed in order to safely allow two OPDMDs to pass, and to allow OPDMDs to pass between bollards designed to prevent street vehicles operated by people without mobility disabilities from accessing the trails).
- **Weight:**  
The overall weight of the device and user(s) shall not exceed 550 pounds (the weight limit is designed to limit heavier loads for two reasons. Heavier loads may cause damage to trails. Heavier devices may also be unstable on surfaces that may not be able to accommodate heavier loads safely).
- **Speed:**  
OPDMDs shall not be operated at speeds in excess of 5 miles per hour (some paths or trails may be unpaved, and steeper than long-distance trails and any faster speeds would lead to soil erosion. Also, other paths and paved trails are more heavily used, and the lower speed limit is needed for the protection of other path or trail users).
- **Noise:**  
OPDMDs shall not produce noise levels in excess of 70 decibels (this is a recognized maximum safe noise level).
- **Emissions:**  
OPDMDs shall not exceed zero emissions during use (only manually or battery/electricity operated devices are permitted).

These trails include natural surface (unpaved), and often unimproved, narrow gauge tread (generally 18-36" tread width and maximum 6' corridor width), suitable for foot travel such as hiking, and/or multiple use activities, including mountain biking, and/or horseback riding. These are typically narrow trails; two-way traffic would require users to venture off-trail at risk of personal injury and harm to natural resources when overtaking or allowing passage.

***Standards for Pedestrian (foot) or Multi-Use Single Track Trails:***

- **Size:**  
To protect other users on these trails, as well as their natural resources, only in-line OPDMD devices will be allowed. These OPDMDs should be smaller-sized and not exceed 26" in maximum width and have a maximum wheel width of 6".

The weight, speed, noise and emissions restrictions in the standards for the other land classifications above also apply to devices used on these pedestrian or multi-use trails.

In some facilities, these pedestrian or multi-use single track trails may be found in natural or remote areas and feature steep or uneven terrain, which may mandate additional caution and/or protections for natural resources. To protect patron safety and the area's natural

resources, it may be appropriate to preclude use of OPDMDs on these trails, or subject them to recurring seasonal or other restrictions. The facility managers should identify these trails in advance as not available to wheelchairs or OPDMDs and ensure that information is posted at the facility and on the Agency's websites and apps.

### **Policy Statement**

If the OPDMD meets the standards for the land classifications described above an individual does not need to request access.

### **Exception**

On a temporary basis, the facility manager may use the assessment factors and land classification to consider whether the characteristics of the OPDMD and on-site conditions such as the volume of traffic and operational characteristics of the area or seasonal conditions (e.g. flooding, rockslides, wildfires, crowds, etc.) could affect the safety of other users or the user of the OPDMD and may preclude use of the OPDMD. An articulable, legitimate safety concern may exist temporarily under certain seasonal conditions in specific areas of a park or historic site; however, OPDMDs should be allowed to the extent those temporary conditions are alleviated.

### **Prohibition**

#### **Gas-powered OPDMD**

One type of OPDMD is a mobility device powered by a gas-fueled engine using natural gas, gasoline, diesel, synthetic or biofuel, or a combination thereof, including all-terrain vehicles (ATV), carts, off-road bikes, motor scooters, motorcycles, tractors and vehicles (whether two, three, or four wheeled).

OPDMDs equipped with gas-fueled engines will largely be prohibited in many park settings due to risks outlined below; however, the risks associated with gas-powered devices warrant an individualized assessment of the device's operating condition, operator's knowledge of existing conditions and restrictions, and the intended itinerary. This will reduce the risk of safety hazards arising from conflicting use of facilities and trail conditions. Consultation has not presented an unreasonable burden to users; virtually all state park facilities are staffed and have the capacity to review the request on-site and consult without undue delay.

OPRHP facilities possess significant natural topographical features and ecological resources that are managed to support a wide range of plant and animal communities in harmony with public recreation. Gas-powered OPDMDs present a substantial risk of harm to operators, visitors, and the immediate environment due to their internal combustion engines and relatively large dimensions, weight, driving range and/or horsepower.

Additional risks posed by gas-powered devices are detailed as follows:

- Volatile fuels present a risk of fire created by ignition systems and the heat of engine combustion.



- Fuel tanks may leak or fuel may spill during refueling. Fuel leaks damage the environment and may cause fire.
- Engine noise can produce a significant zone of disturbance to native wildlife and can negatively impact visitor experience. Noise presents a health risk to park users when it exceeds 70dB, which the World Health Organization has set as a maximum safe noise level in the workplace. Many gas-powered devices, such as ATV and motor bikes, have the capacity to routinely exceed this threshold level under otherwise normal operating conditions.
- The exhaust of small internal combustion engines may pose an air quality risk for park visitors and employees.

#### **Other Notes:**

- OPRHP facilities may post lower speed limits intended for all users that reflect path or trail conditions.
- Wheelchairs and OPDMD users must operate their devices in a safe manner, consider the nature of the path or trail and the other users.
- Wheelchairs or OPDMDs must always stay on designated paths or trails. Exceptions can be made when crossing turf or lawn areas or crosswalks to leave or rejoin a path or trail as necessary.
- When required by New York State law, wheelchair or OPDMD users shall wear protective gear or an appropriate helmet while operating their vehicles.

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#### **Forms**

No forms.

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#### **Other Related Information**

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section. *Wheelchairs, Mobility Aids, and Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices*. <https://www.ada.gov/opdmd.htm>

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#### **History**

- 04/01/2022 Substantial revisions, including removal of permits for OPDMDs, and providing guidance on device specifications for certain types of trails.
- 07/15/2015 Policy created and effective immediately.



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John Ernst, Chair  
New York State Adirondack Park Agency  
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**SUBJECT: 2024 Proposed Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan**

Dear John Ernst:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the 2024 Proposed Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. The Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism (ROOST) is excited by the opportunity to update this important planning and regulatory document.

At ROOST, the destination marketing, management, and development organization serving Essex, Hamilton, and southern Franklin Counties in New York State, our mission is to enrich the lives of community members economically and socially by managing and diversifying the tourism economy. Toward this goal, ROOST is appreciative of the New York State Adirondack Park Agency's efforts to update the State Land Master Plan (SLMP) to address accessibility, climate change, and visitor use management, as well as to classify newly-acquired State lands. In aggregate, ROOST supports efforts to diversify recreation opportunities on the Forest Preserve and to manage use to avoid externalities that may impact residents, visitors, and the environment.

In reviewing the proposed SLMP amendments, ROOST offers the following comments:

1. Being a listed action in a completed UMP is a requirement for many State land management projects that benefit both residents and visitors, as well as the environment. These include parking improvements, signage, and critical trail reroutes. ROOST is supportive of efforts to expeditiously complete all outstanding UMPs and to ensure each is reviewed on a five-year cycle.
2. Holistic Visitor Use Management provides an opportunity to improve stewardship of Forest Preserve lands. Incorporating this framework in a comprehensive manner across UMPs will produce meaningful recommendations that benefit regional stakeholders.

3. Climate change presents significant risks to the Forest Preserve as well as private lands. Considering potential impacts from climate change, including flooding, on private lands adjacent to and downstream from State lands during the UMP development and review process will help to reduce unintended risks, mitigate undue damage and costs from significant weather events, and ensure local support for Forest Preserve management.
4. ROOST is grateful for the consideration of accessibility in this SLMP update and supports efforts to provide opportunities for diverse users.

Careful stewardship of the region's State and private land resources help to ensure a vibrant economy for residents and captivating experiences for visitors. Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the 2024 Proposed Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan and for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,



Mary Jane Lawrence, Chief Operating Officer  
Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism



**ADIRONDACK  
Powder Skier Association**

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Via U.S. Mail and E-Mail (SLMP\_UMP\_Comments@apa.ny.gov)

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**Re: APSA Comments on SLMP Amendments**

Dear Ms. Phillips,

As you know, the Adirondack Powder Skier Association, Inc. ("APSA") is a non-profit corporation whose members are some of the most knowledgeable backcountry skiers in the Adirondacks. On behalf of the APSA please accept the following comments regarding the proposed Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan ("SLMP") Amendments.

The Adirondack Park has thousands of acres of mountainous public lands. Dynamic forests and steep slides retain impressive snow depths which currently attract adventurous self-propelled skiers who hike up the pitch and then ski down through powder. The tradition of backcountry ski touring has a rich history in the Adirondacks.

Relying on ecologically based forestry science, and with input from backcountry skiers, the Adirondacks can develop low-impact and safe ski touring trails in defined areas while preserving their wild character. For over a decade, APSA has been advancing these goals and while the process and seen ebbs and flows, there has been minimal progress. A common hurdle has been the lack of appropriate and modern definitions in the SLMP and to overcome that issue, in light of the current effort by the APA to amend other sections, these ski-touring amendments are long overdue.

As recognized by the SLMP, ski touring is a primitive form of unconfined recreation which is compatible with wilderness and wild forest and should be encouraged as long as the degree and intensity of the use does not degrade the wilderness resource itself. By utilizing natural openings in mature forests, and with minimal management, appropriate areas within the Park can support ski touring trails. Working in tandem with the DEC/APA's effort to provide



updated trail guidance, we can successfully set forth the permissible criteria for site selection, and route design, construction and implementation for safe and sustainable ski touring in the Adirondack Park. But the first necessary step is to modernize and clarify the SLMP definitions.

### **Historical Perspective**

The Adirondack region is a historic birthplace for skiing in the United States. For over a century, hunters, trappers and conservationists relied on skis to access the Adirondack backcountry. John Apperson, the renowned conservationist and founder of the ADK Mountain Club and Wilderness Society skied Mount Marcy in 1911 and many trails in the early 1900's were originally ski trails. The development of ski resorts increased the popularity and concentration of skiing, but it also caused a shift away from the tradition of ski touring: hiking up a mountain and skiing down through the woods. Despite its explicit reference in the SLMP, for decades ski touring was overlooked in the specific Unit Management Plans.

In the 1980's, the human-powered concept saw a resurgence as skiers sought refuge away from the ski resort's lifts, groomed trails, and crowds. Now, with the advancements in technology—including light boots, high-tech bindings, and wide skis—combined with a growing movement towards a sustainable low-impact, human-powered culture—backcountry ski touring has returned to the Adirondacks.

Unfortunately, and despite our group's efforts, the current management plans in the Park largely ignore this historic, popular and compatible use. This lack of recognition stifles the public's use by not providing safe facilities and failing to encourage this compatible use.

### **Current Conditions**

While a skier can legally access public lands, once the pitch increases there are minimal opportunities for a safe ski touring experience in the Park. Most boulder-strewn foot trails are designed for and used by hikers and snowshoers. The snow on these narrow trails is quickly compacted, increasing the skier's speed and the danger that other trail users may be moving uphill in the same confined space.

"Ski Trails"—which includes a total of 9.0 disconnected and segmented miles in the High Peaks Wilderness Area, and a several mile loop trail in the Siamese Pond Wilderness area—are not clearly defined in the regulations nor on the ground. These "ski trails" are generally disconnected and segmented as they are located on isolated portions of multi-use "hiking trails"—thereby fostering a dangerous condition and failing to encourage compatible and historic recreational uses.

### **Compatible Use**

The SLMP specifically encourages the primitive and unconfined nature of ski touring. The plan's Wilderness section states that: "[t]he following types of recreational use are compatible with wilderness and should be encouraged as long as the degree and intensity of the use does not endanger the wilderness resource itself ...ski touring... and other forms of primitive

and unconfined recreation” (emphasis added). Simply put, ski touring is a permitted use that should be encouraged.

Backcountry ski trails, and their associated management, require clear definitions in the SLMP. Focusing on Wilderness areas, which are the most protective, the SLMP provides that construction of new conforming structures “will be restrained to comply with Wilderness standards for primitive and unconfined types of recreation and to permit better maintenance and rehabilitation of existing structures and improvements,” and also provides that conforming structures and improvements must “be designed and located so as to blend with the surrounding environment and to require only minimal maintenance.” Notwithstanding this general language, based on the lack of significant progress since APSA’s inception, we, along with other local advocacy groups, recognize that a modern and appropriate revision of the existing definition is needed within the SLMP. Simply ignoring ski touring facilities, and boxing them into “cross country ski trails with the character and dimensions of a footpath” unnaturally limits these facilities to hybrid foot trails only on gentle slopes. This is unsafe, outdated and counterproductive because it then forces a variety of uses into untenable management options. That is, recreational use has outpaced the arcane definitions within the SLMP and fails to provide tailored facilities for a safe and enjoyable experience.

At this point, in light of the current work to modernize the SLMP, it is entirely appropriate and frankly long overdue to implement a modern, modest and common-sense SLMP amendment for ski touring.

### **No Constitutional Amendment is Required**

While a SLMP Amendment is necessary to clarify the ski-touring use, to be clear, an amendment to the NYS Constitution is not required. First, it is extremely important to distinguish “ski touring trails” from a resort based “ski trail”. In Protect the Adirondacks v. NYS DEC, the Court of Appeals briefly referenced “ski trails” as an example of prior constitutional amendments. This is readily distinguished from “ski touring trails” because the “ski trails” referenced in the Protect Decision was specifically describing the 220-foot wide clear-cut ski trails, with associated heavy machinery earth works, which were proposed for Whiteface and Gore Mountains. In addition, focusing on the constitutional amendment trigger for snowmobile trails, the Protect Decision relied on a plan which requires the cutting and removal of thousands of trees, grading and leveling, and the removal of rocks and other natural components from the Forest Preserve. Conversely, a “ski touring trail”—per the impending trail guidance document--would involve the removal of a de-minimis number of trees (well below the threshold from the Balsam Lake Decision and within similar parameters of a hiking or biking trail); would not involve any grading or leveling as the natural contours of the existing ground would be retained; and would not involve the removal of any rocks or natural components. To be clear, a “ski touring trail” would be designed in a manner causing the least effect on the local environment, which would inherently be well-below any trigger for a NYS constitutional amendment.

### **Proposed SLMP Amendment**

Pursuant to Section 816(2) of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the following amendment is proposed to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan:

**(1) Clarify** the following definition in the “Definitions” section of the Master Plan:

*Cross Country Ski Trail (Ski Touring Trail)- a marked trail, designated for travel by skis, located and designed to provide access in a manner causing the least effect on the local environment.*

Once again, the APSA would like to thank you for listening to and responding to the voice of Adirondack Backcountry Skiers, and for advancing this important SLMP amendment.

Respectfully,

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Ron Konowitz  
President Adirondack Powder Skier Assoc. Inc.

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Dean C. Schneller, Esq.  
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cc: (via e-mail) : NYS Senator Dan Stec  
NYS DEC Katharine Petronis



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Dear Deputy Director Phillips,

I write to share my support for an additional amendment to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) for inclusion of Lake George Battlefield Park (LGBP) and Lake George Battleground Campgrounds (LGBC) as the sixth entity in the Park to carry a "Historic Use" designation. If designated, these areas and their historical significance will ensure their place within the historical identity of New York State and the founding of the United States of America remain preserved for generations to come.

The LGBP is home to several historically sensitive and relevant memorials dedicated to fallen American military. The remains of four French and Indian War soldiers who perished in 1755 are located on the knoll in the shadows of the Unknown Soldiers memorial honoring and their service. Efforts are also underway for the property to be home to the "Repose of the Fallen" project, which is a commemorative reinterment of 44 Continental soldiers and others who were discovered on a construction site in 2019 in the Village of Lake George. These soldiers are believed to be among the First Pennsylvania Battalion who perished at the smallpox hospital at Lake George in 1776. This project was approved by both the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. It has also garnered support from both houses of the State Legislature, the United States Army Office of Cemeteries, and current United States Senate Majority Leader, Charles Schumer.

The state-run Lake George Battleground Campground (LGBC) and Day Use Areas are in the vicinity; however, the requested amendment is not advocating for a change to or closure of these public venues. The Historic classification will simply help protect the properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, and open space resources. This change will also limit the construction of new structures and proposals to develop additional uses that could be considered a threat to the critical historic resource.

The request is a critical step to ensure the legacy of soldiers that fought for our freedom is preserved forever. I thank you for your due consideration of this request and am available to further discuss its merit upon your request.

Matthew J. Simpson  
114<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

Carrie Woerner  
113<sup>th</sup> Assembly District



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I am a supporter of the Lake George Battlefield Alliance, the not for profit group that supports and promotes the preservation of one of America's most hallowed grounds, consecrated decades before the American Revolution.

I write to request, like so many others, that the APA insert an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan to include The Lake George B. Park in the listing of State owned facilities

④ classified as "historic" properties within The Adirondack park.

I believe that a historic classification will better protect these properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, open

Space attributes.

The change would also facilitate the State's enhanced Stewardship of the property to reflect a prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation.

The sites contained therein are among the most intriguing and consequential related to the fate of North America during the French and Indian War.

John DiNuzzo is an excellent custodian of the visitor center and we need more funding and awareness.

I look forward to seeing this change occur soon.

Sincerely,  
Christopher Thulley

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Sincerely,

  
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Ray Brook, NY 12977

Dear APA Planning:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP).

Thank you for addressing accessibility in the recently proposed updates ensuring access to the Forest Preserve for all people.

I am very concerned, however, that the proposed changes do not fully address the issue of accessibility or provide adequate protection for non-motorized areas of the Adirondack Forest Preserve including wilderness.

Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) should not be excluded from the definition of motor vehicles. These are motorized vehicles. The Americans with Disabilities Act specifies that OPDMDs are not considered a reasonable accommodation where permitting them fundamentally alters the nature of the program, as it would for Wilderness, Primitive, and Canoe areas.

The Adirondack Park needs a comprehensive plan for accessibility and accessible features. This is right and responsible, both for all people and for the natural resources and wilderness values of the Adirondack Park. The current practice of determining OPDMD on a case-by-case basis must not continue. An OPDMD policy must be created.

Regarding other proposed changes, I support the use of the Visitor Use Management Framework as the preferred tool for determining the amount and types of use suitable for a unit, but only if that tool explicitly includes ecological, physical, and social components, measurements, and metrics. Any study that does not include all aspects is fundamentally incomplete.

I also greatly appreciate the proposed change in the APSLMP that would require planning and analysis related to climate change vulnerabilities in Unit Management Plans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Capps". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Capps" clearly distinguishable.

John Capps

Megan Phillips, Deputy Director of Planning & APA Board Members  
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RE: Comments to the Proposed APSLMP 2024 Amendments

In the opening definition of Wilderness in the SLMP, it is described as "...in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man..." How does any logical thought process go from this fundamental condition to justifying motorized uses in a Wilderness area? REALLY? (As a side note you might want to consider updating pronouns in the document).

I am in full support of ADA goals and accommodations, but the SLMP already provides alternatives for accessibility. Currently public use of motor vehicles, motorized equipment and aircraft while prohibited in State Lands classified as Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe are allowed on State Lands classified as Wild Forest, Intensive Use and Historic Areas. Isn't this one of the reasons these alternatives to Wilderness Areas exists, to provide areas where motorized uses are allowed on State Forest Preserve Lands?

The proposed revision to the definition of the term "Motor Vehicle," to exclude "...wheelchairs or other power driven mobility devices." has cascading effects throughout the document wherever the term "Motor Vehicle" is used. It will allow unconditional use of power driven mobility devices use on all State Lands, whether on a designated trail or ANYWHERE, including *ANYWHERE in wilderness*. What's more, the revisions do not define what an OPDMD is, or limit OPDMD size, either in terms of physical size or horsepower. Nor does it limit the noise output of the device which is especial important in wilderness areas. While aircraft are specifically prohibited from Wilderness areas, would the OPDMD exclusion provide for a person in a flight capable OPDMD to be flown and landed on mountain tops? One only needs to Google 'off-road mobility devices' to see the variety of commercial options available today. And with new technologies and no stated regulatory limitations who knows what a custom fabrication shop could create or what a sympathetic judge might allow.

I understand the requirement to follow the Americans with Disabilities Act rules and guidance, but it is worth considering whether those standards are appropriate for wilderness lands. I encourage the Agency to examine in greater depth what is a proper application of the law rather than be subservient to it. Or at the very least, set reasonable conditions on OPDMD and their use to protect the special place that is the Adirondack Park.

ADA.gov states that "Covered entities must also allow people with disabilities who use other types of power-driven mobility devices into their facilities, unless a particular type of device cannot be accommodated because of legitimate safety requirements. Where legitimate safety requirements bar accommodation for a particular type of device, the covered entity must provide the service it offers in alternate ways if possible."

I have several comments and concerns how the amendments to the SLMP relate to this opening paragraph of the ADA document:

1. Facilities: Although I didn't find a definition of the word "Facility" in the ADA document, all uses of the term refer to some man-made structure or urban Park. I don't think a reasonable person would consider Adirondack Wilderness Areas as a "Facility" as reference by ADA. Wilderness is defined as "in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape..." Therefore I see no reason Wilderness areas should be subject to ADA rules.
2. Alternatives: I would argue that the SLMP provides Wild Forest, Intensive Use and Historic areas with their allowed motorized uses provide a reasonable alternative to allowing the use of OPDMDs in a Wilderness Area.
3. Safety: If someone gets into trouble in the Wilderness, it is the DEC Forest Rangers that are called for emergency support. OPDMDs are mechanical devices that can break down or run out of power. In the Adirondacks the Rangers are already working excessive overtime just to aid injured or lost enable-body hikers. To add the extra burden for people and their OPDMD to be extracted in a Wilderness setting seem to be a legitimate safety issue.

And a final personal comment: In my past careers I have conducted numerous ecological surveys. I bushwhacked through hundreds of thousands acres in the New York and northern New England. I know and appreciated the lure of spending time in the wilderness. However now with age-related health issues, I'm a half-step away from getting my own blue handicap sticker. While I can no longer trek deep into the woods as has always been my passion, I am left to admire and appreciate the vast unspoiled wilderness from further afar, secure in knowing that Wilderness Areas in the Park will outlast my time on earth, protected by the foresight of the NYS Constitution that over a century ago provided for the State Forest Preserve Lands to be forever kept wild -- *or at least it did*.

Sincerely,



Brian Grisi

Retired APA Resource and Planning staff member

Saranac Lake, NY



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Hello,

I attempted to submit a public comment on the Master Plan but when I submitted it, I received a 403 Forbidden error. This error could be on my end, but I figured I'd reach out anyhow just in case others are having the same issue.

Anyway, my public comment was just about Primitive Tent sites and coordinating an effort to mark the 1,200 sq/ft areas with markers, maybe just 3, to triangulate the actual area. I think this would help mitigate site creep and reinforce site number limits. I realize this is not something that would be in the master plan, but figured it'd fit as a consideration in concert with the proposed change to the definition of the sites.

Thank you,

Addison Wolanin

**From:** [Erik De Pol](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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Hi Megan:

Would you clarify whether any conclusions from the High Peaks-specific VUM project, for which Otak services were enlisted, are incorporated in the redlines for the SLMP, specifically where it references “social carrying capacity”? I am hopeful that that language suggests an attempt to evaluate and consider experiential aspects of the user visits and not only the environmental impacts of increasing hiker numbers.

Thank you,

Erik De Pol  
Scarsdale & Lake Placid, NY

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**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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It would be nice to see the Adirondacks make a REAL attempt to include our Disability population similar to Rockefeller State Park Preserve:

<https://karmahouse.substack.com/p/hiking-abilities-celebration-rockefeller>

And please don't use the excuse of "tougher terrain". That has been removed by my friend Jeffrey Lockwood in Colorado:

<https://www.thelockwoodfoundation.org>

Thanks

Mike Sweeney  
#AeternusUmbra (Eternal Shadow)

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My Comments:

I would like to see the trail reopened to bicycles.



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My Comments:

The Forks Mountain Primitive Corridor (trail by Griffin Gorge heads north to old RT8) is currently closed to mountain bikes BUT IS OPEN TO SNOWMOBILES.. THIS IS AN OLD ROAD WITH A DURABLE SURFACE. We use to ride it all the time until the re-classification. I would like to see it reopened to bicycles.

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Address: 5 Cayuga Court Averill Park NY 12018  
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My Comments:

I would like to see old RT8 opened back up for cycling, just as it is currently open to snowmobiles which are noisier and generally much worse for the environment.

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Email from: [rivermongoose@gmail.com](mailto:rivermongoose@gmail.com)  
Address: 205 River Rd Northville NY 12134  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

The Forks Mountain Primitive Corridor (trail by Griffin Gorge heads north to old RT8) is currently closed to mountain bikes BUT IS OPEN TO SNOWMOBILES. THIS IS AN OLD ROAD WITH A DURABLE SURFACE. I support re-opening this trail to mountain bikes. It would provide for a highway-free link from Northville to Speculator, from one village to another. Mountain bikers do spend money in local businesses as they ride into communities.

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Address: 728 Boughton Hill Rd Honeoye Falls NY 14472  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

It would be lovely that the Fork Mountain Corridor was opened for pedal access.



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Thank you,

Michael A. Feldman  
205 River Road  
Northville, NY 12134

[mikeandjody@frontiernet.net](mailto:mikeandjody@frontiernet.net)

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Hello Ms. Phillips,

I support having backcountry ski trails added to the SLMP. The couple of existing ski trails (Wright Peak, Avy Pass, Mt Marcy) are very popular and well designed. They have proven to be viable ski trails for many generations of skiers. These trails are not nordic ski trails and need a separate classification for trails wide enough to make turns. I also support expanding backcountry ski trails to include managed glades. The changes to forest communities is minimal and these trails only get used during the winter months when erosion is negligible. Many Adirondack regions could benefit from ski trails, both for resident enjoyment and economic gains. Newcomb, Tupper, Blue Mountain, Indian Lake, Minerva, North River, Speculator, and North Creek are all communities that have excellent ski terrain and reliable snowpack. What they lack are maintained ski backcountry ski trails and glades.

I have been ski guiding in the Adirondacks for nearly twenty years. We have excellent terrain and a reliable snowpack. What we lack are maintained backcountry ski trails and glades. Both Vermont and New Hampshire have managed backcountry ski trails. There are lots of resources and research to show how backcountry ski trails can be designed and implemented.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Haas  
Skylight Mountain Guides  
Glens Falls NY

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I would like to see a SLMP Amendment to add the definition of backcountry ski touring trails

William Dodd  
Westport, NY  
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request that the APA amend the State Land Master Plan to add a definition for Backcountry Ski Touring Trails. Backcountry Ski Touring is a relatively low impact, human powered recreation option that is mostly missing from the Adirondack Park. It is relatively common in Vermont and New Hampshire and I'd love to see it in New York.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Matthew Denno  
6 Gailes Dr, Slingerlands, NY 12159



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Please add a definition for Backcountry Ski Touring Trails to the State Land Master Plan. These are different from hiking and from cross country ski trails, so deserve their own definition. Thank you.

Jim Flax  
40 South Mountain Road  
New City, NY 10956

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Address: 4 Margaret Pl Lake Placid NY 12946-1334  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

Please consider what an asset it would be if land use codes were revised to allow for loon nesting rafts to be floated along state-owned shoreline. In doing so, this would allow for so many benefits for these special birds. Some points to consider as you consider this amendment:

- Climate change is increasing the frequency and intensity of heat and precipitation events during Adirondack summers.
- Loons are unable to walk on land and must nest at the water's edge, which makes their nests more susceptible to flooding.
- Nest rafts have been shown to be an effective mitigation strategy for loon nest flooding, predation, abandonment due to human disturbance, and other nest failure causes.

Many thanks for your consideration,  
Sage Bissell Ruttan

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Address: PO Box 443 MALONE NY 12953-  
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My Comments:

Please allow the documentation to allow loon nesting boxes be allowed along state property. The preservation of loons is important and anything we can do to enhance their survival is important.

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My Comments:

I am writing to express my support for the revision of the definition of a wildlife management structure in order to allow these structures for species of special concern, including the Common Loon, to be floated along state-owned shoreline . Currently, the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation (ACLC) is only authorized to deploy nest rafts on private shorelines, which limits the number of nesting loons that can be helped with nest rafts. Because loons are unable to walk on land, they must nest at the water's edge, which makes their nests more susceptible to flooding (which has increasingly become more of an issue due to climate change). Nest rafts are buoyant and have been shown to be an effective mitigation strategy for loon nest flooding, predation, abandonment due to human disturbance, and other causes of nest failure. Thank you for your consideration.



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Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

I am writing to ask that a suggested amendment to The Adirondack Park Master Plan be approved. Currently, Loon nesting rafts are not allowed to be employed off shore of state owned land. This proposed amendment would allow for that deployment. I live on Bullet Pond in Essex County, where we recently deployed a nest raft in hopes of providing a safe nesting site for our pair of resident loons. The raft was provided by the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation. The safest place, with the least amount of human activity, is along the shore line of the Vanderwacker Wild Forest on the south side of the pond, but we are currently prohibited from placing one in that location. I can think of other similar state owned shore lines that would provide ideal habitat for nesting loons. I urge passage of this amendment.

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Attn: Megan Phillips, Adirondack Park Agency  
Re: Project APSLMP 2024

To Whom It May Concern at the Adirondack Park Agency,

I'm writing to ask that the APA and DEC consider adding into the State Land Master Plan a working definition for trails for 'Backcountry Ski Touring' or 'Alpine Touring' to the State Land Master Plan for the NY State Forest Preserve (Catskill Park and Adirondack Park).

While numerous trails already exist that were designed for or happen to be suitable for Nordic backcountry ski touring, there are very few trails made for what many call Backcountry Ski Touring, Alpine Touring or 'Down-Mountain' skiing. Before I go into why I believe we need a new definition of trails designed for 'Backcountry Ski Touring,' I'd like to share my own definitions of what these two types of skiing are, and point out their differences.

## 1. NORDIC BACKCOUNTRY SKI TOURING

Nordic backcountry skiing is the type of skiing currently seen on many DEC ski trails throughout the Adirondack Park. Examples of these trails include designated ski trails such as the Jackrabbit Ski Trail, the Avalanche Pass Ski Trail, and the Peavine Swamp Ski Trail, as well as hiking trails and old woods roads such as trails in the Ha-De-Ron-Dah Wilderness near Thendara, NY, the Fish Pond Truck Trail in the St Regis Ponds Canoe Area, or the Hayes Brook Truck Trail near Paul Smiths. Nordic backcountry skiing can be defined as rugged cross country ("Nordic") skiing on natural (not groomed) snow, traveling over flat, rolling or moderately hilly terrain. Nordic backcountry skiing is usually performed on narrow 'cross country' skis with relatively lightweight boots, with 'fish scale' or kick wax on the sliding side of the ski, providing enough grip to allow the skier to climb moderate grades. Intermediate to expert Nordic backcountry skiers can enjoy many hiking trails as long as these trails are fairly wide and not too steep. Expert skiers on long, narrow skis can enjoy some fire tower trails and jeep trails up some of the lower peaks, including the Bear Mountain Ski Trail near Inlet, NY. Expert Nordic backcountry skiers can even handle most of the trail descending from Mount Marcy, at least in favorable snow conditions.

Basically, Nordic backcountry ski touring = Cross-Country skiing in wild, flat to hilly terrain. This fits the definition of 'Cross Country Ski Trails' used by the DEC.

## 2. ALPINE TOURING (a.k.a. "Backcountry Ski Touring")

While Nordic backcountry skiing and its related equipment is essentially a more rugged form of cross country (Nordic) skiing, 'Alpine Touring' (also known as Backcountry Ski Touring)

specializes in climbing up and skiing down much steeper terrain, on what most of us would call 'downhill skis.' Within the Adirondack Park, that terrain includes some of the landslides ("slides") in the High Peaks, including Wright Peak's Angel Slides and the east face of Algonquin Peak, as well as more open forested areas on steep terrain such as areas on the east side of Lyon Mountain in the northern Adirondacks. Alpine Touring (and telemark) equipment looks for all the world like typical downhill ski gear, except that there are special bindings that allow the heels to come freely up off the skis for touring ('walking') on the skis. Removable climbing skins are used for uphill traction on the snow, allowing the Alpine Touring ("A.T.") skier to climb steeper grades than the Nordic backcountry skier can on fish scale or kick waxed bases. Before descending, the backcountry ski tourer removes the climbing skins and affixes the boots more firmly to the skis, to facilitate making fast turns going back down. The basic idea is to climb up a steep slope so you can make fast turns skiing back down.

Basically, Backcountry Ski Touring or 'Alpine Touring' skiing = Downhill-oriented skiing in wild, mountainous terrain.

Recent advances in the design and manufacture of alpine touring and telemark ski gear allow many more people to access these steeper, more committing objectives. One issue is that many skiers who are only familiar with ski resorts are now able to travel on their skis deep into wild and very steep terrain. This is not going to change in the future. Rather, it looks to me like more and more skiers will be venturing into the Adirondack Mountains seeking steep slopes to ski. This exposes more people to serious avalanche risk, among other dangers.

### 3. What trails are currently being used for Backcountry Ski Touring?

I would say the trails within the Adirondack Park that present introductory level difficulty for backcountry ski touring would be the Mount Marcy Ski Trail (bypass trail separate from the hiking trail) and the Wright Peak Ski Trail. The Avalanche Pass Ski Trail is an 'advanced' level Nordic backcountry trail that I would classify as a 'novice-intermediate' Alpine Touring trail. A very recent addition is the Jenkins Mountain Backcountry Ski Zone near Paul Smiths. I am not aware of any other trails in the Adirondack Park that are specifically designed for 'down-mountain' backcountry skiing like this. These down-mountain ski trails and backcountry zones are relatively safe from avalanche risk, and so are enjoyed by many downhill skiers of moderate skill and experience who are also winter hikers.

Many backcountry ski tourers climb up mountains to ski down the steep Adirondack slides. Except for one or two exceptions, there are no designated trails to these slides. These landslide paths are for experts only; very steep, and can present significant avalanche danger. The climb up may require some 'booting up' with crampons and possibly an ice ax before reaching the top of the slide and switching back into the skis for the steep ride down.

I feel that the APA and DEC should come up with an accurate definition of trails for Backcountry Ski Touring/Alpine Touring that includes the types of terrain these skiers want to access for recreation, as described above. This definition for Backcountry Ski Touring trails should be added to the upcoming Trails Document the DEC is working on, in addition to the definitions for hiking trails, snowmobile trails, mountain bike trails, canoe carry trails, cross country ski trails, horse trails, and other trails that already exist in the DEC Trails Document.

#### 4. What Forest Preserve lands might be suitable for the creation of trails for Backcountry Ski Touring/Alpine Touring?

One concern I have is that most backcountry/alpine touring skiers desire open slopes with a minimum of trees and rocks in the way, allowing them to make long, fast turns downhill. They also desire trails that are significantly wider than the Wright Peak Ski Trail. I fully understand that these desired characteristics are at odds with the existing limitations on trail building in areas designated as Wilderness (such as the High Peaks Wilderness Area). You may hear mention of creating 'glades' or zones where shrubs and saplings are cleared away to make it easier to ski with only a foot or so of snow cover. Again, I fully understand that these ideas are at odds with the regulations for trails in a designated Wilderness Area. I, personally, am *\*not\** advocating the creation of widening trails or creating gladed areas in any Wilderness Area within the Forest Preserve. I'm actually opposed to that, as I believe something like that would likely create a precedent for more and different kinds of tree cutting within designated Wilderness Areas, to which I am opposed.

However, these limitations may not be relevant to designated Wild Forest areas, such as the area north of Gore Mountain in the Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest, the Fulton Chain Wild Forest near Old Forge and Inlet, or the Debar Mountain Wild Forest north of Saranac Lake. Wild Forest areas already allow the building of infrastructure allowing snowmobile access, which require both wide trails and machine grooming of the snow. There are also mountain bike trails being built in some Wild Forest Areas. My idea is that these areas could also have designated backcountry ski zones modeled after some of the zones administered by the United States Forest Service in Vermont's Green Mountains National Forest, including Dutch Hill (Readsboro, VT), Braintree Mountain (Braintree, VT) and Brandon Gap (Goshen, VT), among a few others. These backcountry ski zones are also being implemented in the White Mountains National Forest in New Hampshire with help from the Granite Backcountry Alliance volunteer group. One can also find backcountry ski zones in a few Quebec parks (Sépaq) such as the Parc national de la Jacques-Cartier.

I believe the time has come for New York State, the APA and the DEC to come to grips with the fact that this kind of human-powered, downhill-oriented backcountry skiing is growing in popularity and is being officially sanctioned on public lands in other mountainous areas in the northeast USA and southern Quebec. It will be a challenge to reconcile the 'Forever Wild' imperative with creating trails for backcountry ski touring. I believe the first step in figuring out what can be done is to create an accurate working definition of exactly what we mean by a 'Backcountry Ski Touring' or 'Alpine Touring' trail. We should also be clear on how that differs from a trail designed for Nordic backcountry skiing or cross country skiing. From there we can have a well-informed conversation within well-defined parameters.

Thank you for your consideration and I apologize for the length of this message. I hope I've been thorough and that this has been helpful.

Sincerely,

- Ron Gonzalez



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My Comments:

I support allowing loon nest rafts to be constructed on lake shores on State property. These birds that are so iconic to the Adirondacks cannot walk on land so they must nest on shores. Climate change is affecting available land. We must do everything possible, compatible with other ecological principles, to keep loon habitat in the Adirondacks. The species has rebounded due to reduction of coal burning that caused acidification of lakes but is still facing challenges.

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My Comments:

I would like to submit my statement in full support of development of the Mount Van Hohenberg sports complex within a reasonable radius for the continued utilization of this facility to be maintained and developed in the most sustainable manner to promote continued participation of international athletes at these facilities. It is my long-held belief as a wildlife biologist and environmentalist that the best means for sustainable development of our wild lands is struck through a balance of preservation, conservation, and well planned and executed development. Recreational utilization of our lands, will happen with or without the consent of interested governing parties, but the most sustainable use of this land will be achieved through sustainable, environmental impact directed development. If financial forecasts for the replacement and addition of new facilities within this complex indicate economically advantageous benefits for this region, then development should be pursued with the intention of these added income, streams to be utilized for the protection of surrounding wild forest.

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My Comments:

I'm in favor of Loon platforms on state land, I've had them placed on private land for several years making new territories and giving loons where there are no islands in a pond or lake a place to nest safely from predators.  
Thanks, Gary Lee

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My Comments:

I would just like to express my strong support for the revised definition of a wildlife management structure which would allow wildlife management structures for loons and other species of special concern. I am a volunteer monitor with the Adirondack Loon Conservation Society and have learned how fragile this important species of bird is, not to mention a beloved symbol of the north country. I encourage you to please approve this revision which would allow loon nest rafts to be deployed state-owned shoreline.

Thank you,  
Sandy Westra



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My Comments:

I am in favor of this passing into law. I am especially hoping that loon nesting rafts will be able to be set out along state land. We participated in a loon nesting program on a lake that is 99% privately owned, and were able to have a successful juvenile loon, after several years without success when the loons tried on their own.

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My Comments:

I am very pleased to see that species of special concern are included in amendments to wildlife structures. This is important for proactive management of vulnerable species to support populations BEFORE they become seriously at risk.

Regarding climate action and adaptive management strategies, I was hoping to see an amendment stating research proposals would be permitted when the research is being done to assist in climate understanding/mitigation, or to inform adaptive management actions. This would be accompanied with parameters limiting the level of disturbance, if any, that the research may cause to the natural environment.

Relevant and up to date research is crucial for informing management strategies and policy. Without sufficient research, we cannot build resilient socioecological systems. I know many scientists struggle to obtain research permits on state land, with many whose climate research proposals are denied all together. This only diminishes the state's ability to uphold the preservation and conservation of state land. Research done on state land, in these ecosystems, in order to offer managers highly relevant, local data is unarguably necessary for natural resource conservation and resilience.

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I am in support of the DEC plan to revise the definition of a wildlife management structure. As a volunteer loon monitor for the ACLC I see proven benefit for the use of loon rafts. Water levels are inconsistent in many of our area waterways as climate change continues. Thank you

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My Comments:

I'm in favor of the proposal being approved.



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My name is Scott Remington and I think the APA should make an amendment to make it easier for people with disabilities to have access to the Adirondack Park wilderness. It has been the APA and DEC policy for years to acquire land with the roads on it and close the roads, which makes less access for people with disabilities in my mind. This is discrimination. We see it at the great camp Santanoni in Newcomb only to mention one place there are several roads that could've been left open so the person that uses the mobility device could go fishing hunting or enjoy the outdoors. We can protect the Adirondack Park wilderness, and also have access. There are spots even close to the road where you guys have put up a gate and make it hard for someone in a wheelchair to even get around it's time for you guys to abide by the American with disabilities act, which you have gotten around for years there are also a lot more battery operated mobility devices like a golf cart that could be used in certain spots.

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My Comments:

We wholeheartedly endorse the proposal to expand loon nest rehabilitation.

We've seen and are concerned that the uptick in eagles seems to be pressuring loon reproductive success negatively.

The shrinking habitat for all waterfowl makes this solution proposed be wonderfully supportive for healthy biodiversity, as well.

Thank you for your intelligent, thoughtful efforts.

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My Comments:

I am I support of this project Ito better support loons along state shorelines by placing floatable nesting rafts in.

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My Comments:

I support revising the SLMP to allow for loon nest rafts to be floated along state-owned shoreline.



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Attn: Megan Phillips  
Comments from: Anne Moomey  
Email from: [nymcmoo@yahoo.com](mailto:nymcmoo@yahoo.com)  
Address: 437 State Highway 11 C Winthrop NY 13697  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

I am in favor of this passing into law. I am especially hoping that loon nesting rafts will be able to be set out along state land. We participated in a loon nesting program on a lake that is 99% privately owned, and were able to have a successful juvenile loon, after several years without success when the loons tried on their own.

**From:** [Jake Mincemoyer](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
**Subject:** ProjectAPASLMP2024; Adirondack Park Agency; Megan Philips  
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Hello - I am writing to add my name to those constituents requesting that we have a SLMP Amendment which would add a definition for BackCountry Ski Touring Trails. With the improvement in backcountry ski equipment over the past decade low impact BackCountry skiing is now more accessible to the public and many traditional cross country skiers are now backcountry skiing - which effectively allows them to cover more varied terrain. Adding a designation for BackCountry Ski Touring trails could allow for less impact on current cross country ski trails being used by backcountry skiers (or rather cross country skiers when they use backcountry equipment) and can be developed and maintained in a manner consistent with current management of NYS public land.

Thank you,  
Jake Mincemoyer  
26 Iselin Terrace  
Larchmont, NY 10538

**From:** [Noah Thomases](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
**Subject:** ProjectAPSLMP2024;Adirondack Park Agency ;Megan Phillips  
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Please create an amendment to the SLMP which would add a definition for Ski Touring Trails or a change to the Cross Country Ski Trail definition that allows new downhill ski trails and glades to be created and maintained. Frankly, this is an activity which is already happening and should be more actively managed. Ski trails and glades would be low-impact additions to the constellation of recreational uses in the park and will help disperse users and reduce overcrowding and dangerous conditions on hiking trails during the winter months. I would urge the APA to also consider that while trails could, and should, be created in the high peaks, they can also be created in areas of the park that see less traffic, which may serve to reduce stress on the route 73 corridor and boost economic activity in those areas.

Noah Thomases  
Seasonal resident

**From:** [Dave Meyer](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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Hello

I am making my comment known that i would like to see an amendment to the SLMP which would add a definition for Ski Touring Trails or a change to the Cross Country Ski Trail definition.

I think Backcountry skiing access is a valuable use of state land that can boost local economies and provide clean recreation in the park. Let us get some of the traffic that is always headed to VT for backcountry skiing. we have ample terrain and snow conditions to take advantage of the rising popularity in backcountry skiing.

i think it is time to update this plan to allow for new forms of recreation as times change.

I am happy to provide more feedback as needed. The ADK park is an amazing resource. Let us balance all users needs

Thank you,

Dave Meyer



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**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
**Cc:** [deniseprichard@yahoo.com](mailto:deniseprichard@yahoo.com)  
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Comments from: Denise Prichard  
Email from: [deniseprichard@yahoo.com](mailto:deniseprichard@yahoo.com)  
Address:  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

I support the expansion of the definition of a wildlife management structure for species of concern, in particular loons. These wildlife management structures increase the inventory and research capabilities for the protection and restoration of threatened or endangered species. I would like to see these structures used more widely. Thank you.

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**Cc:** [info@downhillmike.com](mailto:info@downhillmike.com)  
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Email from: [info@downhillmike.com](mailto:info@downhillmike.com)  
Address: 862 Del Rey Dr Apt B BOULDER CITY NV 89005  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

Have there been talks of allowing class 1 E-MTBs on state land in the Adirondacks?  
Now with all of the proof that class 1 MTBs do not damage the trails and the success of allowing them on the new Rail Trail, I was wondering how close you are to making a new amendment to allow class 1 E-MTBs on all trails conventional mountain bikes can use.  
Thanks.

**From:** [Rita g. Gordon](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on the Proposed Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan  
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United States

Sincerely,

Rita g. Gordon <[rgg222@gmail.com](mailto:rgg222@gmail.com)>  
15 County Route 26  
Malone, NY 12953

**From:** [Claudia Braymer](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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Sincerely,

Claudia Braymer <[deputydirector@protectadks.org](mailto:deputydirector@protectadks.org)>  
PO Box 2369  
Glens Falls, NY 12801



**From:** [Georgia Jones](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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Sincerely,

Georgia Jones <[georgia11@roadrunner.com](mailto:georgia11@roadrunner.com)>  
8 Grandview Ave  
Lake Placid, NY 12946

**From:** [bruce Krug](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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bruce Krug <[krugvale@frontiernet.net](mailto:krugvale@frontiernet.net)>  
2771 West Road.  
Constableville, NY 13325

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**From:** [Bill](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
**Subject:** Please keep the State Land Master Plan intact  
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To APA,

Keep the State Land Master Plan motor vehicle definition intact (no exclusions for other power-driven mobility devices).

Keep our Wilderness areas wild by maintaining all existing restrictions on use of motor vehicles and motorized equipment, NOT to give DEC discretion to authorize other power-driven mobility devices in all areas managed as Wilderness.

Thank you,

William Roberson  
Brooklyn, NY

cc: Governor Hochul



**From:** [Lawrence](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
**Subject:** State Land Master Plan  
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Hello:

I fully agree with the comments below created by Adirondack Wild, an organization I belong to.

I urge the State to:

1. Keep the State Land Master Plan motor vehicle definition intact (no exclusions for other power-driven mobility devices, or OPDMD).
2. Keep our Wilderness areas wild by maintaining all existing restrictions on use of motor vehicles and motorized equipment, including OPDMD;
3. NOT to give DEC discretion to authorize other power-driven mobility devices (OPDMD) in all areas managed as Wilderness.
- 4.

thank you

Lawrence D'Arco  
1202 Greenwich Dr  
Albany, NY 12203

**From:** [Joan Grabe](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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I am an 85 year old woman with limited mobility and an owner of a lake side home on Upper Saranac Lake which we use in the summer. There are many things i used to do - swimming, kayaking, grocery shopping , going out to dinner etc which I cannot do anymore. So why should this new plan to allow disabled people to use motor vehicles to access the wilderness make any sense at all ? The Wilderness is a physical reality but it is also an idea. For me, the idea suffices. It underwrites any other feeling when I am up on the lake. I have no desire to muscle my pink walker up any mountain path nor do I think hikers need to have to deal with my limitations. No motorized vehicles of any kind in the wilderness ! That was the stated intent. And I wish it would stay preserved.

Joan Grabe  
137 Beaverwood Road  
Saranac Lake, Ny 12983  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Peter Bauer](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on the Proposed Amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan  
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Sincerely,

Peter Bauer <[peb1962@gmail.com](mailto:peb1962@gmail.com)>  
PO Box 167  
Blue Mountain Lake, NY 12812

**From:** [Jeffrey Levitt](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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**Cc:** [jloganbuhl@yahoo.com](mailto:jloganbuhl@yahoo.com)  
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Attn: Megan Phillips  
Comments from: John Loganbuhl  
Email from: [jloganbuhl@yahoo.com](mailto:jloganbuhl@yahoo.com)  
Address: 4062 Preemption Rd. Himrod New York 14842-9721  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

I've spent many summer days ferrying the "Loon Ladies" around Cranberry Lake observing nesting loons. The one floating nest consistently had a successful hatch and "fledge". With proper management floating nests will help strengthen the loon population. I see no issues if nests are placed carefully in areas the loons would normally use shorebased nest sites. With proper camouflage they will hardly be noticeable to human visitors/recreationists. Thank you.

John Loganbuhl



**From:** [James Close](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
**Subject:** Proposed changes to the UMP - Comments  
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I am writing to oppose the proposed changes to the State Land Master Plan which would allow, at the discretion of DEC, certain types of motor vehicles the right to traverse wilderness lands in the Forest Preserve. There is no good reason, even if for “accessibility” purposes, to allow wilderness to be violated by any type of mechanized vehicle under the pretext of “accessibility” allowing people who would otherwise not have access, access. The wilderness must remain inviolate, undisturbed by passing sentiments of diversity, inclusion and equity (if that is what drives this ill-conceived proposal), and should always be approached on ITS own terms, not diluted or diminished for any reason or interest, no matter how well-meaning.

Please reject this proposed change to the State Land Master Plan and keep it intact, without exceptions, with respect to the prohibitions and restrictions regarding motor vehicles.

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*Sent by:*

James E. Close  
3 Brightman Rd  
Mechanicville, NY 12118-2807

518-664-2980

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“I find hope in the darkest of days,  
and focus in the brightest.  
I do not judge the universe.”

- The Dalai Lama

**From:** [Edmund Storsberg](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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Edmund Storsberg <[Storsbergg@gmail.com](mailto:Storsbergg@gmail.com)>  
10903 Prospect Depot Road  
Remsen, New York 13438

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Email from: [Snowflakeferns@gmail.com](mailto:Snowflakeferns@gmail.com)  
Address: 175 River Rd Bloomingdale NY 12913  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

I strongly support the proposed amendments. I believe allowing loon nesting rafts on public DEC properties is a very desirable change that will positively impact our loon populations.

**From:** [Robert Godlewski](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
**Subject:** Motor Vehicles in Wilderness  
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I have been wondering the Adirondack's for over 60 years, keep any type of vehicles out of Wilderness area's!!! Only for rescue needs. If you can't use drones why would even think of this change!!!!

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Bob Godlewski  
1046 Manas Dr  
Rotterdam, N.Y. 12303

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**From:** [Robert Shwajlyk](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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Megan Phillips, Deputy Director of Planning  
Adirondack Park Agency  
PO Box 99  
Ray Brook, NY 12977

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Please accept these public comments on the proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP).

1. People with disabilities should have access to the Forest Preserve in a way that is consistent with Article 14 and the current APSLMP. The proposed definition of OPDMD and other references to OPDMDs should be deleted. DEC should amend Commissioner's Policy 3 to state that OPDMDs may only be used by persons with disabilities and that such use will not be allowed in Wilderness, Primitive or Canoe areas.
2. APA should not amend the APSLMP to give DEC unfettered discretion in allowing the use of OPDMDs because it would allow DEC to fundamentally alter the nature of Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe Areas.
3. APA should clarify the proposed amendments about carrying capacity to ensure that the focus and overriding goal of visitor use management must always be protection of natural resources and ensuring that natural resources are not degraded; it is not the goal of visitor use management to maximize recreational use up to the limit that a particular land or water management unit can withstand.
4. Thank you for acknowledging the importance of incorporating climate change impacts, planning, adaptation and resiliency into the APSLMP's management prescriptions for Forest Preserve lands and waters. APA needs to comply with the CLCPA in its review of private land projects.

Sincerely,

Robert Shwajlyk <march25@nycap.rr.com>  
161 East State St Ext  
Gloversville, New York 12078



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Please copy "APSLMP2024, Deanna DiPofi, [Deedipofi@aol.com](mailto:Deedipofi@aol.com)" into your message for our reference.

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Attn: Megan Phillips  
Comments from: Deanna DiPofi  
Email from: [Deedipofi@aol.com](mailto:Deedipofi@aol.com)  
Address: 2233 NYS Rte 74 TICONDEROGA 12883  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

The master plan needs to be updated to include reopening the eagle lake boat launch. This closure was done with no notification to the residents or advertisement of the public comment period. The boat launch has been in existence for years providing access to the state camp site on the north east side of the lake which is only accessible by boat. Residents of the lake cannot access their property or launch their boats. It is an economic benefit to have the launch open to allow the public to fishing and enjoy the adirondacks especially when the governor is pushing for people to get outdoors. After researching this closure, there are many unanswered questions regarding the impact studies involved and the underlying effects. This closure has impacts on tourism, property values, and quality of life. Many residents are elderly or have impairments which they are unable to lift their boats over the barriers. It appears that this closure is a hindrance rather than for the good of the public. If the apa wants this closed perhaps they would sell the land to the residents of eagle lake. How do all the residents requests a key to the barrier and not just a select few?

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The nys dec and or apa has not followed there own guidelines for regulating what is wilderness and wild forest way before the 2000 era.  
An area that many family's camped in tents was al closed to motor vehicle access because of wrongful classification! Now we spend our money in Pennsylvania!

**From:** [Brendan Murphy](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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For submission to public comment:

Wilderness land (and similar classifications) should be reserved exclusively for the purpose of preservation of natural land and always specifically prohibit any motorized vehicles, and the infrastructure (roads/trails) needed to allow for them. This fact should be held true by virtue of the wilderness designation alone.

For visitors to the wilderness areas, running into or hearing a motor vehicle, or finding an unnaturally large vehicle trail, destroys the immersion experience granted by the wilderness area.

No construction, no vehicles, no trash, no destruction, no permanent evidence of humanity of any kind, on top of the classical "man is only a visitor" philosophy. ADA is great for promoting access for those who otherwise might not have it, but that is not justification to ignore wilderness regulations. Curb cuts and wide parking spaces are great and eventually benefit all, but you would never pave trail up Mt Marcy in the name of "access". To use ADA as grounds to violate wilderness, the closest thing law has to "sacred", would be an unconscionable and potentially irreversible mistake.

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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Utz

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]: utzjeremy@gmail.com

Comments [CMS form submit into Email collection]: We need ski trails,  
glades or zones etc! Prefer tonsee them in wild forest areas.

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Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]: ceborzel@gmail.com

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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Hamelin

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]:

ben.hamelin@yahoo.com

Comments [CMS form submit into Email collection]: I've just started recently exploring backcountry riding in the Adirondacks. Most of my time has previously been spent at resorts or on XC skis. The few trips I've made to places like Azure, Baldface, and Jenkins have been amazing experiences and I can't wait to explore more of these opportunities. I also recognize the increase in participation with this pastime and the potential for it to grow even more. I believe a thoughtful and well researched plan will strengthen the SLMP and formalize the guidelines needed to ensure responsible use and availability of these trails. Thank you for your consideration, Ben Hamelin Bloomingdale, NY  
Created Date [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Wed Nov 06

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First Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Ben

Phone Number [CMS form submit into Email collection]: 5185241952

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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Nye

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]: davidanye@aol.com

Comments [CMS form submit into Email collection]: I support and want  
an amendment added to the state land master plan for back country  
skiing.

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Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]:

[oconnorb@northwoodschoool.org](mailto:oconnorb@northwoodschoool.org)

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First Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: bobby

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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Starr

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]:

maxwellstarr22@gmail.com

Created Date [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Wed Nov 06

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First Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Maxwell

Phone Number [CMS form submit into Email collection]: 6102093533

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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Waalberg

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]:

benjamin.waalberg@gmail.com

Comments [CMS form submit into Email collection]: I believe that low impact backcountry ski zones will be an incredible asset to the Adirondack community as well as attract tourism and boot businesses in surrounding Hamlets. Please consider this amendment to include backcountry ski touring trails.

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Phone Number [CMS form submit into Email collection]: 9734545399

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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Kelley

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]:

scottkelley05@gmail.com

Comments [CMS form submit into Email collection]: The sustainability of the mountains is truly in the eyes of the athletes that explore them. We are the great stewards of the. Park. Opening back country trails removing downed trees for trails so on and so forth will enhance the accessibility and safety of the athletes.. People are going to ski. Let's make it safer . We should always be enhancing the great Adirondack experience. Not setting limits on it.

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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Caprio

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]:

oliviacaprio2@icloud.com

Comments [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Prioritizing safety for hikers and skiers should always be first priority. As a parks and conservation major I am very concerned with the continued preservation of the ADK, but I believe the best option in this case is to allow widening and development of backcountry ski trails.

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Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]: jim.ormsbee@gmail.com

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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Smith

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]:

maciesunshine@gmail.com

Created Date [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Wed Nov 06

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First Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Macie

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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Zientko

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]: zachzientko@gmail.com

Comments [CMS form submit into Email collection]: The pinnacle of what dedicated backcountry ski trails can be while being low impact, low infrastructure, and ecological friendly is the Chic Chocs in Quebec. The Adirondacks can responsibly bring safe back country ski trails to allow for many more lines and participants to access the sport. This will reduce avalanche danger as it gives people experience and gives alternatives to natural slide skiing. Additionally this will continue to bring in varied tourism and support local businesses.

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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Hillman

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]:

douglashillman@hotmail.com

Comments [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Backcountry ski trails would be an incredible benefit for health and recreation. It would bring money into the communities and help foster a grassroots community of likeminded folks that love the Adirondacks. The mountains in this state are truly majestic and this form of foot powered travel gets the end user into some of the most stunningly beautiful terrain imaginable. Vermont and New Hampshire are ahead of our state in regards to promoting backcountry skiing, and as a citizen that uses the few trails available I truly believe this would be a positive use of state resources.

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Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]:

keenan@fountainsquareoutfitters.com

Comments [CMS form submit into Email collection]: With far less environmental impact than a hiking trail the adirondacks can become a premier destination for backcountry skiing, one of the only categories of skiing that's still growing in this country. It's safer than having hikers and skiers share the same trails. It would be good for the outdoor recreation industry in the area as well as hospitality industry. Less downside than the poorly maintained hiking trails we already have.

Created Date [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Thu Nov 07 2024  
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First Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Keenan

Phone Number [CMS form submit into Email collection]: 5183211164



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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Capozzi

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]: capozzi@oswego.edu

Created Date [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Thu Nov 07 2024  
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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Peterson

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]:

peteraustinson@gmail.com

Comments [CMS form submit into Email collection]: I want an amendment added to the State Land Master Plan for backcountry ski touring trails!

Created Date [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Thu Nov 07 2024 07:59:56 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

First Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Austin

Phone Number [CMS form submit into Email collection]: 5186884168

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Updated Date [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Thu Nov 07  
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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Tubbs

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]: gish13578@gmail.com

Comments [CMS form submit into Email collection]: I would love to see more dedicated backcountry ski trails. If skiers and snowshoers had separate maintained trails on steep terrain it would be safer and more enjoyable for everyone.

Created Date [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Thu Nov 07 2024  
13:51:06 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

First Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Jacob

Phone Number [CMS form submit into Email collection]: 5185937731

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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Etheridge

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]: etheridge989@aol.com

Comments [CMS form submit into Email collection]: This is an opportunity to help the economic and health of rural communities across NYS. Please consider this has been done successfully across New England over the last 10 years and is consistent with land use policy many decades old in NYS. Stop debating and take action for the people in our great state of NY. Sincerely, Paul Etheridge

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First Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Paul

Phone Number [CMS form submit into Email collection]: 7168124059

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Updated Date [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Thu Nov 07 2024 17:20:15 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Studenroth

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]: iamportia@gmail.com

Created Date [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Thu Nov 07 2024 17:20:15 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

First Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Portia

Phone Number [CMS form submit into Email collection]: 5188527092

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Updated Date [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Thu Nov 07 2024 19:18:57 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Hallinger

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]: aahski@yahoo.com

Created Date [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Thu Nov 07 2024 19:18:57 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

First Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Arthur

Phone Number [CMS form submit into Email collection]: (908) 625-5466

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Updated Date [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Thu Nov 07 2024 21:31:14 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Battin

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]: jaynebattin@gmail.com

Comments [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Backcountry ski touring trails might be the old school hippie form of snowmobile trails. "We got our own gas, man. Low impact recreation opportunities are the key to the future, dude." An amendment to the SLMP is a no-brainer, please make it happen!

Created Date [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Thu Nov 07 2024 21:31:14 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

First Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Jayne

Phone Number [CMS form submit into Email collection]: 5185657626

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**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
**Subject:** APSLMP amendments  
**Date:** Friday, November 8, 2024 7:24:38 AM

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The idea of allowing any motorized vehicles into wilderness is madness, and completely contrary to preservation of all that is most valuable about the Adirondacks. The damage even mountain bikes do to trails is undesirable; they tear up the ground, create accelerated paths for runoff, and are inherently dangerous to anyone on foot unfortunate enough to be sharing a trail with them. Do you think a wilderness or preserve experience will be enhanced by having to share it with golf carts or other motorized vehicles permissible under the proposed changes (which I suspect are deliberately vague)? The additional air, water and noise pollution, wear and tear on trails and enforcement issues cannot be justified by any putative inclusive access rationale. If we are to preserve what is best and most valuable in the Adirondacks - the biome itself, its climate change-inhibiting effects, its value as a resource of clean, fresh water - then the less uncontrolled disturbance it sees, the better. Amendments like this open the door to further exploitation of a natural system that is already in danger of being "loved to death". It is both short-sighted and damaging, and should not be enacted.

Diana Stahl  
Keeseville NY

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**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
**Cc:** [geopod11@yahoo.com](mailto:geopod11@yahoo.com)  
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Comments from: George McHugh  
Email from: [geopod11@yahoo.com](mailto:geopod11@yahoo.com)  
Address: 437 State Highway 11C Winthrop NY 13697  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

I'm in favor of the proposal being approved.

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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Robinson

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]:  
danrobinson00@gmail.com

Comments [CMS form submit into Email collection]: I want the  
amendment! I want ski trails and glades added to the SLMP

Created Date [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Fri Nov 08 2024  
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First Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Dan

Phone Number [CMS form submit into Email collection]: 5185364378

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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Starr

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]: starrdave@gmail.com

Comments [CMS form submit into Email collection]: We need more ski trails in the backcountry. If you can add hotels then you can add ski trails.

Created Date [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Fri Nov 08 2024  
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First Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: David

Phone Number [CMS form submit into Email collection]: 5853149876

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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Soroka

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]: LSoroka48@gmail.com

Comments [CMS form submit into Email collection]: There lots of reasons for a backcountry ski amendment to the State Land Master Plan. Primary among them, in my view, is the changing nature of recreation over time. We know more about impact and use than in the past, we have data that supports this, and

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First Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Larry

Phone Number [CMS form submit into Email collection]: 518=570-9159

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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Bollinger

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]: mtbmikeb@gmail.com

Comments [CMS form submit into Email collection]: As a NY taxpayer, I would love to see more of my donation going into the development and management of more trails. Especially winter accessible touring trails!

Created Date [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Fri Nov 08 2024  
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First Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Michael

Phone Number [CMS form submit into Email collection]: 5186699886

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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Budlong

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]: pjbudlong@aol.com

Comments [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Spend less time killing pet squirrels, more Time proving relatively harmless access to back country skiers. Please

Created Date [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Fri Nov 08 2024

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First Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Paul

Phone Number [CMS form submit into Email collection]: 5188529312

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Updated Date [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Fri Nov 08 2024  
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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Tyler

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]:

katiet\_gunks@yahoo.com

Comments [CMS form submit into Email collection]: I would like to see backcountry ski trails. I see first hand how trails that are skied on only in the winter (I.e. Indian Falls Ski Trail ) show no impact at all in the off season months. There are no trails shared with hikers that aren't potholed every single day , no matter the snow depth. Backcountry skiing is only getting more popular , more people going to the peaks to do it , it is time we had some of our own trails

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First Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Katie

Phone Number [CMS form submit into Email collection]: 5185244319



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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Eaton

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]: ttree68@gmail.com

Comments [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Lived here since I was 16 and a strong outdoor enthusiast. Skiing and snowboarding in the backcountry are super low impact activities and fit week with the historical and modern day use of the forest preserve. Please evolve the language in the regulations to allow for expanded wintertime foot travel in our glorious mountains!! Thanks!

Created Date [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Fri Nov 08 2024  
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First Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Tyler

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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Sills

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]: insills@msn.com

Comments [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Backup try skiing,  
as hiking, should be part of activities done and encouraged in all NYS  
lands including all areas protected as .wilderness.

Created Date [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Fri Nov 08 2024  
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First Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Irene

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**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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To whom it may concern:

As proposed, the SLMP motor vehicle definition would now permit “other power driven mobility devices” on Wilderness , Primitive or Canoe areas. However use of motorized vehicles is expressly prohibited by the Master Plan and DEC regulations part 196 which prohibits use of any motor vehicles on any Wild Forest Trail.

As proposed, the amendment would destroy the very character of Wilderness : a cornerstone of the Master Plan. Use of ATVs or golf carts would fundamentally alter the Adirondack Forest Preserve.

The only place ATV or golf carts class of OPDMD should be authorized is on Forest Preserve roads signed as open to motor vehicles or on roads exclusively for persons with disabilities under CP-3.

Respectfully,

Monnie Newman

7 Morehouse Dr

Ticonderoga NY 12883



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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Snyder

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]: dws1972@gmail.com

Created Date [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Sun Nov 10 2024  
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First Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: DANIEL

Phone Number [CMS form submit into Email collection]: 9199435014

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Last Name [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Snyder

Email [CMS form submit into Email collection]: dws1972@gmail.com

Comments [CMS form submit into Email collection]: Please allow the  
Adirondack powder skiers Association to build and maintain  
backcountry ski trails in the Adirondack Park.

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**Adirondack Park Agency**

Attn: Megan Phillips  
1133 NYS Route 86  
P.O. Box 99  
Ray Brook, NY 12977

Dear Members of the Adirondack Park Agency,

I am writing to you as a member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of one of America's most historically significant sites. Our mission is to ensure the protection and recognition of the Lake George Battlefield Park, which holds an important place in our nation's history.

I respectfully request that the Adirondack Park Agency consider an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan (SLUMP) to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground within the listing of State-owned properties classified as "Historic." I believe this designation is crucial in safeguarding these properties by minimizing the potential for topographical alterations, while preserving their scenic, natural, and open space qualities. A Historic classification would not only preserve the integrity of these sites, but also enhance the state's stewardship, prioritizing historic preservation over recreational development.

The Lake George Battlefield Park is a National Register of Historic Places-listed property, officially recognized as the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District. This designation clearly meets the eligibility criteria set forth by the APA for inclusion in the "Historic" classification. These sites were pivotal locations during both the French & Indian War and the American Revolution, and their historical significance extends far beyond regional importance. They are an essential part of our national heritage, deserving of the protections afforded by a Historic classification.

In conclusion, I urge the Adirondack Park Agency to act on this request and grant the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground the Historic designation they rightfully deserve. This step will ensure the long-term protection of these critical historic sites for future generations.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Kathy Taylor

Don Pompliano  
Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance



**From:** [Greg Keefer](#)  
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I write to request that the APA insert an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of State-owned facilities classified as "Historic " properties within the Adirondack Park. I believe that a Historic classification will help protect these properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, and open space attributes. The change in classification would also facilitate the State's enhanced stewardship of the property to reflect a prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation. The location is a National Register of Historic Places-listed property referenced as the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District, and clearly meets eligibility requirements for the APA's Historic classification.

These sites were the locations of key events during the French & Indian War and the American Revolution, are important elements of our national heritage, and are deserving of the additional protections that the Historic designation will afford.

Best,

Greg Keefer

**From:** [Gary Moon](#)  
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Ms. Phillips:

As a dedicated member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the not-for-profit organization devoted to supporting and preserving one of America's most significant historical sites, I am reaching out to request your consideration of an important matter.

I urge the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) to amend the State Land Use Master Plan to reclassify the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground as “Historic” properties within the Adirondack Park. Such a designation would greatly enhance the protection of these historically rich sites, ensuring that they remain safeguarded from unnecessary topographical modifications while preserving their natural beauty, scenic vistas, and open spaces.

The shift to a Historic classification would not only help maintain the integrity of these lands but would also prioritize the State’s efforts in stewardship toward historic preservation rather than focusing solely on recreational use. Given that the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District is already listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it is clear that these sites meet the APA’s criteria for Historic designation.

These grounds are far more than just landscapes; they are the settings of pivotal events during the French & Indian War and the American Revolution. As key elements of our national heritage, they deserve the enhanced protections that a Historic designation would provide. It is essential that we take steps now to ensure their preservation for future generations, honoring their legacy and the stories they hold.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Gary Moon  
Lake George, NY

**From:** [Keith Rouleau](#)  
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Dr. Ms. Phillips,

My name is Keith Rouleau.

I am a member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the not-for-profit "friends group" that supports and promotes the preservation of one of America's most hallowed grounds.

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Regards,

Keith Rouleau  
([rouleaukeith@aol.com](mailto:rouleaukeith@aol.com))

My contact information is:

Keith Rouleau  
13849 Springstone Drive  
Clifton, VA 20124

Cell #: (248) 207-4587

**From:** [Mona Seeger](#)  
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Mona Seeger  
Resident of Lake George

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Bruce Trimper  
Rotterdam NY



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Thank you

James Hranick  
Global Treasury Services, LLC  
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**Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue.**

**Robert Shwajlyk  
161 East State St Ext  
Gloversville, NY 12078  
518-774-9554**

**From:** [Zarcuws](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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**To: Megan Phillips, Adirondack Park Agency**

Hello.

I am a trustee and officer in The French & Indian War Society at Lake George, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation. Moreover, I am a regulator contributor of articles that are published in the LAKE GEORGE MIRROR newspaper on topics related to Lake George-area history and archaeology.

I am writing to you to ask that the Adirondack Park Agency insert an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan. That amendment would include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of State-owned facilities classified as "Historic " properties within the Adirondack Park.

This would certainly help as a "Historic" classification would better preserve these noteworthy sites. The classification change would facilitate the State's stewardship of the grounds and would likely prioritize the properties as historic rather than for recreation. These grounds are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and thus they certainly meet all eligibility requirements for the APA's "Historic" classification.

Both sites played integral roles during the French & Indian War (1755–1763) and the American Revolution (1775–1783), and are certainly deserving of the additional protections that the "Historic" designation would provide.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to voice my support for this classification change ("Historic") for Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground. I'm sure if the local citizenry were polled they would overwhelmingly support this classification amendment, too.

Respectfully,

Joseph W. Zarzynski, RPA (Register of Professional Archaeologists)  
P.O. Box 2134  
Wilton, New York 12831

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zarcuws@aol.com

**From:** [Michael G Mulshine](#)  
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Thanks,  
Michael G Mulshine  
24 Fox Hollow Lane  
Queensbury, NY 12804

**From:** [David Haugh](#)  
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Ms. Megan Phillips of the APA

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Regards,  
David



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**From:** [Robert Schutte](#)  
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Thank you.

Robert Schutte

**From:** [Exec Director](#)  
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Dear Megan Phillips,

I am a member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the not-for-profit "friends group" that supports and promotes the preservation of one of America's most hallowed grounds. I also serve as the Executive Director of the Warren County Historical Society (WCHS), which is also a member of the Alliance.

I am writing to you to request that the APA insert an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of State-owned facilities classified as "Historic" properties within the Adirondack Park. I, and the WCHS, believe that a Historic classification will help protect these properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, and open space attributes. The change in classification would also facilitate the State's enhanced stewardship of the property to reflect a prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation. The location is a National Register of Historic Places - listed property referenced as the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District, and clearly meets eligibility requirements for the APA's Historic classification.

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I and the Warren County Historical Society are pleased to advocate in favor of this "Historic" designation.

Sincerely,

Teri Rogers  
Executive Director  
Warren County Historical Society  
50 Gurney Lane, Queensbury, NY 12804  
[execdir@wcnyhs.org](mailto:execdir@wcnyhs.org)  
518-743-0734

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Teri Rogers  
Executive Director  
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Attn: Megan Phillips  
Comments from: Karen LaRocque  
Email from: [larock1505@aol.com](mailto:larock1505@aol.com)  
Address: 30 Starbuck Dr Unit 408 Green Island NY 12183  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

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Thank you for your consideration.



**From:** [Alison Williams](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
**Subject:** Project APSLMP2024; Adirondack Park Agency ; Megan Phillips  
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**Good Morning,**

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Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,  
Alison Williams  
1017 Eagens Creek  
Oviedo, FL 32765

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Email [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: juliealoving13@gmail.com

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: We have trails for hiking, biking, atvs, snowmobiles, etc. We should have trails for backcountry skiing. Organizations in VT, NH, and various other states have shown us that this can be done in a thoughtful and respectful way; providing access to backcountry skiing while maintaining our natural, wild land. Please consider making an amendment for backcountry skiers. Thank you.

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Please copy "APSLMP2024, Kevin M Bronner, Ph.D., [kbronnrsr@gmail.com](mailto:kbronnrsr@gmail.com)" into your message for our reference.

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Attn: Megan Phillips  
Comments from: Kevin M Bronner, Ph.D.  
Email from: [kbronnrsr@gmail.com](mailto:kbronnrsr@gmail.com)  
Address: 4 Georgian Terrace Loudonville NY 12211  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

Please classify the Lake George Battlefield Park and the adjacent Lake George Battlefield as Historic Use property.

I am a member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance and I have visited the Lake George Battlefield Park since the late 1950s. The Adirondack Park Agency (APA) should insert an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan to classify the property at the Lake George Battlefield and the adjacent campground as "Historic Use" property.

This designation will provide additional protection to the historic site from alterations and it will help to enhance the enjoyment of the many visitors to the park yearly.

The Lake George Battlefield Park is a site of enormous historic value. During Colonial times it represented the border between the French Empire and the British Empire in the Lake George Region. Many key events during the French and Indian War and in the American Revolutionary War occurred at the site.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in this proceeding.

Kevin M. Bronner, Ph.D.  
4 Georgian Terrace  
Loudonville, NY 12211

Member: Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance; The Albany Institute of History and Art; The Town of Colonie Historical Society; The Cherry Valley New York Museum.

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Comments from: Kathleen Moench  
Email from: [kado.moench@gmail.com](mailto:kado.moench@gmail.com)  
Address:  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

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Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

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Dear Megan,

I am a life-time member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the not-for-profit "friends group" that supports and promotes the preservation of one of America's most hallowed grounds. I write to request that the **Lake George Battlefield Park** be classified as “**Historic Use**” under the **Adirondack Park Agency (APA) State Land Use Management Plan** rather than its current classification of "Intensive Use". Historic events during the French & Indian War and the American Revolution happened here and are important elements of our national heritage deserving of the additional protections that the “**Historic Use**” designation will afford.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Lotna

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Attn: Megan Phillips  
Comments from: David Pisaneschi  
Email from: [dapadk@gmail.com](mailto:dapadk@gmail.com)  
Address: 180 South Main Avenue New York 12208-2409  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

November 12, 2024

180 South Main Avenue  
Albany, NY 12208

RE: ASLMP Draft Amendments

Megan Phillips, Deputy Director of Planning  
Adirondack Park Agency  
PO Box 99  
Ray Brook, NY 12977  
(518) 891-4050

Dear Ms. Phillips:

Thank you for allowing me to comment on the proposed Adirondack State Land Master Plan (ASLMP) Amendments. While I understand the need for handicapped access, I am completely opposed to the weakening of any existing protection of the Forest Preserve, particularly related to Wilderness areas. At the workshop years ago, John Banta, who was then the APA attorney, stated that "The Forest Preserve should be a refuge from technology." This made a lot of sense to me. NY has a State Park System which can facilitate handicapped access. So can DEC Campgrounds within the Forest Preserve. There's also the Galusha agreement and the CP-3 program. Furthermore, motorized access is permitted in Wild Forest areas. Consequently, I see no reason to compromise our Wilderness areas in the Adirondacks. Wilderness is rare and precious. A place can either be Wilderness or ADA compliant. It cannot be both. Finally, there's no reason for these proposed amendments since neither the APA nor DEC have given any public evidence that the U.S. Justice Dept. is forcing the APA to amend the ASLMP to comply with federal ADA rules. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely

David A Pisaneschi



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Email [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: rifraf2017@gmail.com

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: This proposed amendment to our state land master plan would be a wonderful asset to the backcountry skiers without creating any adverse effects within the forest preserve. As an avid Backcountry skier and environmentalist I fully support this proposed amendment.

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Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: I want an amendment added to the State Land Master Plan for backcountry ski touring trails!

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**Sincerely,**

**The Sabatini Family**

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Email from: [jbonvil1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jbonvil1@nycap.rr.com)  
Address: 1428 Kania Rd Amsterdam NY 12010  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

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Attn: Megan Phillips  
Comments from: Cynthia Patenaude  
Email from: [cindypatenaude@gmail.com](mailto:cindypatenaude@gmail.com)  
Address: 62A Upper Newtown Rd Mechanicville NY 12118  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

I think we risk losing what makes the Adirondacks unique if we open primitive and wilderness lands to motorized access. Federal law makes exceptions when access would fundamentally change an area such as this. We already have too few wild areas, and there are plenty of areas that are accessible. Not every place has to be. As it is, there are few waterways where one can escape the sounds of motors, and few areas where one can hike without hearing traffic and other sounds of our modern world. While I empathize, those seeking access to more areas gain nothing if those areas cease to exist.

**From:** [sandra alves](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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Dear Ms. Phillips,

I am writing to you to express my opposition to the proposed changes to the State Land Master Plan. First and foremost, whenever discussing and/or making decisions to the beautiful Adirondack Park, the designation of 'Forever Wild' should always be at the forefront (State Constitution (Article XIV)). The NYS Court of Appeals just upheld Article XIV in 2021. The Adirondacks is a place of rarity and increasing uniqueness in this world. NYS stands to be the benefactor of this distinction, both environmentally and financially, if we stay on that path.

The State Land Master Plan motor vehicle definition must be kept intact (no exclusions for other power-driven mobility devices, or OPDMD). Fossil fuel vehicles make pollution. There is no argument to that fact. Increasing the volume of motor vehicles increases the detrimental effects. If there are no limits, how does it stay wild?

Leaving this decision to the discretion of the DEC, takes the power from other agencies. The decision making power goes to the few who choose where these motorized devices can drive. Where would be the accountability?

Although not required by federal Americans with Disabilities Act for NYS to make any changes, the Park has already made great inroads for accessibility. Accessible Adirondack Tourism offers great opportunities for people with disabilities to enjoy the Adirondacks while keeping with the stewardship of the land. We should continue in this visionary direction.

The Adirondack Park Agency (APA) should be striving to strengthen protection and preservation of the natural resources of the Adirondack Park's state lands, known as the Adirondack Forest Preserve. This is my hope, which I fundamentally believe we must all share.

Kind regards,  
Sandra Alves

**From:** [Hank Clark](#)  
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After reading only a few books about our local history here in the Lake George area, history that I can only describe as astounding, I'm dismayed to find my friends and neighbors know little or nothing of these momentous events that have shaped our lives.

As a result, our children and grandchildren find no particular pride in their communities, don't invest in building them up, and simply move away.

I hope you will support every effort made by the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance to preserve and enhance our historic sites.

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November 11, 2024

Megan Phillips,

As a member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, I am concerned about protecting the key battlegrounds in the Lake George Park.

We need an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan to clearly identify both the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground as historic properties.

These properties need to be protected, by virtue of their historic significance in both the French and Indian War and the American Revolution, from any alterations that would disturb their current state, or, worse yet, contribute to their further deterioration.

Additional recreational development within the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District might jeopardize any qualification as a registered historic place and would be short-sighted, especially as we plan for the upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Revolution and the opportunity to provide as much verisimilitude as possible.

Hoping we can count on your support,

Jane Murphy  
14 Hudson Avenue  
Apt. 512  
Glens Falls NY 12801

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Attn: Megan Phillips  
Comments from: Timothy Montville  
Email from: [tmontville@twcnv.rr.com](mailto:tmontville@twcnv.rr.com)  
Address: NY 13360  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

Unfortunately, this will open up a can of worms that will be never ending. Please note my wishes for the law to remain the same and unchanged.

**From:** [Alan Porter](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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Dear Ms. Phillips,

I am a member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the not-for-profit "friends group" that supports and promotes the preservation of one of America's most hallowed grounds.

I write to request that the APA insert an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of State-owned facilities classified as "Historic" properties within the Adirondack Park. I believe that a Historic classification will help protect these properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, and open space attributes. The change in classification would also facilitate the State's enhanced stewardship of the property to reflect a prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation. The location is a National Register of Historic Places-listed property referenced as the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District, and it clearly meets the eligibility requirements for the APA's Historic classification.

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Sincerely,

Alan C. Porter  
2918 Olive St NW  
Washington, DC 20007

**From:** [Linda Hales](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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Dear Ms. Phillips and the APA:

I am writing in behalf of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance to request that the APA insert an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and the Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of State-owned facilities classified as "Historic" properties within the Adirondack Park. These areas need additional protection and maintenance, to preserve them for future generations. Notable battles and events of the French and Indian War and the American Revolution occurred on these sites.

As a teacher, I brought students to this area to reinforce their learning and deepen their experience. Today, I bring friends and acquaintances to the area to further educate them and augment their appreciation for our ancestor's sacrifices and efforts to ensure our freedom.

Thank you for your effort in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Linda Hales

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Attn: Megan Phillips  
Comments from: Gillian Burdett  
Email from: [adkchair@gmail.com](mailto:adkchair@gmail.com)  
Address: 9 Ridge Avenue Warrensburg NY 12885  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

I request that the APA amend the State Land Use Master Plan to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of State-owned facilities classified as "Historic " properties within the Adirondack Park. I believe a Historic classification will help protect these important properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving artifacts from the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. The change in classification would also facilitate the State's enhanced stewardship of the property to reflect a prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation. Lake George Battlefield Park is a National Register of Historic Places-listed property referenced as the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District and meets eligibility requirements for the APA's Historic classification.



**From:** [Jim V.](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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I wish to express my support for changing the category of the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campgrounds to "Historic Use". This is clearly more appropriate when consideration is given to the historic importance of these sites and the improved support that would be provided.

I am currently an active member of the Town of Horicon Historical Society, and thus very interested in understanding and promoting the history of the eastern Adirondacks.

Jim Ventura  
[venturajim@verizon.net](mailto:venturajim@verizon.net)

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I am writing to request that the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) insert an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of State-owned facilities classified as “historic” properties within the Adirondack Park.

I am a member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the not-for-profit “friends group” that supports and promotes the preservation of this important hallowed ground in America, and in particular, in the Adirondacks. Significant work has been done to preserve this property, promote the history associated with this battlefield, and to continue the archaeological explorations to further advance the historical records of this site.

I believe that a Historic classification will further assist the progress already made in protecting these properties by minimizing topographic alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, and open space attributes. The change in classification would also facilitate the State’s enhanced stewardship of the property to reflect prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation. This location is a National Register of Historic Places-listed property referenced as the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District, and clearly meets eligibility requirements for the APA’s Historic classification. These sites were the locations of key events in both the French and Indian War and the American Revolution and are deserving of the additional protections that the APA Historic designation will afford.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Janet Early  
7824 State Route 8  
Brant Lake, N.Y. 12815  
[janet.early.je@gmail.com](mailto:janet.early.je@gmail.com)

**From:** [Dave Forshay](#)  
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Greetings.

I am a member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the nonprofit "friends group" that supports and promotes the preservation of one of America's most hallowed grounds.

I am writing to request that the APA insert an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of State-owned facilities classified as "Historic" properties within the Adirondack Park.

It is my belief that a Historic classification will help protect these properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, and open space attributes. The change in classification would also facilitate the State's enhanced stewardship of the property to reflect a prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation. The location is a National Register of Historic Places-listed property referenced as the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District, and clearly meets eligibility requirements for the APA's Historic classification.

These sites were the locations of key events during the French & Indian War and the American Revolution, events that are important elements of our national heritage. They are certainly deserving of the additional protections that the Historic designation will afford. Please protect them.

Thank you

Richard P. Leach MD.

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Attn: Megan Phillips  
Comments from: Robert S. Horn  
Email from: [Hornrobert45@yahoo.com](mailto:Hornrobert45@yahoo.com)  
Address: 29 Cedar Lane Lake George NY 12845  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

I am a supporter of the LG Battlefield Alliance. I am requesting that the LG Battlefield Park and the LG Battlefield Campground be listed in the state owned facilities classified as "Historic". These two areas are an important part of NY history and should be managed at the Historic level of care.  
Thank you, Robert Horn

**From:** [Hauburger, Noreen](#)  
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**Noreen Hauburger MSN RN**

Nurse Specialist, Clinical Outcomes  
Emergency Department



**Glens Falls Hospital**





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To those concerned:

I am writing you in response to the following message I received from the Lake George Battlefield Alliance:

**For reasons we've never understood, Lake George Battlefield Park and the adjacent Lake George Battleground Campground are not classified in the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) State Land Use Management Plan as "Historic Use", the category in which the Crown Point Historic Site, the Santanoni Preserve, and the John Brown Farm have been placed.** Our Lake George historic site clearly meets all the criteria for this designation by New York State, including its listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Having grown up in the village of Lake George, and as a school child brought to this park several times for various outings, I was impressed by the physical evidence of our important history. The three bronze monuments were the only professionally created artworks I encountered until I went away to college. The Native American bronze fountain was a particular fascination during these formative years and contributed greatly to my pursuit of a career as a sculptor.

It is sad for me to now visit the park and see the lack of resources impacting the care and maintenance of these works as well as the fort's remains. It is my hope you will support including the park in the APA State Land Use Management Plan as "Historic Use" and toward that success you may call upon me for any support I might lend to your efforts.

Thank you for your consideration

Dan George  
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I am writing to register my opposition to alterations to the State Land Use Master Plan to allow the use of other power-driven mobility devices (OPDMDs) in areas designated as wilderness. The wilderness areas of the New York State Forest Preserve represent a limited and precious resource, and one that is easily degraded.

I have no doubt that people with disabilities value wilderness in the same way that I do, and I suggest that enhanced access to backcountry areas not in the wilderness category (Wild Forest, etc.) is a fair alternative.

It can be argued that allowing OPDMDs to be used by a small number of people in a few additional places will not have a significant impact on wilderness values. But my experience over the past few years is that our wilderness areas are under relentless pressure. The practicalities of allowing OPDMD access will require special grooming of trails and that will increase the illegal use of those areas by ATVs, eBikes and more. I realize that it's not fair to argue that illegal use by some should limit use by disabled persons but the reality is that allowing OPDMDs in wilderness areas will be open to abuse and any place where motorized vehicles can go, they will go.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kent Stanton  
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Long Lake NY 12847  
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**From:** [Erin Maggi](#)  
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**Warm regards,  
Erin and Gary Maggi  
Lake George Resident**



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Address:  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

Do not change the rules and ruin the forest

**From:** [Siobhan Hart](#)  
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Dear Megan Phillips,

I am a member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the not-for-profit "friends group" that supports and promotes the preservation of one of America's most hallowed grounds. I am also an archaeologist and Professor of Anthropology at Skidmore College and have conducted archaeological research in the Lake George Battlefield State Park.

I write to request that the APA insert an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of State-owned facilities classified as "Historic " properties within the Adirondack Park. I believe that a Historic classification will help protect these properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, and open space attributes. The change in classification would also facilitate the State's enhanced stewardship of the property to reflect a prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation. The location is a National Register of Historic Places-listed property referenced as the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District, and clearly meets eligibility requirements for the APA's Historic classification.

These sites were the locations of key events during the French & Indian War and the American Revolution, are important elements of our national heritage, and are deserving of the additional protections that the Historic designation will afford. The intact archaeological resources in the park deserve to be treated as historic resources.

Sincerely,  
Siobhan Hart

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Siobhan M. Hart, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor and Chair  
Anthropology Department  
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Deputy Director Megan Phillips,  
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RE: Adirondack Park Agency State Land Use Master Plan Amendments - Public Comment

Dear Deputy Director Phillips:

We are approaching the eve of the United States Semiquincentennial, the 250th anniversary of our nation's birth through revolution. That good fight was fought here in New York along our Independence Trail, from Fort Chambly in Quebec, Canada, to the borough of Staten Island. Among the most contested and hallowed grounds of that trail are two in Lake George, New York. In particular, I speak to you of the Lake George Battlefield Park and the lands of the Lake George Battleground Campgrounds.

I am a member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the not-for-profit "friends group" that supports and promotes the preservation of these most hallowed grounds. I write to request that the APA amend the State Land Use Master Plan to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of State-owned facilities classified as "Historic" properties within the Adirondack Park so that their place along Independence Trail will be duly recognized.

I am informed and I believe that a Historic classification will help protect these properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, and open space attributes. The change in classification would also facilitate the State's enhanced stewardship of the property to reflect a prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation.

These sites are truly and most deserving of the additional protections that the Historic designation will afford.

Thank you for your courteous consideration of this request.

Respectfully Yours,

Edward Pontacoloni, Esq.

**From:** [Terry Curtin](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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**Megan**

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**Terry Curtin**

**From:** [james ciborski](mailto:james.ciborski@gmail.com)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
**Subject:** Project APSLMP2024; Adirondack Park Agency; Megan Phillips  
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Ms. Phillips:

I am a member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the not-for-profit "friends group" that supports and promotes the preservation of one of America's most hallowed grounds and one of New York State's most significant colonial military sites.

Although I no longer live in the state, I continue to appreciate and support the preservation of New York's history. Because of my military service I lived in Plattsburgh and Rome four times, later retiring in Plattsburgh. Those many years in New York gave me a great appreciation of the incredible cultural, scenic, and historic assets of the region. There is no place like the Adirondacks! Its historic sites are a tremendous tourist attraction and deserve careful preservation under the laws.

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Former Clinton County Historian

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Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Skiing in the Adirondack back country should be preserved and maintained. The recreation is low impact to the environment, and provides people a connection to the outdoors that is very unique to the character of the Adirondack park. I would like to see BackCountry Ski Touring Trails in the Adirondacks on NYS Forest Preserve Lands in both Wilderness and Wild Forest Classifications.

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Paul Tackett

**Tourism Coordinator**

**Warren County Tourism Department**

**518.761.6369    [VisitLakeGeorge.com](http://VisitLakeGeorge.com)**

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The DEC and APA should be considering the current and projected potential for Search and Rescue incidents on public lands within the park, and designing and maintaining access routes that allow responders to safely and effectively execute rescues in high traffic areas. Currently, emergency response is not considered anywhere within the SLMP or UMP process.

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Attn: Megan Phillips  
Comments from: Logan Quinn  
Email from: [Logantquinn22@yahoo.com](mailto:Logantquinn22@yahoo.com)  
Address: North Hudson 12855  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

I have a couple of suggestions that could help the state manage overuse.

1) create a buffer zone off road ways before classifying land wilderness. 10 foot of the DOT right-a-way does not have the qualities of wilderness. It is full of traffic and noise. By creating a buffer zone of a 1/4 mile from the road the DEC could put in parking lots that are not directly on the road increasing pedestrian and traffic safety.

2) classify meadows lane in the town of North Elba as intensive use. This area is slammed with use and parking along the Loj road continues to be a nightmare while a private NGO reaps the financial benefits of the people's land. If meadows lane was intensive use, it could become a campground and parking whose revenue would go back to the state rather than allowing ADK to have a monopoly on the state's resources.

**From:** [noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov](mailto:noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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Please copy "APSLMP2024, Jonah Spivak, [jonahspivak@gmail.com](mailto:jonahspivak@gmail.com)" into your message for our reference.

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Attn: Megan Phillips  
Comments from: Jonah Spivak  
Email from: [jonahspivak@gmail.com](mailto:jonahspivak@gmail.com)  
Address: 129 Johnson Hill Rd Hoosick Falls NY 12090  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

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**From:** [MARGARET Mannix](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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Good morning,

I am writing today to express my support of the reclassification of Lake George Battlefield Park from "intensive use" to Historic classification.

In the late 1800's The Society for Colonial Wars and the newly formed Lake George Historical Association, both understanding the historic nature of this land, would influence New York State to purchase the property. Throughout the next one hundred plus years, archeological studies have taken place which unearthed many significant historic findings. Reclassification would enable the state to enhance the park and preserve the important historic significance that lies within the property.

Thank you for your attention to this,

Sincerely,

Margaret Mannix

Municipal Historian for the Town and Village of Lake George.

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Email [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: dominic.eisinger@gmail.com

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: There is much successful precedent for backcountry ski trials on State and Federal lands in VT and NH. There is a roadmap for this and its time for it to be implemented in the ADKs.

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The Adirondack Park needs a comprehensive plan for accessibility and accessible features. This is right and responsible, both for all people and for the natural resources and wilderness values of the Adirondack Park. The current practice of determining OPDMD on a case-by-case basis must not continue. An OPDMD policy must be created.

Regarding other proposed changes, I support the use of the Visitor Use Management Framework as the preferred tool for determining the amount and types of use suitable for a unit, but only if that tool explicitly includes ecological, physical, and social components, measurements, and metrics. Any study that does not include all aspects is fundamentally incomplete.

I also greatly appreciate the proposed change in the APSLMP that would require planning and analysis related to climate change vulnerabilities in Unit Management Plans.

Sincerely,

Cathy Pedler  
78 Provoost Place  
Delmar, NY 12054-5108

**From:** [Edward](#)  
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Edward F. Landry  
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**From:** [Edward Kearnan](#)  
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Thank You,  
Edward Kearnan

**From:** [Colin Powers](#)  
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5. The proposed language that states that "[l]evels of time and resources to fulfill this commitment should be proportional to the significance of impacts" should be deleted. DEC must dedicate the time and resources necessary to conduct carrying capacity assessments properly and completely in the development of UMPs
6. Thank you for acknowledging the importance of incorporating climate change impacts, planning, adaptation and resiliency into the APSLMP's management prescriptions for Forest Preserve lands and waters. APA needs to comply with the CLCPA in its review of private land projects.

Sincerely,

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Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Backcountry skiing is a vital part of recreation in the Adirondacks. It allows users to access the beauty of this states protected wilderness in the winter and snow, all without the use of a motor. It brings more winter users to areas that depend on tourism for their local economies. Adding backcountry skiing to the State Land Master Plan would allow for real trail maintenance of backcountry ski trails and allow for more accessibility for everyone. Please consider all the benefits this could bring the state. Thank you.



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As an almost 80 year old life long hiker, climber, explorer and lover of our Adirondack and Catskill Forest Preserve lands, I understand the correctness of making wild places available to people with disabilities. However the proposed changes in the definition of accessible motorized vehicles clearly violates Article XIV of the Constitution of the State of New York! With so little unspoiled land remaining in our nation it is imperative that we protect what remains.

Sincerely,

Bob Meyer

Cortlandt Manor

and

Pottersville, NY

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Regarding these amendments, I strongly support the exclusion of OPDMDs from Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe areas of the Adirondack Park.

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Thank you,

Sara

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**To:** [Petith, Stephanie L \(APA\)](#); [Plante, David \(APA\)](#); [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](#)  
**Cc:** [Burth, John M \(APA\)](#); [Lynch, Ariel D \(APA\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: SLMP Comments in RP Comments Inbox  
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Thanks!

Dave

**David J. Plante, AICP CEP** (he/him/his)  
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**ProjectAPSLMP2024;Adirondack Park Agency; Megan Phillips**

I want a State Land Master Plan Amendment that adds a definition for Backcountry Ski Touring Trails!

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Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: To who it may concern. As you consider the next phase of the State Land Master Plan I ask you to allow Ski touring trails on NYS Forest Preserve Lands in both Wilderness and Wild Forests. Winter sports are a large economic factor for people living in the Adirondacks. Skiing has historically played a large role in the economy of our region during the winter months. Maintaining the existing backcountry ski trails continues our states rich history in this outdoor pursuit. People from around the globe come to use classics backcountry ski trails like

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Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Regards,  
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As a member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the not-for-profit "friends group" that supports and promotes the preservation of one of America's most hallowed grounds.

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Hull, MA 02045

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November 16, 2024

Ms. Megan Phillips

Adirondack Park Agency

PO Box 99

Ray Brook, New York 12977

Dear Ms. Phillips:

I am a member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the not-for-profit "friends group" that supports and promotes the preservation of one of America's most hallowed grounds.

I write to request that the APA insert an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of State-owned facilities classified as "Historic " properties within the Adirondack Park. I believe that a Historic classification will help protect these properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, and open space attributes. The change in classification would also facilitate the State's enhanced stewardship of the property to reflect a prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation. The location is a National Register of Historic Places-listed property referenced as the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District, and clearly meets eligibility requirements for the APA's Historic classification.

These sites were the locations of key events during the French & Indian War and the American Revolution, are important elements of our national heritage, and are deserving of the additional protections that the Historic designation will afford.

My mother owns a cottage on Lake George and it has long been a special area for my entire extended family.

Sincerely,

David Rew

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I am a member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the not-for-profit "friends group" that supports and promotes the preservation of one of America's most hallowed grounds.

I request the APA amend the State Land Use Master Plan to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of State-owned facilities classified as "Historic " properties within the Adirondack Park.

These historic properties are a critical place in the evolution of Americans' sense of being a separate people and becoming an independent nation. The things that happened on these grounds from 1755 to 1759 are as much a part of our belief that we are a nation as are the location of the Albany Plan of Union, the Declaration of Independence, and the Battles of Saratoga. Failure to give these hallowed grounds the protection of designation as a 'historic' properties would be a great disservice to the people of New York State. Inclusion in the Historic classification will protect these properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, and open space attributes.

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I remember when I was seeking input for the State Transportation Master Plan in the 1990s. Professionals like Ivan Vamous, author of the SCORP, and Mike Lynch, Director of Historic Preservation, encouraged us to write a plan that preserved topography like

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Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

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Regards,  
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Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

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It is totally sustainable!!

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The first trail up Marcy was a SKI trail.

Make adk bc skiing safer, more realistic and more enjoyable.

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This could be a violation of Article XIV of the New York State constitution and I would expect environmental organizations inside and outside of the park to challenge any change such as this immediately. I feel the Adirondack Park Agency should not be carelessly wandering into litigation like this.

Thanks,

Matt Hager  
Schroon Lake, NY

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My Comments:

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Sincerely,

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Thank You,

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Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

Regarding the 40 scenic vista areas:

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I want a State Land Master Plan Amendment that adds a definition for Backcountry Ski Touring Trails!

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By Phil Brown

The Adirondack Park Agency has a chance to do right by backcountry skiers when it updates the State Land Master Plan next year.

For years, backcountry enthusiasts (most especially, Ron Konowitz) have urged the agency to modify its regulations to allow wide trails suitable for skiing in the woods.

Konowitz, president of the Adirondack Powder Skier Association, rightly takes issue with the definition of a cross-country ski trail. The master plan decrees that it must have “the same dimensions and character” as a foot trail.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation interprets this language to mean that cross-country trails can be eight feet wide in Wild Forest Areas but only four feet wide in Wilderness Areas.

Simply put, four feet is not wide enough for a backcountry-ski trail with any steepness. In fact, it’s dangerous.

Anyway, why should a ski trail have the same dimensions and character as a foot trail? Backcountry skiing is not hiking. DEC recognizes that snowmobiling and horseback riding require wider trails. That’s just common sense. Likewise for backcountry skiing.

I see the restrictive definition as a historical accident. In the 1930s, the state Conservation Department built a number of down-mountain ski trails in the Adirondacks that could be 15 to 20 feet wide on turns. The state attorney general approved the trails, noting that “travel upon skis requires paths of greater width than ordinary footpaths or snowshoe trails.”

This type of steep backcountry skiing diminished in popularity as ski resorts with lifts proliferated. By the time the APA was created in 1971, most wilderness skiers were content to tour on gentle terrain. The cross-country definition was added to the master plan in the 1980s.

The definition perhaps made sense at the time, but since then we have seen an explosive growth in the popularity of down-mountain skiing in the wild. It’s not a new sport but a revival of an old one, albeit with better equipment.

My recommendations:

1. Rename the type of trail being defined. “Cross-country” is an inapt term that doesn’t encompass the variety of skiing in the backcountry. “Backcountry skiing” would be better.
2. Get rid of the language restricting ski trails to the dimensions and character of a foot trail.
3. The APA and DEC should come up with a policy governing the parameters of ski trails, including their width. These regulations would exist outside the master plan.

Several years ago, the APA considered adopting new guidelines for different types of ski trail. Under these rules, “ski touring trails” on gentle terrain could be six feet wide for one-way traffic and eight feet wide for two-way traffic. In contrast, “backcountry ski trails” could be eight feet wide for one-way traffic and nine feet wide for two-way traffic. Both trails could be wider in steep sections. The guidelines also provided for four-foot-wide climbing trails.

Konowitz says environmental advocates did not oppose the guidelines, per se, but they argued

that the master plan needed to be amended to define backcountry ski trails.

The guidelines have been on hold since 2018. Now is the time to revive or tweak them and amend the master plan to recognize backcountry skiing as a benign and traditional use of the Forest Preserve.

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I am writing you in regards to Backcountry Skiing in the Adirondack Park. I support the redefinition of backcountry ski trails. Backcountry Skiing can be enhanced in the Adirondack Park. There are excellent guidelines which are used by the national forest service in the green mountains of Vermont. Guidelines which are followed by the catamount Trail Association, and the national forest service in Vermont, and the green mountains have been extremely and wildly successful. Perhaps NYS APA could at least look at those guidelines and adopt those to the wilderness areas and other areas for Backcountry Skiing in New York State.

I believe in Wilderness, and keeping our mountains free from Development. Backcountry ski trails would only be used in winter and could be posted as such. I am sure that all maintenance could be done by approved volunteer clubs.

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Dear SLMP Decision Makers,

The Adirondack Park is a national treasure, renowned for its pristine wilderness, biodiversity, and vital role in combating climate change. However, proposed changes to the State Land Master Plan risk weakening the very protections that keep the Park's ecosystems healthy and resilient.

1. Commissioner's Policy for ADA Compliance & OPDMDs: The Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan is not the place to incorporate portions of ADA definitions since it does not implement them on state lands. Rather, the Department of Environmental Conservation should develop a state-wide Commissioner's Policy that clearly outlines the DEC's review and approval process for Accommodation Permits for other power-driven mobility devices. This policy should acknowledge where these devices are or are not appropriate, including Wilderness areas. For example, an ATV in Wilderness would not be appropriate. A state-wide, holistic policy is needed to address access, transparency, and environmental concerns for these devices, not a quick-added definition.

2. Weakening of Agency Oversight: The APA is tasked with ensuring the DEC's management of the Adirondack Forest Preserve is consistent with the SLMP and constitutionally protected lands. Through the proposed amendments, the APA is relinquishing its ability to hold the DEC accountable by deleting structure removal dates (meaning, structures that should have been removed by a certain date – many of them decades ago) and administrative road closure dates. The Agency should request new compliance dates for the DEC to meet and hold them accountable.

In addition, the APA proposes to allow DEC to use motor vehicles to access Wilderness for improvements or structure removal on an as-needed basis. The SLMP is clear that Wilderness is intended to be motor-free except for extenuating circumstances, like life-saving search and rescue operations. The APA should not allow this change, for small changes such as this – where other non-motorized methods are a viable option in most instances for Wilderness management – will begin to erode Wilderness protections and character.

3. Protection of Natural Resources is Paramount: The SLMP is clear that the protection of resources is paramount. These proposed changes must be rooted in this mandate, especially with growing environmental pressures. Proposals to weaken Wilderness protections, like allowing for more motorized access, should not be encouraged.

In the 50+ years since the State Land Master Plan was first adopted, it has undergone four major revisions, underscoring that opportunities to update this guiding document can be rare. So, the changes proposed to the SLMP must not only be relevant to today, but the complexities and challenges of the Forest Preserve of tomorrow. Changes should not weaken the health of the Forest Preserve and should uphold the guiding mandate of the SLMP –

natural resource protection must remain paramount.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Regards,  
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My Comments:

It is without question that the LG Battleground campground should be included in the State owned Class of Historic properties within the Adirondack Park. I am 87 years old, Warren County born and bred, and a student of local history. As a child, I spent many summer weekends at the Battleground picnic area and have been following the recent excavations in the Village, with great interest. So much has already been lost due to commercial development--we cannot lose any more. STC

**From:** [David Papa](#)  
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My Comments:

Hello,

I've been an avid backcountry skier for 5 years now. The width of ski trails in the Adirondacks are difficult to ski at best and dangerous at worse. Widening the ski trails to their 1930 width specifications (8-10ft) would be ideal, and be inline with the Adirondacks mission of remaining forever wild.

Best,  
Winston

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Dear APA Planning:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP).

Thank you for addressing accessibility in the recently proposed updates ensuring access to the Forest Preserve for all people.

I am very concerned, however, that the proposed changes do not fully address the issue of accessibility or provide adequate protection for non-motorized areas of the Adirondack Forest Preserve including wilderness.

Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) should not be excluded from the definition of motor vehicles. These are motorized vehicles. The Americans with Disabilities Act specifies that OPDMDs are not considered a reasonable accommodation where permitting them fundamentally alters the nature of the program, as it would for Wilderness, Primitive, and Canoe areas.

The Adirondack Park needs a comprehensive plan for accessibility and accessible features. This is right and responsible, both for all people and for the natural resources and wilderness values of the Adirondack Park. The current practice of determining OPDMD on a case-by-case basis must not continue. An OPDMD policy must be created.

Regarding other proposed changes, I support the use of the Visitor Use Management Framework as the preferred tool for determining the amount and types of use suitable for a unit, but only if that tool explicitly includes ecological, physical, and social components, measurements, and metrics. Any study that does not include all aspects is fundamentally incomplete.

I also greatly appreciate the proposed change in the APSLMP that would require planning and analysis related to climate change vulnerabilities in Unit Management Plans.

Sincerely,

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I totally agree with the position of Protect the Adirondacks regarding the following comments.

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I write to urge the APA to expand access to the Adirondack Park without allowing motorized access in areas classified as wilderness, primitive and canoe in the park. This can be accomplished by thinking more deeply and broadly about what access means. For example, every Department of Environmental Conservation campground and day use area that abuts canoeable waters could/should provide a dock that enables a physically handicapped person easy access into a canoe. It goes without saying that every NYS-run campground in the State also should have multiple wheelchair-accessible sites.

Wheelchair-accessible sites also could be added along certain existing motorized access corridors within the Adirondack Park.

Furthermore, access isn't just about motorization - there is a need for interpretive signs/kiosks with Braille and/or auditory information that would enable persons of all abilities and disabilities to understand and appreciate the unique geological, ecological, plant, wildlife and avian features of the Adirondack Park and its unique protections under the State Constitution.

I recognize that the APA cannot direct DEC or any other entities to undertake the above suggestions -- though it certainly can encourage them to do so! More pertinently, the APA has no legal or ethical obligation to change the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan to provide one specific type of access (motorized) to a specific group of individuals.

Rather, APA's obligation is to protect and preserve the wild forest - especially from the pollution associated with anything that runs on fossil fuels (including electric generation from fossil fuels) so that the wild forest can continue to provide all New Yorkers with clean water, clean air, and soul-nourishment.

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As a disabled senior and CP-3 permit holder, I strongly agree with Protect the Adirondacks that People with disabilities have and should continue to have access to the Forest Preserve. This has proven to be disappointing to me in practice because my "OPDMD" (class 2 recumbent E-trike) is not allowed to be used on Wilderness, Primitive or Canoe areas so I'm limited to state forest lands. Unfortunately many of these permitted areas are also ATV, UTV, off road vehicle accessible roads and trails and I'd really like to once again explore and enjoy more of the kinds of wilderness I fought hard to protect when I was a hotshot wild land firefighter in the early 1970's.

Therefore I fully endorse the idea of allowing the DEC to expand permitting OPDMD's provided there are adequate guardrails for keeping the wilderness preserved for everyone to enjoy. I don't want to see ATV's everywhere, but a disabled senior being able to gain access to wilderness pond accompanied by their loved ones would be a priceless gift at the end of life of service to their community and country.

David West

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PS: Although its not currently in discussion that I've heard of, I'd love to see the definition of OPDMD expanded to include small electric motors for a canoe or kayak as this would seem in keeping with the spirit of the ADA and my ability to paddle is deteriorating, what is even worse is being so worried about getting back to the launch against too much wind and not daring to even take the boats out...



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Dear SLMP Decision Makers,

The Adirondack Park is a national treasure, renowned for its pristine wilderness, biodiversity, and vital role in combating climate change. However, proposed changes to the State Land Master Plan risk weakening the very protections that keep the Park's ecosystems healthy and resilient.

1. Commissioner's Policy for ADA Compliance & OPDMDs: The Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan is not the place to incorporate portions of ADA definitions since it does not implement them on state lands. Rather, the Department of Environmental Conservation should develop a state-wide Commissioner's Policy that clearly outlines the DEC's review and approval process for Accommodation Permits for other power-driven mobility devices. This policy should acknowledge where these devices are or are not appropriate, including Wilderness areas. For example, an ATV in Wilderness would not be appropriate. A state-wide, holistic policy is needed to address access, transparency, and environmental concerns for these devices, not a quick-added definition.

2. Weakening of Agency Oversight: The APA is tasked with ensuring the DEC's management of the Adirondack Forest Preserve is consistent with the SLMP and constitutionally protected lands. Through the proposed amendments, the APA is relinquishing its ability to hold the DEC accountable by deleting structure removal dates (meaning, structures that should have been removed by a certain date – many of them decades ago) and administrative road closure dates. The Agency should request new compliance dates for the DEC to meet and hold them accountable.

In addition, the APA proposes to allow DEC to use motor vehicles to access Wilderness for improvements or structure removal on an as-needed basis. The SLMP is clear that Wilderness is intended to be motor-free except for extenuating circumstances, like life-saving search and rescue operations. The APA should not allow this change, for small changes such as this – where other non-motorized methods are a viable option in most instances for Wilderness management – will begin to erode Wilderness protections and character.

3. Protection of Natural Resources is Paramount: The SLMP is clear that the protection of resources is paramount. These proposed changes must be rooted in this mandate, especially with growing environmental pressures. Proposals to weaken Wilderness protections, like allowing for more motorized access, should not be encouraged.

In the 50+ years since the State Land Master Plan was first adopted, it has undergone four major revisions, underscoring that opportunities to update this guiding document can be rare. So, the changes proposed to the SLMP must not only be relevant to today, but the complexities and challenges of the Forest Preserve of tomorrow. Changes should not weaken the health of the Forest Preserve and should uphold the guiding mandate of the SLMP –

natural resource protection must remain paramount.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Regards,  
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My Comments:

Looking forward to the APA reviewing and updating backcountry ski regulations in line with the suggestions described by Phil Brown in his web article titled "Comment on the Adirondack Park state lands plan: Time to revisit backcountry skiing trails" published by Adirondack Explorer on November 20, 2024

- Rename the type of trail being defined. "Cross-country" is an inapt term that doesn't encompass the variety of skiing in the backcountry. "Backcountry skiing" would be better.
- Get rid of the language restricting ski trails to the dimensions and character of a foot trail.
- The APA and DEC should come up with a policy governing the parameters of ski trails, including their width. These regulations would exist outside the master plan.



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Dear APA Planning:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP).

Thank you for addressing accessibility in the recently proposed updates ensuring access to the Forest Preserve for all people.

I am very concerned, however, that the proposed changes do not fully address the issue of accessibility or provide adequate protection for non-motorized areas of the Adirondack Forest Preserve including wilderness.

Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) should not be excluded from the definition of motor vehicles. These are motorized vehicles. The Americans with Disabilities Act specifies that OPDMDs are not considered a reasonable accommodation where permitting them fundamentally alters the nature of the program, as it would for Wilderness, Primitive, and Canoe areas.

The Adirondack Park needs a comprehensive plan for accessibility and accessible features. This is right and responsible, both for all people and for the natural resources and wilderness values of the Adirondack Park. The current practice of determining OPDMD on a case-by-case basis must not continue. An OPDMD policy must be created.

Regarding other proposed changes, I support the use of the Visitor Use Management Framework as the preferred tool for determining the amount and types of use suitable for a unit, but only if that tool explicitly includes ecological, physical, and social components, measurements, and metrics. Any study that does not include all aspects is fundamentally incomplete.

I also greatly appreciate the proposed change in the APSLMP that would require planning and analysis related to climate change vulnerabilities in Unit Management Plans.

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My Comments:

I understand that with review of the SLMP definitions/actions can change. I am an avid Backcountry Skier and would encourage NYS to adopt different standards for BC Ski Trails. I am part of the Siamese ponds Trail crew and Trail Steward for the Schafer TRail on Gore Mountain. We maintain 85 miles of trails. Many of these miles are used for back country skiing. I would encourage the state to allow for wider trails on down hill sections especially. The number of BC skiers is increasing and this would make for safer and fun experience for us.

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My Comments:

The land use definition of cross country trails needs to be updated as backcountry skiing has become a very popular sport not only in the ADKs but nationwide. It is simply not safe to ski on a 4' trail. As more people try to backcountry in the ADKs, they will find themselves in very unforgiving territory hopefully with no unfortunate outcomes, i.e. Ranger rescues who have enough to do without adding to their load. It is time to change with the times.

I might add that these aspiring backcountry skiers are people who come and stay, eat, and buy stuff. Just saying.....

Incidentally, my other address is 1035 Springfield Rd., Wilmington where our family has had a camp since 1910.

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My Comments:

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This will not be controllable and will destroy the reason most of us live here. If implemented it will grow like a cancer..

Karen Davis  
North Elba> NY resident

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My Comments:

I urge the Adirondack Park Agency to consider addressing the needs of back country skiers when reviewing the master plan.

Backcountry skiing is a growing sport which in practice is environmentally low-impact while driving economic activity into the region during winter months.

Changes would include adding definitions to acknowledge the different needs of backcountry skiers as opposed to cross-country skiers (wider downhill trails allowing for safe turning on descent).

There have been great strides made in this effort in the white mountains of New Hampshire, through the advocacy of the Granite Backcountry Alliance, and I would urge the Agency to research the successful model used in that region to make informed decisions and glean best practices.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Dear APA Planning:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP).

Thank you for addressing accessibility in the recently proposed updates ensuring access to the Forest Preserve for all people.

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The Adirondack Park needs a comprehensive plan for accessibility and accessible features. This is right and responsible, both for all people and for the natural resources and wilderness values of the Adirondack Park. The current practice of determining OPDMD on a case-by-case basis must not continue. An OPDMD policy must be created.

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I also greatly appreciate the proposed change in the APSLMP that would require planning and analysis related to climate change vulnerabilities in Unit Management Plans.

Sincerely,

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My Comments:

I have been backcountry skiing since the 1980's in the Adirondacks and elsewhere. No other outdoor pursuit brings me as much joy as backcountry skiing. I have always kept my eye open for hiking trails that can also be skied. Or finding open woods that can be accessed for skiing but in the Dacks those areas are few and far between. Of course downhill areas have tree skiing but it really is a thrill times 10 to "earn your turns". I strongly support the initiative to open up trails that would be wider to accommodate skiers in a safer situation.

A case in point: The absolute jewel of backcountry skiing in the Dacks is the Mt Marcy trail from the Lodge. I haven't skied it in a few years but the last few times I have, it was problematic. The snow weighed down enough trees and branches along the trail as to make it a chore to ski down. Much of the trail is wide and quite skiable but some of its length up higher is narrow and made worse by the leaning vegetation. Widening these sections and allowing for new sections of forest to be cut for skiing would be a huge plus for NY skiers and others willing to travel to NY to enjoy our mountains in a fun and exciting way! Thanks for listening!

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My Comments:

Greetings: Allowing for backcountry ski trails with a wider profile than traditional hiking trails is sorely needed. There have been many advances in backcountry ski equipment design in the last decade. This has opened many backcountry ski routes to new users. A wider trail profile especially for downhill travel is a simple safety solution that should be implemented on most legacy ski routes and on new trail construction and designated ski trails.

Thanks  
Dick Carlson

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RE: Comments to the Proposed APSLMP 2024 Amendments

In the opening definition of Wilderness in the SLMP, it is described as "...in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man..." How does any logical thought process go from this fundamental condition to justifying motorized uses in a Wilderness area? REALLY? (As a side note you might want to consider updating pronouns in the document).

I am in full support of ADA goals and accommodations, but the SLMP already provides alternatives for accessibility. Currently public use of motor vehicles, motorized equipment and aircraft while prohibited in State Lands classified as Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe are allowed on State Lands classified as Wild Forest, Intensive Use and Historic Areas. Isn't this one of the reasons these alternatives to Wilderness Areas exist, to provide areas where motorized uses are allowed on State Forest Preserve Lands?

The proposed revision to the definition of the term "Motor Vehicle," to exclude "...wheelchairs or other power driven mobility devices." has cascading effects throughout the document wherever the term "Motor Vehicle" is used. It will allow unconditional use of power driven mobility devices on all State Lands, whether on a designated trail or ANYWHERE, including ANYWHERE in wilderness. What's more, the revisions do not define what an OPDMD is, or limit OPDMD size, either in terms of physical size or horsepower. Nor does it limit the noise output of the device which is especially important in wilderness areas. While aircraft are specifically prohibited from Wilderness areas, would the OPDMD exclusion provide for a person in a flight capable OPDMD to be flown and landed on mountain tops? One only needs to Google 'off-road mobility devices' to see the variety of commercial options available today. And with new technologies and no stated regulatory limitations who knows what a custom fabrication shop could create or what a sympathetic judge might allow.

I understand the requirement to follow the Americans with Disabilities Act rules and guidance, but it is worth considering whether those standards are appropriate for wilderness lands. I encourage the Agency to examine in greater depth what is a proper application of the law rather than be subservient to it. Or at the very least, set reasonable conditions on OPDMD and their use to protect the special place that is the Adirondack Park.

ADA.gov states that “Covered entities must also allow people with disabilities who use other types of power-driven mobility devices into their facilities, unless a particular type of device cannot be accommodated because of legitimate safety requirements. Where legitimate safety requirements bar accommodation for a particular type of device, the covered entity must provide the service it offers in alternate ways if possible.”

I have several comments and concerns how the amendments to the SLMP relate to this opening paragraph of the ADA document:

1. Facilities: Although I didn’t find a definition of the word “Facility” in the ADA document, all uses of the term refer to some man-made structure or urban Park. I don’t think a reasonable person would consider Adirondack Wilderness Areas as a “Facility” as referenced by ADA. Wilderness is defined as “in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape...” Therefore I see no reason Wilderness areas should be subject to ADA rules.

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And a final personal comment: In my past careers I have conducted numerous ecological surveys. I bushwhacked through hundreds of thousands acres in New York and northern New England. I know and appreciate the lure of spending time in the wilderness. However now with age-related health issues, I’m a half-step away from getting my own blue handicap sticker. While I can no longer trek deep into the woods as has always been my passion, I am left to admire and appreciate the vast unspoiled wilderness from further afar, secure in knowing that Wilderness Areas in the Park will outlast my time on earth, protected by the foresight of the NYS Constitution that over a century ago provided for the State Forest Preserve Lands to be forever kept wild -- or at least it did.

Sincerely,

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Retired APA Resource and Planning staff member  
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My family has enjoyed vacations in the Adirondack Park for many years. We value the wilderness, the landscape, the time away from the hustle of our lives, the many opportunities to hike, swim, and canoe, the vastness of the landscape untouched by human presence. There are few places in the Eastern US where we can find this level of beauty and silence. The Park needs to remain as it is for as long as we can manage it. As our world gets more crowded, noisy and interrupted by technology the Park becomes more important. We would be seriously disappointed in NY State if it weakened the protections that made the park so special. Please vote no on the SLMP updates.

Ann Herpel

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My Comments:

Regarding widening of designated "Backcountry Ski Trails" in Wilderness areas of FP.

An interesting environmental quandry for the Forest Preserve. Which special-interest group(s) allow tree-cutting and which do not? Existing trails vs. new trails? What is the relative safety of "co-usage" with hiking, snowshoeing, traditional Nordic skiing and other user groups? Number of potential users? Environmental impacts of each activity type? Which activities are suitable for areas with a "Wilderness" classification?

I think it is going to be hard to justify any appreciable widening of the few dedicated "backcountry" ski trails currently in existence in view of recent court rulings on tree cutting in the FP. While brushing and removal of encroaching vegetation may be deemed allowable, is it enough? Indeed, widening the trails is likely safer, it still doesn't make the activity safe. Is the alleged increased safety measureable, or does it simply allow for higher speeds and more serious injuries?

Another consideration is the availability of backcountry or "woods" trails at existing downhill ski centers. Are trails in "Wilderness" areas truly necessary to enjoy the sport if similar trails exist at ski centers? Isn't safety less of an issue at a ski center vs. the slopes of our remote backcountry that would require significantly more risk and expenditure for search/rescue/extraction? While I certainly understand the desire for a truly backcountry experience, is the activity popular enough to balance the environmental impacts?

Many, many questions need to be answered. Makes my head hurt...

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**I am a member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the not-for-profit "friends group" that supports and promotes the preservation of one of America's most hallowed grounds.**

**I write to request that the APA insert an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of State-owned facilities classified as "Historic " properties within the Adirondack Park. I believe that a Historic classification will help protect these properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, and open space attributes. The change in classification would also facilitate the State's enhanced stewardship of the property to reflect a prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation. The location is a National Register of Historic Places-listed property referenced as the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District, and clearly meets eligibility requirements for the APA's Historic classification.**

**These sites were the locations of key events during the French & Indian War and the American Revolution, are important elements of our national heritage, and are deserving of the additional protections that the Historic designation will afford.**

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Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely, The Stewart Family



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My Comments:

More ski trails means more skiing which means more people coming to the Adirondacks and more money being spent.

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My Comments:

Hello,  
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Thank you for your time,

Brett Eichenlaub

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Many of the proposed ski trails in mature forests will be minimally impactful, as mature trees are spaced out at the base, and only smaller, quicker-growing vegetation will need to be removed.

These ski trails can allow more people to ski in the Adirondacks without skiing in dangerous avalanche terrain without proper training, an immediate recipe for tragedy.

As a college student, trying to safely share my love of skiing with my peers, the thought of more backcountry skiing trails is very exciting; it can allow me and future students in my position to get others excited about backcountry skiing in a safe way.

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Ms. Megan Phillips  
Adirondack Park Agency  
PO Box 99  
Ray Brook, New York 12977

Dear Ms. Phillips:

I am a member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the not-for-profit "friends group" that supports and promotes the preservation of one of America's most hallowed grounds.

I write to request that the APA insert an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of State-owned facilities classified as "Historic " properties within the Adirondack Park. I believe that a Historic classification will help protect these properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, and open space attributes. The change in classification would also facilitate the State's enhanced stewardship of the property to reflect a prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation. The location is a National Register of Historic Places-listed property referenced as the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District, and clearly meets eligibility requirements for the APA's Historic classification.

These sites were the locations of key events during the French & Indian War and the American Revolution, are important elements of our national heritage, and are deserving of the additional protections that the Historic designation will afford.

Sincerely,

Wally Hirsch  
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Queensbury, NY 12804

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The "Historic" classification will help protect these properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving the scenic open space attributes. This designation - a change - will facilitate the State's stewardship of the property as historic.

The location is a National Register of Historic Places-listed property referenced as The Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District, and meets the eligibility requirements for the APA's Historic classification.

Thanks for your time, consideration and care in support of preserving important locations, integral to understanding American history fully.

Best,  
Jennifer Hogan, PhD

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Dear Ms. Phillips:

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Please do everything you can to make this happen.

Thanks for listening!

Yours truly,

Irwin D. Nathanson  
Captain, USNR-RET

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My Comments:

Hello,

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Thank you!

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Sincerely,

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My Comments:

I would like to see the APA:

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  - b. The East Branch Sacandaga in the Siamese Ponds Wilderness- 3 separate locations, two currently have bridges which will someday need replacement. The third, where the Botheration Pond loop crosses the E. Branch, has no bridge and is frequently unsafe to cross.
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  - d. The Moose Pond Outlet bridge near Shattuck Clearing on the NPT ( cable bridge)
  - e. The Opalescent River near Tahawus on the approach to Allen Mountain.THERE ARE MORE!

Allowing for safe foot trail access does NOT damage the wilderness character of the forest. To the contrary, better access to areas outside the High Peaks Wilderness will reduce pressure on that area.

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Dear Ms. Philips,

I am a member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the not-for-profit "friends group" that supports and promotes the preservation of one of America's most hallowed grounds. I am also a member of a founding family of Lake George who has celebrated and sought to preserve the unique heritage of our hometown through art and conservation.

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These sites were the locations of key events during the French & Indian War and the American Revolution, are important elements of our national heritage, and are deserving of the additional protections that the Historic designation will afford.

Sincerely,

Nancy Hawley

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Address: 12572  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

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The purpose of wilderness is provide a refuge for people and the natural world that is unobtainable anywhere else. Allowing motorized vehicles in wilderness areas is like bringing a strobescope to a dark sky reserve.

I am for much greater inclusiveness in our society, but we must find the proper balance between inclusion and access to wilderness, which by definition is a place to be free of the intrusions of modern life. Please let us work for greater access in other areas of the Park which can and should accommodate people with special needs. But if we can't provide access without destroying the very essence of wilderness, then the place should remain wild.

Thank you.

**From:** [Emily McCarthy](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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My name is Emily McCarthy. I am a member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance and a lifetime member of the Warren County Historical Society.

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Sincerely,  
Emily McCarthy

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My Comments:

Increasing the number of ski trails makes it safer for hikers and better on the vegetation

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My Comments:

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Greetings,

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Dear Ms. Phillips:

In following from my comments of 11/24, I'm also stymied to some extent by questions I still have about another one of your proposed revisions... that being the addition of the following language concerning the APSLMP's "prescribed" carrying capacity assessments under the section titled, "Unit Management Plan Development":

*"Levels of time and resources to fulfill this commitment should be proportional to the significance of impacts."*

Now, "prescribed," in the context of governmental law and regulation, I understand to be a strong word, constituting a "thou shall" type of directive that laws, regulations and the like are typically full of (along with, of course, "thou shall not" type of directives). Within the APSLMP, one of the strongest - and probably, actually, THE strongest - prescribed concern and related set of actions is in regard to carrying capacity of water bodies, set forth at great length a number of pages prior to your proposed new language. It reads:

*"The water resources of the Adirondacks are critical to the integrity of the Park. The protection of the major watersheds of the state was a major reason for the creation of the forest preserve and continues to be of significant importance. Waters, particularly lakes and ponds, have their carrying capacity from a physical, biological and social standpoint just as do tracts of public or private land. The use made of state waters also has a direct impact on adjacent land holdings.*

*A genuine need exists to insure that the scale and intensity of water-oriented uses are consistent with uses of adjoining state and private lands and the general character of the Park, particularly so far as the type, speed and number of boats are concerned.*

*A comprehensive study of Adirondack lakes and ponds should be conducted by the Department of Environmental Conservation to determine each water body's capacity to withstand various uses, particularly motorized uses and to maintain and enhance its biological natural and aesthetic qualities. First emphasis should be given to major lakes and ponds totally surrounded by state land and to those on which state intensive use facilities exist or may be proposed. The importance of the quality of these resources cannot be overemphasized."*

I note that you have not proposed any new language, [here](#), to qualify (lessen in scope or emphasis) this particularly strong prescription in any way, which would have me think it is meant to continue to stand. But I also have to note, again, your proposed new language (as I've quoted it, above) and that you propose it to be inserted into the section that is entirely devoted to DEC staff's development of unit management plans, which are (by the APSLMP

and the APA Act) supposed to be entirely devoted to *carrying out management that is guided and prescribed by the APSLMP, rather than changing that management*. So I am left with this especially important question for you:

**Is it your intention to allow DEC staff to make decisions during the unit management planning process (the lead drafters of these plans typically having been educated only in forestry) that can serve to qualify (lessen in scope or emphasis) the extensive and emphatic carrying-capacity-of-water-bodies assessment prescription I've quoted, above... this to be based on their own (presumably very quick) assessment of many different types of recreational use impacts, combined with considerations regarding budget and staffing?**

If so, would all of that APSLMP language (above) anymore truly be a prescription? And why would you not, also or instead, revise some of that prior language to properly indicate it would now be considered less important than in the past? And are there not any other issues that unit management plans must address by APSLMP prescriptions, guidelines or criteria that might also be lessened in scope or emphasis for the same reasons (i.e. why is it that only carrying capacity assessments are so addressed)? I can think of other questions and many problems with this that I would want to comment further on, but without clarity from you I feel like I just can't and shouldn't go any further at this time.

Thank you,

Walt

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Good morning,

I am submitting the following public comment regarding the updating of the State Land Master Plan. The APA Public Comment webpage was not working properly and didn't submit my original comment. See below:

Backcountry skiing has exploded in popularity the past 25 years, especially in the Adirondacks. I urge the APA to consider using the language "backcountry skiing" as opposed to "cross-country skiing" when updating the upcoming State Land Master Plan. Likewise, the width of ski trails (in Wilderness and Wild Forest areas) should further be defined by the APA and the NYSDEC, so skiers can safely navigate steep terrain.

The Adirondacks in general is way behind the ball with consideration to outdoor recreation trends when it comes to user policy with land management. Consider the organization "RASTA - Rochester Area Sports Trail Alliance" in Vermont, for example. The obvious glaring difference with RASTA backcountry ski area design is the use of USFS land. In our area, state Wilderness policies wouldn't quite allow this type of open-woods ski design (without major changes to policies), however, we could at least widen our ski trails. Backcountry skiing is going anywhere. It's exploded in the same way mountain biking has. This is an opportunity for our area to recognize the outdoor participation trends and also benefit locally with our economy.

Thank you,  
Jimmy Cunningham

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Dear Deputy Director Phillips,

I write to share my support for an additional amendment to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) for inclusion of Lake George Battlefield Park (LGBP) and Lake George Battleground Campgrounds (LGBC) as the sixth entity in the Park to carry a "Historic Use" designation. If designated, these areas and their historical significance will ensure their place within the historical identity of New York State and the founding of the United States of America remain preserved for generations to come.

The LGBP is home to several historically sensitive and relevant memorials dedicated to fallen American military. The remains of four French and Indian War soldiers who perished in 1755 are located on the knoll in the shadows of the Unknown Soldiers memorial honoring and their service. Efforts are also underway for the property to be home to the "Repose of the Fallen" project, which is a commemorative reinterment of 44 Continental soldiers and others who were discovered on a construction site in 2019 in the Village of Lake George. These soldiers are believed to be among the First Pennsylvania Battalion who perished at the smallpox hospital at Lake George in 1776. This project was approved by both the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. It has also garnered support from both houses of the State Legislature, the United States Army Office of Cemeteries, and current United States Senate Majority Leader, Charles Schumer.

The state-run Lake George Battleground Campground (LGBC) and Day Use Areas are in the vicinity; however, the requested amendment is not advocating for a change to or closure of these public venues. The Historic classification will simply help protect the properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, and open space resources. This change will also limit the construction of new structures and proposals to develop additional uses that could be considered a threat to the critical historic resource.

The request is a critical step to ensure the legacy of soldiers that fought for our freedom is preserved forever. I thank you for your due consideration of this request and am available to further discuss its merit upon your request.

*Matthew Simpson*

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As the Saratoga County Historian, I am a supporter of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the not-for-profit "friends group" that supports and promotes the preservation of one of America's most hallowed grounds.

I am requesting that the APA insert an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of state-owned facilities classified as such.

I believe that a Historic classification will help protect these properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, and open space attributes. The change in classification would also facilitate the State's enhanced stewardship of the property to reflect a prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation. The location is a National Register of Historic Places-listed property referenced as the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District, and clearly meets eligibility requirements for the APA's Historic classification.

These sites were the locations of key events during the French & Indian War and the American Revolution, are important elements of our national heritage, and are deserving of the additional protections that the Historic designation will afford.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Lauren Roberts  
Saratoga County Historian



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Megan,

I am a supporter of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance and am writing to request that the APA insert an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of State-owned facilities classified as "Historic " properties within the Adirondack Park. I believe that a Historic classification will help protect these properties. I feel that the sculptures and memorials need attention, lighting, signage and restoration for continued generations to appreciate the significance of the history of the Battlefield.

Sincerely,  
Gerri Groff

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My Comments:

#### APA Accessibility Letter

I fear that opening Forest Preserve lands to the proposed motorized mobility devices is a pandora's box. We first need to determine how disabled persons currently find solitude and experience the wildness now. Changing the Forever Wild clause of the New York State Constitution and the Guidelines for Management and Use for each of the land classifications in the Master Plan is a big deal. There are already plenty of opportunities for persons with disabilities to experience the wildness in the Adirondack Park, without the need to allow Power Driven Mobility Devices into our sacred lands and waters.

As an aging woman (I am now 86) having lived in the Adirondacks for 24 years, my interest in providing access to those of us less able than we were years past, is one of caution. We do not want to degrade the lands and waters we love.

I am an avid paddler of our lakes, ponds, and rivers. In my almost 10-year-old book, *In Praise of Quiet Waters: Finding Solitude and Adventure in the Wild Adirondacks*, I write about accessibility to these waters for me and my canoe buddies, such as:

"As my friends and I age, or ability to explore wild waters has changed. We choose a paddling excursion with easy access to the water body, or a road or trail where we can use our canoe dollies transport our boats. Most recently we've hired guides to assist us. Helpful friends and strangers are often a godsend on our trips."

Ten years later, our ability has lessened. It is much more difficult to carry our lightweight solo canoes and maneuver around obstacles while entering and exiting the water. We now drive to launch sites with beach access to the water, on roads available to all, or with CP-3 permits. I have taken advantage this summer to utilize my CP-3 permit to drive to areas more readily available to those less able.

I've studied paddling books and websites, including the DEC accessibility resources. Thankfully, many accessible waters are already there for us paddlers. Launch sites and access roads already driveable to those who are wheelchair bound, without the need for OPDMDs. I fear that opening the lands to the proposed mobility devices will decrease the wilderness experience for all of us. What we need is to communicate better with those persons with disabilities – to provide understandable resources that are easily accessible. My primary recommendation is to expand these resources.

I leave with these questions – Has research been done to determine need? How can any additional needs be met without expanding the use of motorized devices - without changing the New York State Constitution?

A credible study and survey would help answer these questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lorraine Duvall

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Dear SLMP Decision Makers,

The Adirondack Park is a national treasure, renowned for its pristine wilderness, biodiversity, and vital role in combating climate change. However, proposed changes to the State Land Master Plan risk weakening the very protections that keep the Park's ecosystems healthy and resilient.

1. Commissioner's Policy for ADA Compliance & OPDMDs: The Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan is not the place to incorporate portions of ADA definitions since it does not implement them on state lands. Rather, the Department of Environmental Conservation should develop a state-wide Commissioner's Policy that clearly outlines the DEC's review and approval process for Accommodation Permits for other power-driven mobility devices. This policy should acknowledge where these devices are or are not appropriate, including Wilderness areas. For example, an ATV in Wilderness would not be appropriate. A state-wide, holistic policy is needed to address access, transparency, and environmental concerns for these devices, not a quick-added definition.

2. Weakening of Agency Oversight: The APA is tasked with ensuring the DEC's management of the Adirondack Forest Preserve is consistent with the SLMP and constitutionally protected lands. Through the proposed amendments, the APA is relinquishing its ability to hold the DEC accountable by deleting structure removal dates (meaning, structures that should have been removed by a certain date – many of them decades ago) and administrative road closure dates. The Agency should request new compliance dates for the DEC to meet and hold them accountable.

In addition, the APA proposes to allow DEC to use motor vehicles to access Wilderness for improvements or structure removal on an as-needed basis. The SLMP is clear that Wilderness is intended to be motor-free except for extenuating circumstances, like life-saving search and rescue operations. The APA should not allow this change, for small changes such as this – where other non-motorized methods are a viable option in most instances for Wilderness management – will begin to erode Wilderness protections and character.

3. Protection of Natural Resources is Paramount: The SLMP is clear that the protection of resources is paramount. These proposed changes must be rooted in this mandate, especially with growing environmental pressures. Proposals to weaken Wilderness protections, like allowing for more motorized access, should not be encouraged.

In the 50+ years since the State Land Master Plan was first adopted, it has undergone four major revisions, underscoring that opportunities to update this guiding document can be rare. So, the changes proposed to the SLMP must not only be relevant to today, but the complexities and challenges of the Forest Preserve of tomorrow. Changes should not weaken the health of the Forest Preserve and should uphold the guiding mandate of the SLMP –



natural resource protection must remain paramount.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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Rob Sannasardo

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What Walter Linck writes in the Almanack is undeniable!

I know you are aware of him and what he writes.

Allowing motorized access as proposed by a ridiculous redefining of what USA motor vehicle is not acceptable in any stretch of the imagination.

Article XIV is a sacred part of our Constitution! Do not erode it.

I fully support appropriate places for motorized access for people with disabilities. But these proposals go way behind that and are totally unreasonable. You must know that lawsuit will ensue.

Bob Meyer

Cortlandt Manor and Pottersville, New York.

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Address: 116 Schoolhouse Road POB 73 North River NY 12856  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

Yes, yes! This is a great addition to Loon conservation!

**From:** [Byron Ordway](#)  
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This comment regards page 23, definition 48: "Wildlife Management Structure". In it, the term "species of special concern" is introduced. Which species are of special concern? Who determines them? Is there a current list, available to review? Are loons included?

In recent years, rapidly fluctuating water levels have damaged or destroyed loon nests, hampering loon reproduction. This could be supported by nesting rafts, made from natural materials and floated near loon nesting locations. Rafts would enable nests to be immune from water level fluctuations.

Species other than beaver receive mention throughout the APSLMP as the name of a unit, lake, mountain or pond. They are left to themselves to deal with the impacts of climate change. Loons don't have that ability. They need our help.

Define what "species of special concern" are. List them, include loons. Include nesting towers, \*rafts\* or boxes in your definition of a Wildlife Management Structure.

Make it clear that the Adirondacks will continue to support loons.

Thanks

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Byron Ordway

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Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

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I see ATV's coming to wilderness trails unless APA gets 'smarter' protecting the 'forever wild' 14th amendment to the NY state constitution. These types of vehicles are not consistent with wilderness and ,in fact, can cause great damage eroding away soil from trails..

Just imagine hiking on a trail and meeting up with a 'swarm' of ATV's having a NASCAR race on wilderness trails??

Stanley Scharf  
Tompkins county



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Dave,

The Agency is in receipt of your comments. Nice to see you at the meeting in Albany yesterday.

Have a lovely Thanksgiving,

Megan

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Megan,

We attach our third and final round of public comment on the proposed APSLMP amendments.

Thanks very much.

Best wishes for your Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Dave Gibson

David Gibson, managing partner  
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My Comments:

Please accept this letter as my support for the proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) specific to the language pertaining to enhanced accessibility. Each year, millions of residents, and out-of-state visitors, descend upon areas designated as forever wild. These lands provide users an opportunity for various forms of recreation, relaxation, and a glimpse of the beautiful, aged forests.

Without a doubt, access to these areas is a treasured asset to anyone that steps foot into New York State. Regrettably, efforts to make these pristine areas accessible to people with disabilities has lagged. Recently, the New York State Comptroller's Office conducted an audit of amenities at parks in eleven regions of the state. The review was completed to determine whether the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has taken adequate steps to ensure State parks and historic sites are accessible and can accommodate persons with disabilities, including meeting state and federal requirements. One of the key findings provided in the August 10, 2023, report, Accessibility for People with Disabilities, was that many of the amenities at the 40 parks were ADA compliant, however, accessibility could potentially be improved, should Parks seek to exceed the minimum requirements. To that end, I feel that the proposed changes to the APSLMP are a shift in the right direction. Revising existing definitions and including language to define Other Power-Driven Mobility Device (OPDMD) will provide increased access for people with disabilities to many areas, including the Santanoni Preserve in Newcomb. As the gatekeeper to the permitting process, the Department of Environmental Conservation is in place to strike the proper balance between allowable use by OPDMDs and protection of our natural resources.



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Please accept these public comments on the proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP).

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4. Thank you for acknowledging the importance of incorporating climate change impacts, planning, adaptation and resiliency into the APSLMP's management prescriptions for Forest Preserve lands and waters. APA needs to comply with the CLCPA in its review of private land projects.

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natural resource protection must remain paramount.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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My Comments:

I hope you will consider amending to allow for floating rafts , for loons, on state land, as well as amending for the construction of needed bridges in the park. Thank you for your consideration

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I also know that some of you won't be able to gather around the Thanksgiving table, as you work to keep our roads clear, our communities safe and our hospitals operational. To the essential workers who are on the job during the holiday, please know how grateful we are for your service.

Sending my best wishes to you and your family for a joyous, meaningful and delicious Thanksgiving.



Kathy Hochul  
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My Comments:

I have been backcountry skiing in the Adirondack mountains since the early 1970s.  
I also maintain backcountry ski trails as a trail steward with DEC and as a founding member of the "Siamese Ponds Trail Improvement Society".

My recommendations: Call these trails what they are: "Backcountry Ski Trails", not cross-country ski trails. They need to be wider than a foot trail in order to be more enjoyable and safer. A 4 feet wide backcountry ski trail is dangerous

Also: I assisted forest ranger Ovitt in building a bridge over the Botheration Pond outlet, as part of the Botheration Ski trail. The bridge was built with natural materials, trees near the site. The bridge lasted less than 10 years, before it rotted and collapsed. Bridges should be built to last, using materials which last, including pressure treated lumber and metal. Thank you.

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My Comments:

Megan,  
Please add my voice to the support of the addition of "species of special concern" in definition 48. This simple addition will allow seasonal nesting rafts for the Common Loon (*Gavia Immer*) as you have noted in your presentation. Through organizations like the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation, much work and study is being conducted to stabilize and increase the population of this beautiful creature with its haunting call often referred to as "The sound track of the Adirondacks."  
Best, Jim

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Please don't make changes to the state land master plan to allow motor vehicles into the areas of the Adirondack Park that are classified as Wild. Those restrictions have been in place, and working, for over 50 years. New Yorkers need wild places more than ever, to be quiet, to see wildlife, to smell clean air, to see stars, to just be. Allowing motors takes this away from everyone. EVERYONE! The claim that this change is necessary to provide access to people with disabilities is really despicable.

Creating more access is, and has been, happening - there are roads in Wild Forest have been opened for motor vehicles for persons with disabilities, many trails have been hardened to allow wheelchairs, day use areas, and campsites have been made ADA accessible. Progress is taking place while keeping to the restrictions on public use of motor vehicles in Wilderness Areas.

Please keep the current restrictions on motored vehicle in the Adirondack Park. Keep working within those rules to gradually increase accessibility, thoughtfully, for the disabled community, without taking away from everyone else.

Barbara Giardina

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Dear SLMP Decision Makers,

The Adirondack Park is a national treasure, renowned for its pristine wilderness, biodiversity, and vital role in combating climate change. However, proposed changes to the State Land Master Plan risk weakening the very protections that keep the Park's ecosystems healthy and resilient.

1. Commissioner's Policy for ADA Compliance & OPDMDs: The Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan is not the place to incorporate portions of ADA definitions since it does not implement them on state lands. Rather, the Department of Environmental Conservation should develop a state-wide Commissioner's Policy that clearly outlines the DEC's review and approval process for Accommodation Permits for other power-driven mobility devices. This policy should acknowledge where these devices are or are not appropriate, including Wilderness areas. For example, an ATV in Wilderness would not be appropriate. A state-wide, holistic policy is needed to address access, transparency, and environmental concerns for these devices, not a quick-added definition.

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3. Protection of Natural Resources is Paramount: The SLMP is clear that the protection of resources is paramount. These proposed changes must be rooted in this mandate, especially with growing environmental pressures. Proposals to weaken Wilderness protections, like allowing for more motorized access, should not be encouraged.

In the 50+ years since the State Land Master Plan was first adopted, it has undergone four major revisions, underscoring that opportunities to update this guiding document can be rare. So, the changes proposed to the SLMP must not only be relevant to today, but the complexities and challenges of the Forest Preserve of tomorrow. Changes should not weaken the health of the Forest Preserve and should uphold the guiding mandate of the SLMP –

natural resource protection must remain paramount.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Regards,  
Tom Lupfer  
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Hillsdale, NJ 07642

**From:** [Michael Marsh](#)  
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I am writing to offer my comments on the proposed APSLMP Amendments, they are as follows:

I fully support amending the APSLMP to allow for access underneath the Americans with Disabilities Act where appropriate. Wilderness for all that seek it, not just an elite few!

I fully support amending the APSLMP to allow for motorized use in removing non-conforming structures within Wilderness areas beyond the 3-year window after acquisition. There are numerous structures, such as culverts on roads and old/illegal camps, that it would not be practical or safe to remove by non-motorized means (i.e. by hand or horse). Amending the APSLMP to allow for the use of motorized machinery including, but not limited to a small tractor, excavator, and/or ATV/UTV on a case-by-case basis would allow DEC land managers to clean up numerous outstanding issues that would otherwise be ignored. No one is going to drag old culverts 3+ miles out of a wilderness area by hand and enlisting teamsters to do such work isn't as easy as everyone believes; there are few contractors available, and of that, some won't consider such projects deep in the woods for numerous reasons. Helicopters are expensive (around \$2,500 per hour for the NYS Police Chopper) and difficult to use in many places since they need an opening in the tree canopy for a pickup/drop zone. One could cut trees to make such areas but then everyone complains about that as well; I have not any problem with that approach but some do. Using motorized machinery to dig up and remove the culverts/camps, etc. and restore the site makes such projects more feasible. This option is a temporary disturbance that provides many long-term benefits like removing a blight on the land to accelerate the naturalization of an area. In short, it is a great trade-off to use for projects that otherwise would not get accomplished.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these APSLMP revisions.



Michael Marsh

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Email from: [jason.a.hamilton@gmail.com](mailto:jason.a.hamilton@gmail.com)  
Address: 173 Mountain path North Creek Ny  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

Backcountry skiing is a significant, and growing, recreational activity in the Adirondacks. Trails for Backcountry skiing need to be properly designated, and recognize the unique trail requirements for the intended purpose. Namely, Backcountry skiing requires trails of a wider width than standard hiking trails to allow for safe and enjoyable recreation.

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Alexis Cameron  
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Comments from: Jason Labonte  
Email from: [jason.labonte5@gmail.com](mailto:jason.labonte5@gmail.com)  
Address: 28 Jenkins Street Saranac Lake NY 12983  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

Hello and thank you for your time. Please allow for the increased width of trails for dedicated Backcountry use. I am very tall and use long skis as I'm sure others do as well, and it is quite precious skiing down the chute off Marcy ski trail as it is. My knees would appreciate some widening here and there for the greater safety of all. My family of 6 use and would use the ski trails more with greater clearances.  
Thanks you and think snow,  
Jason Labonte

**From:** [Christine Duffy](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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Dear State Land Master Plan Committee,

I am a resident of New York with a disability that uses State lands. I ask the State Land Master Plan not to allow powerful lobbyists in the ATV industry and others to piggyback onto the needs of mobility impaired people when a recreational vehicle and a mobility device for disabled are completely different devices for completely different purposes.

Our State lands need to be kept forever wild. Other States in the midwest and pacific northwest have kept recreational vehicles out of their forever wild lands while finding solutions for people with disabilities. New York needs to protect the forever wild lands starting with protecting us from powerful lobbying groups.

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Sincerely,  
*Christine Duffy*  
15 Fletcher Rd  
Albany NY 12203  
518-456-6372

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**Good Morning,**

**My name is Deana H. Wood. I live at 15 E Holcomb Street, North Creek, NY 12853.**

**I am a supporter of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the not-for-profit "friends group" that supports and promotes the preservation of one of America's most hallowed grounds.**

**I write to request that the APA insert an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of State-owned facilities classified as "Historic " properties within the Adirondack Park. I believe that a Historic classification will help protect these properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, and open space attributes. The change in classification would also facilitate the State's enhanced stewardship of the property to reflect a prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation. The location is a National Register of Historic Places-listed property referenced as the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District, and clearly meets eligibility requirements for the APA's Historic classification.**

**These sites were the locations of key events during the French & Indian War and the American Revolution, are important elements of our national heritage, and are deserving of the additional protections that the Historic designation will afford.**

**Thank you and I appreciate your action on this.  
Deana Wood  
518-744-7931**

**From:** [mailagent@thesoftedge.com](mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com) on behalf of [Mary Jane Curry](#)  
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Address: 270 Harvey Rd P.O. Box 25 NORTH RIVER NY 12856  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

We live near 13th Lake and favor the revision to allow loon nest rafts to be floated along state-owned shoreline.

Thank you.

Phi & Beth Fisher

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Address: Chestertown NY 12817  
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My Comments:

As a paddler on 13th Lake in North River for many years, I've noticed that our loon population has declined to the point that I haven't seen a nest in 2yrs. The lakes water levels, as most lakes in the ADK have struggled with the changes in weather patterns possibly adding to the stress and decline of nesting areas for our loons. I consider the idea of nesting rafts to be a wonderful solution to help our beloved loons continue mate and nest and grow, a wonderful idea.

Thank you,  
Kim Repscha

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Dear Ms. Phillips,

We are supporter of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the not-for-profit "friends group" that supports and promotes the preservation of one of America's most hallowed grounds.

We write to request that the APA insert an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of State-owned facilities classified as "Historic " properties within the Adirondack Park. We believe that a Historic classification will help protect these properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, and open space attributes. The change in classification would also facilitate the State's enhanced stewardship of the property to reflect a prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation. The location is a National Register of Historic Places-listed property referenced as the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District, and clearly meets eligibility requirements for the APA's Historic classification.

These sites were the locations of key events during the French & Indian War and the American Revolution, are important elements of your and our national heritage, and are deserving of the additional protections that the Historic designation will afford.

Best regards,

André Delisle

Executive Director and Curator

Château Ramezay – Historic Site and Museum of Montréal



**André Delisle**

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Email [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: [marty@alpineendeavors.com](mailto:marty@alpineendeavors.com)

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: HI, The Adirondacks have a lot of history of skiing and with the introduction of new technology, interest and use of the ski trails are growing. Backcountry skiing is growing and many areas are adding in backcountry specific trails - VT, NH. Please don't let the ADK's be left out. Please add in backcountry ski touring trails into the master plan.

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Email [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: gsofield15@optonline.net

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: More backcountry trails please!

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First Name [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Greg

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Last Name [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Kennard

Email [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: d@dougkennard.com

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: To Whom It May Concern at the Adirondack Park Agency, I'm writing to you to voice my support for Ski Trails and Skin Tracks in the Adirondack Park. As a backcountry skier, I've skied throughout the Adirondacks, Catskills and White Mountains. I've skied the Marcy Ski / hiking Trail and the current Wright Peak Ski Trail / hiking trail, and have seen firsthand, the need to have a separate Wright Peak Ski Only Trail that is wide enough for skiing. I fully back the NYS DEC proposed solution of rerouting the Wright Peak Ski Trail off of the shared Hiking

Trail and establishing a separate Skier Only Ski Trail that was approved by NYS in the 1930s all the way back down to the Whales Tail Ski Trail. As backcountry skiing continues to grow by leaps and bounds in the Northeast / Adirondacks region (and across the world), I believe it should be an absolute priority to foster Ski Only Ski Trails in the Adirondacks, as this will only help to bring in new awareness to the Adirondacks region and new forms of revenue opportunities for the local community and the State. Ski Only Ski Trails are needed in the Adirondacks, to help keep skiers and winter hikers safer and to create a better overall winter experience for all! Please don't let Vermont and New Hampshire take the majority of backcountry skiers and skiing opportunities to their States, and away from the Adirondack region of New York and leave us with very few options for skiers. More areas in the Adirondack Park need to be allowed access to not only widen the few existing ski trails that have become overgrown, but also to be able to cut new ski trails in order to maintain progress and accessibility in the Adirondack park for backcountry skiers. Thank you for considering my words of support for more backcountry ski trails. Supporter of Ski Only Ski Trails in the Adirondacks, Doug Kennard [d@dougkennard.com](mailto:d@dougkennard.com) (585) 203-4121

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Dear SLMP Decision Makers,

Dear Director Rice,

I'm writing with great concern that the State of New York may be considering any actions or policies that might weaken the wilderness and wild forest protections of the Adirondack Park. Preserving the peace, quiet, and ecological integrity of the Forest Preserve must be paramount, and allowances for motorized vehicles, development, or any use beyond hiking and passive recreation should never be an option.

The DEC can and should adopt a state-wide policy regarding off-road mobility device use that explicitly prohibits any such use in protected areas. The Park and the State have literally millions of acres of resource management and other land use classes that could allow for such uses in controlled circumstances.

The Adirondack Park is a treasure and a tourist magnet because of the wilderness, the vastness of the forest, and the pristine nature of its waters. Any decisions that compromise these assets are short-sighted, such as the proposed changes to the State Land Master Plan that risk weakening the very protections that keep the Park's ecosystems healthy and resilient. As a member-owner of White Pine Camp in Paul Smiths, I am keenly aware of the magic and beauty of the region and the changes and pressures it is experiencing at this time.

Please take heed of the advice and recommendations of the organizations supporting continued preservation of the most valuable lands in the Park, including:

1. Commissioner's Policy for ADA Compliance & OPDMDs: The Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan is not the place to incorporate portions of ADA definitions since it does not implement them on state lands. Rather, the Department of Environmental Conservation should develop a state-wide Commissioner's Policy that clearly outlines the DEC's review and approval process for Accommodation Permits for other power-driven mobility devices. This policy should acknowledge where these devices are or are not appropriate, including Wilderness areas. For example, an ATV in Wilderness would not be appropriate. A state-wide, holistic policy is needed to address access, transparency, and environmental concerns for these devices, not a quick-added definition.
2. Weakening of Agency Oversight: The APA is tasked with ensuring the DEC's management of the Adirondack Forest Preserve is consistent with the SLMP and constitutionally protected lands. Through the proposed amendments, the APA is relinquishing its ability to hold the DEC accountable by deleting structure removal dates (meaning, structures that should have been removed by a certain date – many of them decades ago) and administrative road closure dates. The Agency should request new compliance dates for the DEC to meet and hold them

accountable.

In addition, the APA proposes to allow DEC to use motor vehicles to access Wilderness for improvements or structure removal on an as-needed basis. The SLMP is clear that Wilderness is intended to be motor-free except for extenuating circumstances, like life-saving search and rescue operations. The APA should not allow this change, for small changes such as this – where other non-motorized methods are a viable option in most instances for Wilderness management – will begin to erode Wilderness protections and character.

3. Protection of Natural Resources is Paramount: The SLMP is clear that the protection of resources is paramount. These proposed changes must be rooted in this mandate, especially with growing environmental pressures. Proposals to weaken Wilderness protections, like allowing for more motorized access, should not be encouraged.

In the 50+ years since the State Land Master Plan was first adopted, it has undergone four major revisions, underscoring that opportunities to update this guiding document can be rare. So, the changes proposed to the SLMP must not only be relevant to today, but the complexities and challenges of the Forest Preserve of tomorrow. Changes should not weaken the health of the Forest Preserve and should uphold the guiding mandate of the SLMP – natural resource protection must remain paramount.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my input on this matter.

Regards,  
John Kuriawa  
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Severna Park, MD 21146



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Email [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Barkins@hotmail.com

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Support local sport and tourism! Add an amendment for ski touring in the ADK!

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In reference to the new ADA amendment, Dec writes:

*In meeting the mandates of this rule, DEC will continue to allow the use of cars, trucks and all-terrain vehicles by permit on designated routes as authorized in Commissioner Policy # 3 (CP-3), and will consider issuing permits, on a case-by-case basis, for the use of other types of power-driven mobility devices on these CP-3 routes for people with mobility disabilities.*

A good approach and all that is needed. The CP-3 policy already addresses the spirit of the ADA law while conforming to Article 14 of the State Land Master Plan. Don't open pandoras box.

Lorraine Duvall  
loradk@mac.com  
Keene, NY 12942

**From:** [mailagent@thesoftedge.com](mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com) on behalf of [Walter Scally](#)  
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Dear APA Planning:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP).

Thank you for addressing accessibility in the recently proposed updates ensuring access to the Forest Preserve for all people.

I am very concerned, however, that the proposed changes do not fully address the issue of accessibility or provide adequate protection for non-motorized areas of the Adirondack Forest Preserve including wilderness.

Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) should not be excluded from the definition of motor vehicles. These are motorized vehicles. The Americans with Disabilities Act specifies that OPDMDs are not considered a reasonable accommodation where permitting them fundamentally alters the nature of the program, as it would for Wilderness, Primitive, and Canoe areas.

The Adirondack Park needs a comprehensive plan for accessibility and accessible features. This is right and responsible, both for all people and for the natural resources and wilderness values of the Adirondack Park. The current practice of determining OPDMD on a case-by-case basis must not continue. An OPDMD policy must be created.

Regarding other proposed changes, I support the use of the Visitor Use Management Framework as the preferred tool for determining the amount and types of use suitable for a unit, but only if that tool explicitly includes ecological, physical, and social components, measurements, and metrics. Any study that does not include all aspects is fundamentally incomplete.

I also greatly appreciate the proposed change in the APSLMP that would require planning and analysis related to climate change vulnerabilities in Unit Management Plans.

Sincerely,

Walter Scally  
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Email [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: adktyler@gmail.com

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Backcountry ski touring trails would be a game changer for the Adirondacks, creating a balance between recreational use and ecological preservation. Thank you for considering this update!

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I am writing to voice my disbelief that an amendment to the ban on motorized vehicles in the wilderness section of Adirondack Park is being considered to allow OPDMD's. While access to the Park for people with disabilities is laudable, it should not come at the cost of ruining the wilderness for everyone. Allowing OPDMD's would open pandoras box because the enforcement of allowable use to those with only with disabilities would be impossible. This would result in the Adirondack wilderness being overrun by motorized vehicles and destroying that which the APA was tasked to preserve. Even if enforcement were possible the wilderness would still be lost. Please do not let this happen, to call it tragic would be a great understatement. Thank you.

Michael Gray  
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awwilson@verizon.net

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: I would urge you to develop sensible guidelines for backcountry ski trails in wilderness and wild forest designations. Such guidelines would not only help in the potential development of trails, but also with the maintenance of these trails. Currently, I volunteer for SPTIS, a group that maintains the hiking and ski trails in the Siamese Ponds Wilderness and adjoining state forest areas. We are provided guidelines for maintaining the hiking trails, but none seem to exist for ski trails. Also, ski trail specific guidelines would help to address the

obvious differences between a narrow hiking corridor and a wider one needed to accommodate skiing, particularly on steeper grades where more width to turn is required.

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Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) should not be excluded from the definition of motor vehicles. These are motorized vehicles. The Americans with Disabilities Act specifies that OPDMDs are not considered a reasonable accommodation where permitting them fundamentally alters the nature of the program, as it would for Wilderness, Primitive, and Canoe areas.

The Adirondack Park needs a comprehensive plan for accessibility and accessible features. This is right and responsible, both for all people and for the natural resources and wilderness values of the Adirondack Park. The current practice of determining OPDMD on a case-by-case basis must not continue. An OPDMD policy must be created.

Regarding other proposed changes, I support the use of the Visitor Use Management Framework as the preferred tool for determining the amount and types of use suitable for a unit, but only if that tool explicitly includes ecological, physical, and social components, measurements, and metrics. Any study that does not include all aspects is fundamentally incomplete.

I also greatly appreciate the proposed change in the APSLMP that would require planning and analysis related to climate change vulnerabilities in Unit Management Plans.

Sincerely,

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My Comments:

I am a supporter of the lake George battlefield alliance and I humbly request the classification of the battle field, fort and monuments be changed to preserve their historical importance. I am aware they are not recognized as historic landmarks like many other locations in the Adirondacks that meet the same criteria. Battkefeld park as well as fort William Henry boast importance in the French and Indian war as well as the ground were used and occupied in the American revolution. The countless finds on these grounds are proof enough to prove it's worth of importance as well as the passion by reenactors from across the country. Working at the fort I have met many people from many walks of life that would agree with my humble request to change it to being for historic use would make a huge difference in the future. History should not be forgotten because we learn so much from it to better ourselves. Not to mention the preservation with bring future generations to enjoy and ignite the same passion the alliance as well as the living history practitioners have for these places.

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1. People with disabilities have and should continue to have access to the Forest Preserve in a way that is consistent with Article 14 and the current “Guidelines for Management and Use” for each of the Land Classifications in the SLMP. The proposed definition of “Other Power Driven Mobility Device” (OPDMD) and other references to OPDMD in the proposed amendments should be deleted.
2. DEC’s Commissioner’s Policy 3 (CP-3) should be amended to make clear that OPDMDs may only be used by persons with disabilities and that such use will not be allowed in Wilderness, Primitive or Canoe areas, and to address and evaluate the appropriateness of OPDMD use by persons with disabilities in other Forest Preserve land use classifications.
3. APA should not amend the Master Plan to give DEC unfettered discretion in allowing the use of OPDMDs on Forest Preserve lands because it would allow DEC to fundamentally alter the nature of Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe Areas, where motor vehicle use is currently prohibited. Doing so would be a complete abrogation of APA’s duties to protect the natural resources of the Adirondack Park.
4. APA should clarify the proposed amendments about carrying capacity to ensure that the focus and overriding goal of visitor use management must always be protection of natural resources and ensuring that natural resources are not degraded; it is not the goal of visitor use management to maximize recreational use up to the limit that a particular land or water management unit can withstand.
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6. Thank you for acknowledging the importance of incorporating climate change impacts, planning, adaptation and resiliency into the Master Plan’s management prescriptions



for Forest Preserve lands and waters. APA needs to comply with the CLCPA in its review of private land projects.

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3. It is important that the APA clarify the proposed amendments about carrying capacity to ensure that the focus and overriding goal of visitor use management must always be protection of natural resources and ensuring that natural resources are not degraded; it is not the goal of visitor use management to maximize recreational use up to the limit that a particular land or water management unit can withstand.
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I support protecting the Adirondacks--do not accept an amendment that would change the nature of wilderness, primitive and canoe areas.

Sincerely,

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I would like to comment more, but there seems to be a limits of characters, I can post. That seems rather undemocratic.

This is very disturbing to me and the natural world that inhabits the unique and amazing Adirondack Park, if they could talk. In addition to the talking points below, I have had a second home in the Adirondacks for almost 40 years and have recently moved up here permanently. I have always been concerned with the noise and destruction ATVs cause. I come up here to be in nature, to hear the birds and crickets and tree peepers. OMG I love the sound of tree peepers on a warm June evening.

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Dear Persons:

Of the currently proposed changes most are very positive. However: PLEASE DO NOT EXPAND THE USE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES in the Park.

Sincerely, Maury Tigner, summer resident in the Town of Colton.

**From:** [Trisha FO](#)  
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Greetings, I hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving yesterday and didn't eat too much.

I submitted an automatic comment previously but it had very limited capacity for adding personal comments, so I am going to do that here.

I have always lived either in the foothills of, or within the park proper of the Adirondacks. If you have ever spent any time here, I would hope that you appreciate the wonder and beauty that the Adirondacks have to offer.

The use of motorized off road vehicles has always been a cause of concern and annoyance. This is one of the Planet's diverse natural environments, the protections of which, MUST be enforced, not changed.

I have recently moved to the Sacandaga Reservoir and while sitting on the shore to watch the bald eagles and Canada Geese hunting for fish, I am disturbed by the constant annoying buzz of ATVs across the lake tearing up the pristine beach as they buzz back and forth over the sand. These vehicles leak hazardous fluids, leave rubber residue on rocks, run over endangered salamanders and disappearing frogs, in addition to the erosion they cause and the sound pollution they make. Did you know that songs birds are having to change their mating calls to be louder and less unique to be heard over the sound of human industrialization? As I sit here in nature, there is always the sound of some human machine to interrupt the peace and quiet and drown out the sounds of nature. Animals have much more sensitive hearing than humans do. Can you imagine what it sounds like to them?

The proposal to exclude OPDMDs from the Master Plan's definition of

“motor vehicle” would allow OPDMDs to potentially be used in Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe land classifications in violation of Article 14 and the Master Plan, and contrary to CP-3. OPDMDs include cars, trucks, golf carts, Segways and All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), that are prohibited in Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe areas.

Furthermore, there already exists the opportunity for persons with disabilities to experience and enjoy the park as well as for people who just want to ride their ATVs around and who apparently don't give a darn about the natural environment because one certainly cannot hear the birds, or watch frogs and salamanders when riding upon them.

The APA and DEC have expanded and improved access for persons with disabilities to recreational opportunities in the Forest Preserve through creation of accessible trails, campgrounds, wildlife observation areas, roadside scenic vistas, boat launches and other recreation facilities. In addition, opportunities for the use of motor vehicles in appropriate portions of the Forest Preserve by persons with disabilities has been and continues to be provided through DEC Commissioner Policy 3, “Motorized Access Program for People With Disabilities” ([called CP-3](#)).

I have always been confused and very disappointed that laws passed to protect the environment, which are supposed to be forever, can be so easily reversed. We need to protect the Adirondacks completely and indefinitely with no exceptions. FOREVER. Without nature we don't have a habitable planet. Persons with disabilities already have the protections in place to allow them to enjoy and experience the Adirondack park. There is no need to change anything.

Thank you for your time. I do hope that you give all of the comments made serious consideration and don't just rubber stamp the changes because that is what is expected.

Diana Wright

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Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: we need additional ski trails everywhere that it makes sense!!!!there are plenty of trees in the Adirondacks! Let's just cut a few to widen and clear the trails!

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Email [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: mikedoyleskiing@gmail.com

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Backcountry skiing doesn't pollute the air and doesn't need fossil fuels for power. An amendment should be added to the State Land Master Plan to include and protect backcountry ski touring trails.

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Dear Ms. Phillips:

In this additional comment letter, I wish to call your attention to the important, relevant existing policy of another New York State agency - the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation - concerning some well thought-out components of that April 2022 policy. (See: <https://parks.ny.gov/documents/inside-our-agency/PublicDocuments/GuidancePolicies/OtherPowerDrivenMobilityDevices.pdf> )

For one thing, I note that OPRHP's definition of OPDMD is exactly the same as the federal, DOJ definition, which is arguably quite sensible. It reads that an OPDMD is, "*Any mobility device powered by batteries, fuel, or other means – whether or not designed primarily for use by individuals with mobility disabilities – used by individuals with mobility disabilities, including golf carts, electronic personal assistance mobility devices (i.e., the Segway PT), or any mobility device designed to operate in areas without defined pedestrian routes, but that is not a wheelchair.*"

For another thing, I note that OPRHP's policy largely prohibits gas-powered OPDMD, with all of the following written policy set forth by the agency to detail that prohibition and explain the rationale, as follows:

### ***"Prohibition***

#### ***Gas-powered OPDMD***

*One type of OPDMD is a mobility device powered by a gas-fueled engine using natural gas, gasoline, diesel, synthetic or biofuel, or a combination thereof, including all-terrain vehicles (ATV), carts, off-road bikes, motor scooters, motorcycles, tractors and vehicles (whether two, three, or four wheeled).*

*OPDMDs equipped with gas-fueled engines will largely be prohibited in many park settings due to risks outlined below; however, the risks associated with gas-powered devices warrant an individualized assessment of the device's operating condition, operator's knowledge of existing conditions and restrictions, and the intended itinerary. This will reduce the risk of safety hazards arising from conflicting use of facilities and trail conditions. Consultation has not presented an unreasonable burden to users; virtually all state park facilities are staffed and have the capacity to review the request on-site and consult without undue delay.*

*OPRHP facilities possess significant natural topographical features and ecological resources that are managed to support a wide range of plant and animal communities in harmony with public recreation. Gas-powered OPDMDs present a substantial risk of harm to operators, visitors, and the immediate environment due to their internal combustion engines and relatively large dimensions, weight, driving range and/or horsepower. Additional risks posed*

*by gas-powered devices are detailed as follows:*

- *Volatile fuels present a risk of fire created by ignition systems and the heat of engine combustion.*
- *Fuel tanks may leak or fuel may spill during refueling. Fuel leaks damage the environment and may cause fire.*
- *Engine noise can produce a significant zone of disturbance to native wildlife and can negatively impact visitor experience. Noise presents a health risk to park users when it exceeds 70dB, which the World Health Organization has set as a maximum safe noise level in the workplace. Many gas-powered devices, such as ATV and motor bikes, have the capacity to routinely exceed this threshold level under otherwise normal operating conditions.*
- *The exhaust of small internal combustion engines may pose an air quality risk for park visitors and employees."*

In light of this OPRHP policy, in its entirety, I ask you the following questions:

**1) Why does your proposed OPDMD definition for NYSAPA and NYSDEC differ so significantly from the existing NYSOPRHP legal definition and the federal, DOJ legal definition - those latter two of which are (seemingly very sensibly) identical to each other?**

**2) Why, given: a) your legal responsibility for protecting the environment and all the natural resources of the Adirondack Park; and, b) given such obvious potential impacts as OPRHP clearly recognizes and seeks to prevent by policy, are you ceding all your oversight of DEC's management of the public and managerial use of OPDMD's across all of the Adirondack Park to DEC (in itself questionable on multiple counts) while DEC has not only not adopted ANY policy for their managerial use or public recreational use, but also remains steadfastly opposed to even developing such policy in the future? This strikes me as being as complete an abrogation of your legal responsibilities as could possibly be entertained. I can think of many potential environmental impacts you should be concerned about, both the same as those OPRHP recognizes and different - different by being special to the Adirondacks and all the very special, protected and sensitive natural areas within the Park boundaries.**

I believe it is essential that you answer these questions of mine in your Environmental Impact Statement, especially given how the established policy of your sister agency - NYSOPRHP - points unambiguously to a variety of environmental impacts that use of OPDMD's can have.

Thank you,

Walt Linck

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I live in the Adirondacks and am very grateful for all the opportunities that it gives me.

I do not want to see more motorized access to State Land. I truly feel that it will decrease the magnificence of the park. Wilderness lands should always remain wilderness. Wild lands should be protected from additional onslaught.

I am an elderly lady. I still hike, canoe and snowshoe on state trails. I no longer expect to be able to reach the high peaks. Do I want elevators put in for me? NO. I am finding great joy in using the lesser known areas that I am capable of exploring. It has opened up new areas for me to explore and enjoy.

Please do not do anything to decrease the total protection of the park.

Thank you.

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My Comments:

I am a 66 year old man. I've been enjoying the the Adirondacks for my whole life and I want my children their children to be able to enjoy the quickly vanishing wonder of solitude and wilderness. Some see the prohibition of motorized vehicles as discriminatory against those with disabilities. If that's so, then I'm discriminating against my future self as well when I argue against access for those types of vehicles. As I age I steadily lose some strength and stamina and balance. I know I won't be able to hike or kayak with the same capacity in the future. But if you change the wilderness such that I can use a motorized vehicle to access the park, you have forever changed the essence of the park. I think such a demand would be selfish on my part because the magic of the Adirondacks lies, to a great extent, in the wilderness itself. Any demands I or others might make for continued access, no matter our age or disability, would rob my descendants of that wild magic. Therefore I strongly disagree with the idea of allowing powered vehicles into areas where they are now disallowed. The whole point of wilderness is that it's not just a playground for people. The point of wilderness IS wilderness - a wild place where, as best we can, the landscape is left as it was eons ago. The needs of people don't trump the needs of wilderness for it's own sake.

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Dear Ms. Phillips,

I would like to correct my comment letter of earlier today by noting that the NYSOPRHP definition of OPDMD is actually not entirely identical to the federal DOJ definition in language. However, please note the two definitions are identical in meaning, as the sentence construction is the same and the language differences are so minor as to not affect the meaning. Consequently, please consider my question in my earlier comment letter about certain significant differences between definitions to remain the same.

My apologies, and thank you,

Walt Linck

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Dear SLMP Decision Makers,

The Adirondack Park is a national treasure, renowned for its pristine wilderness, biodiversity, and vital role in combating climate change. However, proposed changes to the State Land Master Plan risk weakening the very protections that keep the Park's ecosystems healthy and resilient.

1. Commissioner's Policy for ADA Compliance & OPDMDs: The Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan is not the place to incorporate portions of ADA definitions since it does not implement them on state lands. Rather, the Department of Environmental Conservation should develop a state-wide Commissioner's Policy that clearly outlines the DEC's review and approval process for Accommodation Permits for other power-driven mobility devices. This policy should acknowledge where these devices are or are not appropriate, including Wilderness areas. For example, an ATV in Wilderness would not be appropriate. A state-wide, holistic policy is needed to address access, transparency, and environmental concerns for these devices, not a quick-added definition.

2. Weakening of Agency Oversight: The APA is tasked with ensuring the DEC's management of the Adirondack Forest Preserve is consistent with the SLMP and constitutionally protected lands. Through the proposed amendments, the APA is relinquishing its ability to hold the DEC accountable by deleting structure removal dates (meaning, structures that should have been removed by a certain date – many of them decades ago) and administrative road closure dates. The Agency should request new compliance dates for the DEC to meet and hold them accountable.

In addition, the APA proposes to allow DEC to use motor vehicles to access Wilderness for improvements or structure removal on an as-needed basis. The SLMP is clear that Wilderness is intended to be motor-free except for extenuating circumstances, like life-saving search and rescue operations. The APA should not allow this change, for small changes such as this – where other non-motorized methods are a viable option in most instances for Wilderness management – will begin to erode Wilderness protections and character.

3. Protection of Natural Resources is Paramount: The SLMP is clear that the protection of resources is paramount. These proposed changes must be rooted in this mandate, especially with growing environmental pressures. Proposals to weaken Wilderness protections, like allowing for more motorized access, should not be encouraged.

In the 50+ years since the State Land Master Plan was first adopted, it has undergone four major revisions, underscoring that opportunities to update this guiding document can be rare. So, the changes proposed to the SLMP must not only be relevant to today, but the complexities and challenges of the Forest Preserve of tomorrow. Changes should not weaken the health of the Forest Preserve and should uphold the guiding mandate of the SLMP –

natural resource protection must remain paramount.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Regards,  
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Last Name [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Keal

Email [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: owenfo21@gmail.com

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: backcountry skiing has been a cornerstone of anyone that has lived in the Adirondacks, by adding this amendment this will make backcountry skiing more available to new and upcoming skiers. not having any glades in the high peaks makes it so that skiers are pushed to only ski backcountry when they are good enough to ski slides and they have proper avalanche training, but by adding this amendment this will bring glades that are going to assist the transformation of an amazing skiing community.

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First Name [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Owen

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Last Name [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Knauf

Email [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: vtampsusa@gmail.com

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: I support the design and implementation of SAFE ski trails that are used only for skiing in the winter months. That means allowing vegetation beyond that of a hiking trail but clearing of trees, particularly small trees, beyond that of the current 4' regulation. 4' is simply not safe for skiers considering grades. Trails should be designed with the width that is appropriate for the grade in any given section.

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First Name [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Michael

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Last Name [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Cole

Email [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: matthew.cole@me.com

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Dear APA, I support an amendment to the State Land Master Plan to add backcountry ski touring trails. In my opinion, adding skiing trails will encourage year-round usage, boosting the economies of the communities that surround our state lands. Most of these areas see dramatically reduced usage in the winter, whereas skiing can help keep these communities tourism industries vibrant year-round. I also believe that in a time of inbounds ski area passes that routinely exceed \$100, backcountry skiing has a democratizing effect, keeping people of

all income levels outside and on the snow. Finally, I believe that more users naturally results in more stewardship, converting people into advocates for preserving state lands as a public heritage worth passing down to New Yorkers of the future. Thank you for your consideration.

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Phone Number [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: 206-790-8791

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As a frequent visitor to the Wild Forest in the Adirondacks, I am horrified that people are suggesting altering the Master Plan. This Plan has maintained the Adirondacks in the condition desired for a very long time. There have always been people with disabilities who have been able to enjoy the Adirondacks without changing the Master Plan or designation of protected lands. Please discourage and refute this misguided proposal.

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Last Name [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Basirico

Email [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: john.basirico@gmail.com

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Dear New York State Government, I urge you to consider amending the State Land Master Plan to allow for the development of designated backcountry ski touring trails. This addition would provide expanded recreational opportunities while maintaining sustainable use of our state's natural resources. New Hampshire has successfully implemented such trails, which have become highly popular among outdoor enthusiasts, contributing to both tourism and local economies. Introducing similar trails in New York would enhance winter recreation,

attract more visitors, and promote a deeper appreciation for our state's wilderness areas. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, John Basirico

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First Name [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: John

Phone Number [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: 5183684655

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Last Name [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Watkins

Email [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: gwatkins@graywatkinslaw.com

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Rather than skiing on haphazardly created/maintained trails, the North Country back country ski community would love to have a variety of intentionally well-designed/maintained back country trails which won't conflict with hikers/snowshoers. We are a resourceful and energetic community, able to help with planning and maintenance if the right agencies are willing to engage with us. Thank you.

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Last Name [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Usher

Email [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: bkusher17@gmail.com

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: I would like to see some Adirondack trails made specifically for backcountry skiing. Hikers do far more damage to the land, than skiers and snowboarders do because we are on the snow and not causing erosion and wear on the actual ground. Skiing trails have historically been allowed in the Adirondacks and I feel they should be allowed again. Thank you.

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First Name [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Brian

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Last Name [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Budlong

Email [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: pjbudlong@aol.com

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: I don't understand the agency's prejudice against back country skiing. Seems to me it's less impactful than hiking!

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First Name [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Paul

Phone Number [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]:

collection]: 5188529312

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Last Name [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Collins

Email [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]:  
tcollins98809@gmail.com

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: I feel that backcountry skiing is one of the least invasive ways to explore the Adirondacks. Maintaining backcountry ski trails will provide tremendous outdoor adventure opportunities and be a much need boost to local Adirondack communities.

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First Name [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email

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Phone Number [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: 5183549966

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Please, NO MOTORS in Wilderness Areas.

Marc Wanner  
Judy Rush  
Saranac Lake

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Larry McGory  
29 Snell Rd.  
Potsdam, NY 13676

Please accept this public comment on the proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP).

What is quite striking and disappointing about the Adirondacks, is the orientation toward, and prevalence of motorized vehicles in the wild lands and waters. Land and water with motorized activity are not wild - those of us who desire wild places are pushed into limited "reservations". I would like to see the APA move to curtail motorized activity rather than to expand it. It would seem that exceptions could be made to facilitate access to certain places for people with disabilities, without opening the floodgates for the general population. There are already way more than enough places for motorized activity. I have to drive an hour to get to a wilderness cross country ski trail of any significant length. During that drive I pass hundreds of miles of snowmobile trails. The park is out of balance. Please work to bring it back into balance.

Sincerely,

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Last Name [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Iemelianova

Email [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: manyasfon@gmail.com

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: As a healthcare worker (registered nurse) and enthusiast of outdoor activities, I believe that popularization and increased availability of backcountry activities will positively impact our community and the population of the USA in general

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We are writing to support reasonable and lawful use of devices to help those with mobility impairments and the use of battery-powered wheelchairs on any trail in the Forest Preserve that allows foot traffic. And we strongly oppose any other motorized vehicles in the Wilderness, such as ATVs. And we also strongly oppose the open-ended allowance of motorized equipment to remove non-conforming structures. We love the quiet of wilderness and this is precious and hard to find. Please continue to uphold the Wilderness Act and keep wilderness quiet and wild as there are so many places already with loads of motorized equipment! Thank you for your attention to our comments.  
Sincerely, The Stewart Family

**From:** [mailagent@thesoftedge.com](mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com) on behalf of [Keith Brewer](#)  
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Dear APA Planning:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP).

Thank you for addressing accessibility in the recently proposed updates ensuring access to the Forest Preserve for all people.

I am very concerned, however, that the proposed changes do not fully address the issue of accessibility or provide adequate protection for non-motorized areas of the Adirondack Forest Preserve including wilderness.

Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) should not be excluded from the definition of motor vehicles. These are motorized vehicles. The Americans with Disabilities Act specifies that OPDMDs are not considered a reasonable accommodation where permitting them fundamentally alters the nature of the program, as it would for Wilderness, Primitive, and Canoe areas.

The Adirondack Park needs a comprehensive plan for accessibility and accessible features. This is right and responsible, both for all people and for the natural resources and wilderness values of the Adirondack Park. The current practice of determining OPDMD on a case-by-case basis must not continue. An OPDMD policy must be created.

Regarding other proposed changes, I support the use of the Visitor Use Management Framework as the preferred tool for determining the amount and types of use suitable for a unit, but only if that tool explicitly includes ecological, physical, and social components, measurements, and metrics. Any study that does not include all aspects is fundamentally incomplete.

I also greatly appreciate the proposed change in the APSLMP that would require planning and analysis related to climate change vulnerabilities in Unit Management Plans.

Sincerely,

Keith Brewer  
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Address:  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

As a student at Clarkson that loves the Adirondacks, and especially loves to ski the Adirondacks, I think it would be fantastic to have more ski trails, as well as it being a more safe option for both skier and rescuers



**From:** [Ed Harstead](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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Dear Megan Phillips,  
Director of Planning,  
NYS Adirondack Park Agency

I rarely comment on such things, but I have learned about APA proposed changes to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan that would open up Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe areas to motor vehicle use for people with disabilities. I oppose these changes. The essential quality of Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe areas is the absence of motor vehicles.

In particular, the vast majority of pond and lake surface area in the Adirondacks already has motorized access and motorized boats on the water. I do not believe there is any pressing need to open up more water to motorized access. If anything, there should be more motor-free water for paddlers in the Adirondacks.

Finally, I understand that the motorized vehicles proposed to have access are not even required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Therefore I urge you to reject these changes.

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Email [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: jackrinaldo@gmail.com

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: I want an amendment added to the State Land Master Plan for backcountry ski touring trails. The Adirondacks is blessed with terrain for great skiing. Allowing people to use it as such will not harm the environment and will improve conditions for locals & tourists. I agree with the points made in Phil Brown's 11/20/2024 article "Comment on the Adirondack Park state lands plan: Time to revisit backcountry skiing trails" in the Adirondack Explorer.

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adirondack-park-state-lands-plan-time-to-revisit-backcountry-skiing-trails - Jack Rinaldo

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Dear SLMP Decision Makers,

The Adirondack Park is a national treasure, renowned for its pristine wilderness, biodiversity, and vital role in combating climate change. However, proposed changes to the State Land Master Plan risk weakening the very protections that keep the Park's ecosystems healthy and resilient.

1. Commissioner's Policy for ADA Compliance & OPDMDs: The Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan is not the place to incorporate portions of ADA definitions since it does not implement them on state lands. Rather, the Department of Environmental Conservation should develop a state-wide Commissioner's Policy that clearly outlines the DEC's review and approval process for Accommodation Permits for other power-driven mobility devices. This policy should acknowledge where these devices are or are not appropriate, including Wilderness areas. For example, an ATV in Wilderness would not be appropriate. A state-wide, holistic policy is needed to address access, transparency, and environmental concerns for these devices, not a quick-added definition.

2. Weakening of Agency Oversight: The APA is tasked with ensuring the DEC's management of the Adirondack Forest Preserve is consistent with the SLMP and constitutionally protected lands. Through the proposed amendments, the APA is relinquishing its ability to hold the DEC accountable by deleting structure removal dates (meaning, structures that should have been removed by a certain date – many of them decades ago) and administrative road closure dates. The Agency should request new compliance dates for the DEC to meet and hold them accountable.

In addition, the APA proposes to allow DEC to use motor vehicles to access Wilderness for improvements or structure removal on an as-needed basis. The SLMP is clear that Wilderness is intended to be motor-free except for extenuating circumstances, like life-saving search and rescue operations. The APA should not allow this change, for small changes such as this – where other non-motorized methods are a viable option in most instances for Wilderness management – will begin to erode Wilderness protections and character.

3. Protection of Natural Resources is Paramount: The SLMP is clear that the protection of resources is paramount. These proposed changes must be rooted in this mandate, especially with growing environmental pressures. Proposals to weaken Wilderness protections, like allowing for more motorized access, should not be encouraged.

In the 50+ years since the State Land Master Plan was first adopted, it has undergone four major revisions, underscoring that opportunities to update this guiding document can be rare. So, the changes proposed to the SLMP must not only be relevant to today, but the complexities and challenges of the Forest Preserve of tomorrow. Changes should not weaken the health of the Forest Preserve and should uphold the guiding mandate of the SLMP –

natural resource protection must remain paramount.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Regards,  
Rush Holt  
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Au Sable Forks, NY 12912

**From:** [Sidney Harring](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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4. Thank you for acknowledging the importance of incorporating climate change impacts, planning, adaptation and resiliency into the APSLMP's management prescriptions for Forest Preserve lands and waters. APA needs to comply with the CLCPA in its review of private land projects.

Sincerely,

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Comments from: Matthew Beal  
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Address:  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

There's has been way too many roads. Closed off for general public and the outdoorsmen who love the wilderness to have access to primitive areas by motor vehicles me being disabled , beautiful areas I have been to in the past since 1972 have been closed and are no longer accessible even for someone who was perfectly fit now being disabled, it is almost impossible so I support any efforts to reopen some roads for access into primitive areas. Some of these roads should've never been closed cause they predeceased 1972. And for people who don't choose to go into the woods that is your choice, but for somebody like me who enjoys being in nature, you are limiting my access to it.

**From:** [Lawrence D'Arco](#)  
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Sincerely,

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I write as a native New Yorker now living next door who frequently visits the Adirondack region to comment on the proposed SLMP amendments.

Most important to me is keeping motorized uses out of Wilderness and similar areas that are supposed to be motor free. I generally support efforts to improve access for people people with disabilities as is being done at the public great camp, for example. But not every acre of Forest Reserve has to be accessible.

At age 81, I am past the point of being able or willing to undertake some physical activities. That is a form of disability, whether physical or mental. I have visited two Wilderness areas, I think, and am now unlikely to explore the others in the future. And that is ok. Wilderness is essential to me even if I can't go there. I do not want rules changed so I can get into these places, and should I feel compelled at some point to walk into Wilderness or primitive areas, or hire a guide to get me into a Canoe area, I do not want to encounter any motorized activity. That is the essence of these designations.

Please keep such places motor free. If you choose to build a trail that can be used by non-motorized wheelchairs around the edge of such an area, I would not oppose that. But I believe that The Adirondack Park needs a comprehensive plan for accessibility and accommodations to replace the current case-by-case approach.

In addition, OPDMDs must not be excluded from the definition of motorized vehicles. The ADA recognizes that they are motorized vehicles.

Finally, I can support the use of the Visitor Use Management Framework as the preferred tool for deciding the amount and types of use appropriate for a unit ONLY if ecological, physical and social factors and measurements are included.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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My Comments:

Inwish to review the amendment prior to voting



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**Ms. Megan Phillips**  
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Dear Ms. Phillips and Adirondack Park Agency Members,

On behalf of the Board, members, and staff of the Lake George Regional Chamber of Commerce & Convention and Visitors Bureau (LGRCC-CVB), I am writing to express our unwavering support for the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance's request to amend the State Land Use Master Plan. We respectfully urge the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and the Lake George Battleground Campground in the list of State-owned facilities classified as "Historic" properties within the Adirondack Park.

The Lake George Battlefield Park and Battleground Campground are among the most historically significant sites in the Adirondack Park, having been the locations of pivotal events during the French & Indian War and the American Revolution. As a National Register of Historic Places-listed property (referenced as the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District), this site not only meets the eligibility requirements for the APA's Historic classification but also stands as a critical component of our nation's heritage.

By granting these sites a Historic classification, the APA would ensure the preservation of their scenic, natural, and open space attributes while also minimizing topographical alterations. Furthermore, this classification would facilitate enhanced stewardship by prioritizing historic preservation over recreational use. Such protections align with the mission to preserve and promote our shared history, which is essential for education, tourism, and community pride.

The Lake George Regional Chamber of Commerce & CVB, representing a broad spectrum of 430+ stakeholders committed to the vitality and sustainability of the Lake George region, recognizes the immense cultural, educational, and economic benefits of preserving this hallowed ground. We firmly believe that the Historic classification will provide the necessary framework for protecting and enhancing these invaluable assets for generations to come.

Thank you for considering this important amendment, which would demonstrate a deep commitment to the historic legacy of the Adirondack Park. We stand ready to assist in any capacity to ensure that the Lake George Battlefield Park and Battleground Campground receive the recognition and protection they deserve.

Sincerely,

Gina Mintzer, Executive Director

Thanks,



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**Gina Mintzer, CMP, MHA**

Executive Director

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November 28, 2024

Megan Phillips

Deputy Director of Planning

APA

Megan Phillips:

I am very dismayed that after 130 years of struggling to allow the forest preserve to continue on its natural aging in at least parts of it, the supposed protector of the processes is trying to further diminish the wildness of the Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe areas. We have kept even bicycles out of them, but to now open the gates for all kinds of motor vehicles, despite the specific ADA rule that the “program”—wildness, free of motors—does not have to be destroyed to conform to the ADA, is embarrassing.

I blame Harold Wilm (as did Clarence Petty) for allowing motors on forever wild lands, and the slippery slope slide is still continuing! Snowmobiles of today demand wider, smoother, flatter roads, with 10,000 pound test bridges for the groomers. So why not more innocuous motor vehicles everywhere for the disabled? Because those three designations are the last bastions of freedom from technology! Where a person can go and be sure of “a piece of quiet” with no unnatural disruption of nature’s way of life by modern technology.

When a family backpacks into the High Peaks they are closer to becoming one with the real world. They are using muscle power to get away from the civilized world for a brief time. A golf cart trundling up the trail means they might as well have stayed home. A disabled columnist writing for an Adirondack paper noted that if he drove into a wild forest on a machine, when he got there it would no longer be wild! Even the **possibility** of a motor vehicle driving in means it is no longer wild.

Most of us will eventually become disabled but we probably will not insist on getting carried into our favorite wild places. The ADA has long been needed and I may need to take advantage of it someday, but I would not want to destroy my grandchildren’s chance to feel what the natural world was like through the ages and what it could be like on into the future

(except for the inexorable climate chaos).

There was a fight to keep even bicycles out of the Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe areas! And in 1932 Paul Schaefer and the Mohawk Valley Hiking Club fought desperately to keep doodle-bugs and other ATV-like inventions out of traileed forest preserve. They won, they thought.

DEC seems to have an inbred tendency to allow motor vehicles where they can make hunting, fishing and trapping easier for their constituencies. They cannot be trusted to decide where and when any motorized vehicles (boats on water too?) should be allowed. We would be going back to before 1932.

Evelyn Greene

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Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

Hello Meghan, I am completely in support of reopening the .oose River Plains road from the Falls Pond Outlet washout to the wilderness boundary at Little Indian Lake for motor vehicles, as it was in the past. I have hunted in past the Indian River for years, around Horn Lake and Monument, Snyder and Mountain Lakes. Access should be opened to these remote lakes. Thank you Meghan, and I hope this helps your project to gain the governor's signature.

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Email [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: alexblackmer98@gmail.com

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Hello! I would like an amendment added to the State Land Master Plan to include backcountry ski trails. As a new resident of New York, I would like to explore the backcountry skiing of the Adirondack mountains. This state has amazing natural beauty with quality backcountry ski lines, and proper management of access and trails is pertinent. My home states of Utah and Idaho, known for their world class ski touring, have included backcountry users in their land use designations. This has fostered for a thriving and safe community of

winter enthusiasts to develop around backcountry skiing, like in our neighboring states of Vermont and New Hampshire. I believe we can protect the Adirondack environment, and simultaneously build access and appreciation for the New York winter wilderness.

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Address: 171 Vanguilder Rd. Chestertown NY 12817  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

As a longtime paddler on Adirondack lakes, I am writing to support the revision of the State Land Master Plan that would expand the definition of wildlife management structures to include loon nest rafts on state-owned shoreline. Loon breeding is currently threatened by, among other things, erratic lake water levels. Placing loon nest rafts on state land would significantly mitigate this problem.

I also support the continued allowance of steel cable bridges in Wilderness Areas. Many current steel cable bridges are nearing the end of their useful lives and will have to be replaced in the future. Without these bridges, hikers and cross-country skiers will lose access to trails on thousands of acres of State Land.



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natural resource protection must remain paramount.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Regards,  
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Address: 27 7th lake rd Inlet New York 13360  
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My Comments:

I personally would like to see more of the roads in the Moose River plains opened back up to the public.

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Address: James Carman 1 High Street Hudson Falls 12839  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

I am 73yrs old and have been a long time hiker, camper and hunter in the Moose River Plains. Since the state has refused to maintain the roads into the Indian Lake, Squaw Lake and Muskrat Pond area past the Otter Bridge, I and everyone else have been denied vehicle access to what was once a historically accessible area. The state doing this to not only areas in the Plains, but other areas throughout the Adirondacks is wrong. As I have reached this point in my life, my physical capabilities (and others like me), are restricting me from enjoying what has historically been available to me simply because the state has refused to honor to maintain access to me and others. I respectfully request that the state maintain it's obligation to return to its previous maintainence of historically vehicle accessibility.

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My Comments:

It is time to reassess the policies of closing off more and more state lands which already have an existing infrastructure of roads and bridges. Limiting access to these lands to only those who can hike or fly in some instances violates the right for all to enjoy these spots. The closing of much of the Moose River Plains is an example of this.

Also with climate change, fire is becoming more and more a problem. Closing these roads and making these areas inaccessible creates a dangerous scenario.

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Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: As a backcountry skier, hiker, and fisherman, I feel both Wilderness and Wild Forest classifications should allow for recreational use trails—including but not limited to backcountry skiing. Limiting low impact activities while allowing snowmobiles and other motorized access in certain areas illustrates a dangerous double standard the APA can no longer afford to permit. Thank you, John

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Ms. Megan Phillips  
Adirondack Park Agency  
PO Box 99  
Ray Brook, New York 12977

Dear Ms. Phillips:

I am a member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the not-for-profit "friends group" that supports and promotes the preservation of one of America's most hallowed grounds.

I write to request that the APA insert an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of State-owned facilities classified as "Historic " properties within the Adirondack Park. I believe that a Historic classification will help protect these properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, and open space attributes. The change in classification would also facilitate the State's enhanced stewardship of the property to reflect a prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation. The location is a National Register of Historic Places-listed property referenced as the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District, and clearly meets eligibility requirements for the APA's Historic classification.

These sites were the locations of key events during the French & Indian War and the American Revolution, are important elements of our national heritage, and are deserving of the additional protections that the Historic designation will afford.

Sincerely, Sarah Hall

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My Comments:

My name is Casey Clark. I've been a physical therapist locally for 25 years and for nearly as long have enjoyed exploring the Adirondacks. I've been a member of the ADK, am a 46er, and have volunteered with the 46ers to educate the public in safe use of our lands. This combination of experiences put me in a unique place with the current discussion, as many of the patients I've worked with are disabled due to conditions such as stroke or spinal cord injury. So while I'd consider myself an environmentalist, I'd consider myself a human first. It was quite disheartening reading the Adirondack Explorer's article(s) which made it sound like quadriplegics are waiting to get on their four wheelers and tear up the Adirondack Park. To me, that sounded like fear mongering, typical of the journalism that we see all too often these days. I know several of these folks and they are regular people who just want to enjoy the park like the rest of us. They aren't looking for high speed vehicles or even anything damaging to the trails that we all enjoy. In fact, my guess is that the maintenance vehicles do more damage getting to the historical sites than a power wheelchair (or similar mode of transportation) would. I understand that this is a complicated issue that should consider costs, risk of injury, a reservation system, etc. but please don't publicize this as environmentalists vs. those with disabilities. We need to get off our soapboxes and find a way to make this reasonably work for everyone involved.

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My Comments:

There have been so many miles of road closures in the MRP tract. So many of us are aggravated by the closures. Many disabled folks that want to continue to visit the area have been stripped of their right of access due to these closures and because of a lack of Rangers in the park. My husband and I frequented Squaw/Muskrat Lake until the trailhead was moved from less than a mile hike to the Lake to now a 4.5 mile hike one way. This means it will result in a 10 mile hike round trip or fly in and out for access. There has been an uptick in folks wanting to get out and enjoy the Moose River Plains tract. I admin a Moose River Plains Wild Forest group of about 1500+ members and many folks in this group want some advocacy for the closures and changes to the tract that are closing us in to certain areas.

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I oppose the currently proposed amendments to the Land Use Master Plan. While I strongly support making more of the park wilderness available to people with disabilities, the proposed amendment with motorized vehicles would allow too much noise, pollution and degradation to the beautiful serene setting that we all value so highly.

I urge you to develop a new amendment that protects the land while allowing access to the disabled among us.

Sincerely,

Charles Hagelgans

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**From:** [Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance](#)  
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December 1, 2024

TO: Megan Phillips, Adirondack Park Agency

FROM: Russell Bellico

RE: Project APSLMP2024

I was a member of the board of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance for 22 years and continue as a working member of the curatorial committee of the LGBP Visitor Center.

I recommend that the Adirondack Park Agency amend the State Land Use Master Plan to change the classification of the LGBP and adjacent campground from “Intensive Use” to “Historic” property within the Adirondack Park. This reclassification will preserve the natural state of the park while protecting and enhancing future historic interpretation of the grounds.

The Lake George Battlefield Park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places for good reason. The Battlefield Park is the site of the only substantial victory for the British in 1755. An untested and essentially untrained provincial (American) army withstood the attack of a professional French army and their indigenous allies. A monument, consisting of bronze figures of Major General William Johnson, the provincial commander, and King Hendrick, the Mohawk sachem killed during the first engagement of the 1755 battle, was dedicated in 1903 with a grand multi-state celebration.

In August 1757, a large entrenched camp located in the present-day park, was attacked by French forces led by Major General Louis-Joseph Montcalm as part of the famous siege of Fort William Henry. Subsequently, two British forts were constructed on the site in 1759, a stockaded (wood) fort and a 15-gun stone bastion (Fort George). The park grounds were also used as a staging area in 1758 and 1759 for British and provincial armies during the campaigns to capture the French forts on Lake Champlain.

Fort George was reactivated during the American Revolution. In 1775 Colonel Henry Knox used Fort George as a transit point during his herculean trek transporting cannons from Crown Point and Fort Ticonderoga to Boston. The largest smallpox hospital (1,500 patients) in North America was located in today’s Battlefield Park in 1776 following the tumultuous retreat of the American Army from Canada. The British occupied Fort George in 1777 and briefly again



in 1780.

On an inspection tour of fortifications in northern New York in 1783, George Washington bivouacked at the Battlefield Park site for two days. The last army encampment in the park occurred in early September 1814 when 4,000 American troops camped on the garrison grounds at Fort George. Archaeological excavations have verified the presence of numerous armies and indigenous peoples on the site. (See some of the artifacts on display at the LGBP Visitor Center.)

The Battlefield Park has witnessed the presence of many famous figures in American history, including William Johnson, Robert Rogers, Louis-Joseph Montcalm, Jame Abercromby, Jeffery Amherst, Philip Schuyler, Benjamin Franklin, John Stark, Baron Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Theodore Roosevelt, and many others.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Russell Bellico

***Author of Empires in the Mountains: French and Indian War Campaigns and Forts in the Lake Champlain, Lake George, and Hudson River Corridor (Purple Mountain Press) and four other books on the history of Lake George and Lake Champlain.***

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Email [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: murdoch.nj@gmail.com

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: I own a vacation home in Wilmington. I am an avid skier, mountain biker and hiker - all in the beautiful Adirondacks. Ski touring was one of the original activities allowed in the Adirondacks and was actually encouraged in Wilderness and Wild Forest. Having this amendment would allow completion of the Wright Peak Ski Trail. Please consider making an amendment to the State Land Master Plan for backcountry ski touring trails. Thank you for taking the time to read the comments.

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December 1, 2024

RE: Proposed SLMP Amendments

Dear Ms. Phillips,

I am concerned about various proposed changes to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. I think that the proposed changes go against the guiding principles of the SLMP.

Concern #1: OPDMDs should not be removed from Motor Vehicle definition

Under the ADA Act, OPDMD's are considered motor vehicles. By changing the classification of OPDMDs in the SLMP to no longer be classified as motor vehicles, I believe you are creating a wider, state and national legal problem with the definition of "motor vehicle," and state and national laws will need to be changed to accomodate this revision to the SLMP.

It is important to note that this proposed amendment is NOT required by the ADA Act. It does NOT require all public wildlands to be made fully ADA accessible. The language from the ADA Act reads: "...consistent with the Wilderness Act no agency is required to provide any form of special treatment or accommodation, or to construct any facilities or modify any conditions of lands within a wilderness area to facilitate such use." For the Forest Preserve, this holds true for Wilderness, Canoe, Primitive, and Wild Forest areas, according to the ADA rules for wildland areas.

Concern #2: Motor vehicle use by DEC in Proposed Guideline 7

Proposed Guideline 7 allows APA to determine if DEC use of motor vehicles is warranted in Wilderness on a case-by-case basis. This is a highly dangerous precedent that goes against the stated ban of motor vehicles for administrative access. There is already a stipulation in the SLMP for removal of non-conforming structures for 3 years after a unit has been classified. Proposed Guideline 7 is a slippery slope to a sharp increase in motor vehicle use by administrative personnel.

Concern #3: Beaver Control Structures are non-conforming in Wilderness, Primitive, Canoe, and cannot be used as a management tool

While beavers are certainly a management problem, they are a natural part of the backcountry experience - like changing weather conditions. Large steel beaver control structures, however, are not part of the backcountry experience. Such structures are non-conforming in Wilderness, Primitive, and Canoe areas. My recommendation to contend with beavers is to appropriately

fund backcountry and frontcountry personnel, especially trail crews, Rangers, stewards, foresters, planners, and educators. Current low staffing levels create dangerous situations and management nightmares that are an embarrassment for NYS. Beaver control structures are not going to fix the real trail maintenance issues that have been created by a lack of staff.

Concern #4: Carrying Capacity is proposed to be weakened

I am very concerned about the definition of carrying capacity. This is a very poor attempt at a definition: "...a concept for determining how many people could use a given recreational setting before impacts are unacceptable."

The proposed changes also state that "...building facilities that can accommodate heavy use" could be used as a management strategy. This is a huge red flag. This is a reactive, rather than proactive concept. The SLMP is a planning document, meant to set the guidelines and the tenor for how the state lands within the Adirondack Park are proactively managed and maintained. "Building facilities that can accommodate heavy use" should not be a management tool that is stated in the SLMP. It should be removed. It is non-conforming with the character of the SLMP.

There is so much more to the concept of carrying capacity that includes Planning - with a capital P!

The contemporary methods of carrying capacity analysis and management require an ongoing and active process of studying the area and providing opportunities for stakeholder input, along with education and outreach. The steps, in general, are:

1. Determine the natural resource condition goals for an area through resource inventory, impact analysis, and pre-defined management guidelines (such as those set forth in the SLMP).
2. Study how levels of visitor use affect those natural resources, as well as how visitor use levels affect the visitor experience.
3. Conduct studies of change to the resources and the social experience over time.
4. Set appropriate manager- and stakeholder-vetted targets for the natural resource management and visitor use management strategies required to uphold current conditions or restore them to a prior, more intact state.
5. Implement resource and visitor use management strategies, as well as outreach/education about why the management choices were made.
6. Repeat the process.

This more modern concept of carrying capacity should be provided in the SLMP rather than what is currently proposed. I do believe there is already a stronger definition of carrying capacity analysis and management in the High Peaks UMP.

Concern #5: Completion of UMPs is left undefined

The proposal to remove old dates from the SLMP causes a void in the deadlines to complete UMPs. I think it would be better to leave the old dates in the SLMP, and next to that, state the new deadline target. This allows the planners, land managers and the public to prioritize completion for UMPs that are long overdue. Keep the history of the lack of implementation, rather than just deleting that important stipulation that has not yet been met.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The APA should offer another opportunity to comment again before any final adoption of proposed changes.

Sincerely,  
Sunita Halasz  
(this constitutes my signature)

**From:** [Faye Shneider](#)  
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Address: Gary Benedict 5.N Hillsborough Rd. Camden, N.Y. 13316  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

Re-open the road to Indian lake to allow people that can't hike 5 miles to enjoy the woods. I enjoy being back there but can no longer walk that far because of my back issues. I enjoy being away from where most will go.



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Please copy "APSLMP2024, stephen mattes, [smattesfin@gmail.com](mailto:smattesfin@gmail.com)" into your message for our reference.

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Attn: Megan Phillips  
Comments from: stephen mattes  
Email from: [smattesfin@gmail.com](mailto:smattesfin@gmail.com)  
Address:  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

As an older person I am disappointed that there are places that are  
Places that I could walk to in Moose River Plains now it's like 4 miles or more one spot is 7 miles also one spot that  
I would take my canoe ride now.  
miles where before it was about 1/3 mile or less

**From:** [Carol Drozdyk](#)  
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Personal note:

Use of motorized vehicles in the Forest Preserve should not be expanded. This would be particularly devastating for Wilderness, Primitive, and Canoe areas. This would be a major step backwards in Forest Preserve management. Maintain the Forever Wild statute!

Sincerely,

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Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Backcountry skiing is a great, non-gas powered winter activity. There are trails for snowmobiles, why not for people who want to exercise using their own people -power. Allow trails for backcountry skiing, please!

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Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: I am writing to request the inclusion of an amendment to the State Land Master Plan (SLMP) that would designate specific areas of the Adirondack Park for the development and management of backcountry ski touring trails. My family and I have been skiing in the Adirondacks for the past ten years, and love to get outdoors in the High Peak region. As outdoor recreation in the Adirondacks continues to expand, backcountry skiing has become a beloved activity for many, offering a unique way to experience the Park's remote and rugged

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Over the more than 50 years since the adoption of the SLMP, it has undergone only four major revisions, highlighting the rarity of opportunities to update this critical guiding document. As such, proposed changes to the SLMP must not only address contemporary needs but also anticipate the complexities and challenges the Forest Preserve will face in the future. Any revisions should prioritize the health and integrity of the Forest Preserve, remaining firmly aligned with the SLMP's core mandate: the protection of natural resources must always take precedence.

I also request that you leave the William Chapman White quote along with the new Oren Lyons quote on page 5.

The Chapman quote speaks to the essence of the SLMP: it exists to ensure that future generations, *in 2054 and beyond*, can experience the Forest Preserve as we do today.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joe Dolan



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Over the more than 50 years since the adoption of the SLMP, it has undergone only four major revisions, highlighting the rarity of opportunities to update this critical guiding document. As such, proposed changes to the SLMP must not only address contemporary needs but also anticipate the complexities and challenges the Forest Preserve will face in the future. Any revisions should prioritize the health and integrity of the Forest Preserve, remaining firmly aligned with the SLMP's core mandate: the protection of natural resources must always take precedence.

I also request that you leave the William Chapman White quote along with the new Oren Lyons quote on page 5.

The Chapman quote speaks to the essence of the SLMP: it exists to ensure that future generations, *in 2054 and beyond*, can experience the Forest Preserve as we do today.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joe Dolan

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The APA is proposing master plan changes supposedly in the name of accommodating persons with disabilities.

I am a directly affected person with disabilities. I have inquired about how I can access to APA areas and overcome barriers caused by my disabilities. I do not support the proposed amendments to the Master Plan. It is not necessary to change the Adirondack master plan or other areas of law and regulation in order to give access and accommodations to people with disabilities. In my case, I am mobility impaired and I have multiple joints involved. It does not require amending the Adirondack master plan to accommodate people like myself. Writing types of transportation into the master plan for persons with disabilities to access wilderness and primitive areas in the Adirondacks will jeopardize the very Adirondacks that New Yorkers are preserving and are permitted to visit. Altering the master plan in the manner proposed will open protected areas to abuse. Good stewardship of the Adirondacks is the priority of the master plan. The Americans With Disabilities Act and the New York State human rights law provide more than enough protection for the disabled community to request the accommodations that we need. Staff administering the use and care of wilderness and primitive areas can and should receive agency guidance for procedures to accommodate and give access to the disabled community without rewriting the master plan. The procedures can include logging the request and use and provide 360° communication within the agency about meeting the stated goals and measure success and evaluate areas needing improvement. Agency procedures are the correct level for managing this concern. Such procedures, can be reviewed routinely and adjusted. Staff trainings will empower correct use of the procedures. The proposed master plan amendments cannot be adjusted and tailored in the same manner.

Mary Sullivan  
810 Sanders Avenue  
Scotia, NY 12302

**From:** [Eileen Eldred](#)  
**To:** [SLMP\\_UMP\\_Comments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov)  
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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Barbara Trypaluk](#)  
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Dear Ms. Phillips,

I'm opposed to the new proposal to weaken the State Master Plan. To allow DEC the complete discretion to authorize use of OPMD, other power-driven mobility devices that include modified ATV's and golf carts would lead to the disappearance of true Wilderness areas of the Adirondacks where these "devices" have always been prohibited. Wilderness areas are meant to be free from the noise and pollution of vehicles like this and they do not belong in wild and pristine areas. The Adirondacks already has miles of trails where mobility vehicles are allowed.

To allow OPMD's would be an outright negation of the State Constitution's Article XIV definition of "forever wild." The DEC should not be given the discretionary power to allow motorized devices in Wilderness.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Barbara Trypaluk, concerned New York resident

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Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed revision of the definition of wildlife management structures within the State Land Master Plan. Changing this definition to include species of special concern as well as endangered species will have many benefits to wildlife across the Adirondacks- specifically, the common loon. The deployment of nest rafts for loons has proved to be incredibly effective in increasing loon nesting success, and when considering the increasing threats of climate change and habitat loss, it is deeply important that these iconic birds are protected. If nest rafts were permitted to be floated off public land, as would be permitted in this revision, many more nest rafts could be deployed on Adirondack lakes, and many more loons would be able to benefit from their presence. Loons are one the most instantly recognizable symbols of the Adirondacks, and I- as well as doubtless other citizens- are in wholehearted support of efforts that would allow for their continued well-being.

Thank you for your time,  
Heather Armstrong



**From:** [Lyn Karig Hohmann](#)  
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I am writing regarding the issue of changing sections of the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District into the designation of "Historic Use" and thus, per the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, *"a Historic classification will help protect these properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, and open space attributes. The change in classification would also facilitate the State's enhanced stewardship of the property to reflect a prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation."*

My first concern is clarifying how these noted benefits would occur above and beyond what is already done for the Park. I am a charter member of this friends group and have served in several leadership roles (although remain distant at this time) as well as was a volunteer with the late Dr. David Starbuck on his several archaeological studies of the park. The State and National Register designations for the Park came through the efforts of the first president of the Alliance working closely with the NYS DEC. This effort was done to provide a high level of protection for the Historic District. No work in the Park has occurred without some level of archaeological surveying as well as the oversight of the NYS DEC historic preservation personnel and the archaeologists at the NYS Museum.

This is not the first time that the "Historic Use" designation was discussed. I had several discussions with the late Charles Vandrei, an archaeologist who worked on historic preservation issues for the NYS DEC for 42 years. He was very involved in the Santannoni site as well as the Lake George Battlefield Park. He felt there was no additional benefit to the Park to change the designation. I think, if there had been a benefit, he would have supported it. I had the sense that budget constraints may have limited certain work in the park. It is not clear how changing the designation would increase the budget.

I am additionally concerned how changing the campground to a new designation would affect the function and maintenance of that area. The campground provides a strong tourist benefit for the Village and Town of Lake George, making the area economically accessible to persons who otherwise may not be able to visit. It should be noted that the campground at Crown Point remains "Intensive Use".

Finally, it should be noted that Crown Point and the John Brown Farm, although NYS DEC sites, are managed, I believe, through a contract with NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. While not stated, is this the intent of the changed land use designation?

While I am not writing for or against this changed designation, I think it is important to clarify if it will, in fact, bring any additional benefits to the Historic District or if there are other considerations.

Thank you.

Dr. Lynda Karig Hohmann  
518 428 5501 -- cell phone

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Keep motorized vehicles out of the areas that now restricts them from entering. The NYS Constitution demands these areas be “forever wild” : follow this edict for the health and well being of our most precious asset.

Respectfully  
Wayne Gage  
Sent from my iPad

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Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the states land master plan. As a Backcountry skier for over 25 years, I have seen many changes in the sport. The use of the current trail systems by Backcountry skiers as well as hikers, has increased incredibly. Adirondack hiking trails are notorious for being skinny, steep, and insanely rocky. These trails are not ideal for skiing, even in the best deep snow conditions, but especially when post-holed by winter hikers without snow shoes. I would love to see the creation of back country ski

touring trails, and gladed trails, that are designed specifically for skiers use only. With the increase of skier and winter hiker traffic, the danger of tight trails and possibly collision is obvious. Winter-use only skiing trails, are extremely low impact on the forest. The ground is never trampled down to the bedrock and boulders by hikers, and because of this, it often only requires a foot of snow to be skiable, compared to a rocky hiking trail that needs 3 feet minimum to cover the rocks. And then there is the width of the trail issue. Given that skis are usually around 6 ft long, Backcountry ski trails need to be considerably wider than hiking trails, especially when navigating steep terrain. Please consider the needs for skiers when amending the state land master plan. Thank you!

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP).

Thank you for addressing accessibility in the recently proposed updates ensuring access to the Forest Preserve for all people.

I am very concerned, however, that the proposed changes do not fully address the issue of accessibility or provide adequate protection for non-motorized areas of the Adirondack Forest Preserve including wilderness.

Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) should not be excluded from the definition of motor vehicles. These are motorized vehicles. The Americans with Disabilities Act specifies that OPDMDs are not considered a reasonable accommodation where permitting them fundamentally alters the nature of the program, as it would for Wilderness, Primitive, and Canoe areas.

The Adirondack Park needs a comprehensive plan for accessibility and accessible features. This is right and responsible, both for all people and for the natural resources and wilderness values of the Adirondack Park. The current practice of determining OPDMD on a case-by-case basis must not continue. An OPDMD policy must be created.

Regarding other proposed changes, I support the use of the Visitor Use Management Framework as the preferred tool for determining the amount and types of use suitable for a unit, but only if that tool explicitly includes ecological, physical, and social components, measurements, and metrics. Any study that does not include all aspects is fundamentally incomplete.

I also greatly appreciate the proposed change in the APSLMP that would require planning and analysis related to climate change vulnerabilities in Unit Management Plans.

Sincerely,

John Fisher  
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Amherst, NY 14226

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Last Name [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Yepsen

Email [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: cmyepsen@gmail.com

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: As I full time resident of the Adirondack Park, I fully endorse expanding backcountry ski trail access into the Park's planning. This is low impact, environmentally friendly, pro-tourism activity.

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Sincerely,

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Last Name [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Sangster

Email [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: harrison.sangster@gmail.com

Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Please approve an amendment to the State Land Master Plan to add backcountry ski touring trails. This will benefit local businesses with increased winter traffic, local skiers with more places to ski in the backcountry and bring in more tourists to our beautiful region, all with low impact to the natural environment of the Adirondack Park.

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The Adirondack Park needs a comprehensive plan for accessibility and accessible features. This is right and responsible, both for all people and for the natural resources and wilderness values of the Adirondack Park. The current practice of determining OPDMD on a case-by-case basis must not continue. An OPDMD policy must be created.

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I also greatly appreciate the proposed change in the APSLMP that would require planning and analysis related to climate change vulnerabilities in Unit Management Plans.

Sincerely,

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Regards,  
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Irene Hernandez

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Sincerely,

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The importance for people who have mobility issues to be able to feel included with everyone else in everyday life activities is detrimental for a society to progress to a point of view where there is no longer a sense of inequality.

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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am a supporter of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, the not-for-profit "friends group" that supports and promotes the preservation of one of America's most hallowed grounds. I am also a French and Indian War reenactor, historian, lecturer, author, and collector.

I write to request that the APA insert an amendment to the State Land Use Master Plan to include the Lake George Battlefield Park and Lake George Battleground Campground in the listing of State-owned facilities classified as "Historic " properties within the Adirondack Park. I believe that a Historic classification will help protect these properties by minimizing topographical alterations and preserving their scenic, natural, and open space attributes. The change in classification would also facilitate the State's enhanced stewardship of the property to reflect a prioritization based on historic preservation rather than recreation. The location is a National Register of Historic Places-listed property referenced as the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District, and clearly meets eligibility requirements for the APA's Historic classification.

These sites were the locations of key events during the French & Indian War and the American Revolution, are important elements of our national heritage, and are deserving of the additional protections that the Historic designation will afford. I believe this is critical to preserving our past history as other sites have benefited from.

Thank you.

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Best Regards,

George A. Bray III

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Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

I have two comments for review:

1. The restriction to the use of non-conforming materials for the footbridges within the wilderness area has resulted in bridges failing prematurely and complicates any subsequent replacement. This creates both an inconvenience and sometimes a hazard to users as alternate ways to cross the span, usually water, is necessary. It seems to me that the use of engineered or pressure treated wood with mechanical fasteners would be far more practical and could be effected in an aesthetically pleasing manner. I am registered with the DEC as a VSA volunteer with the SPTIS trail maintenance crew and despite our group's efforts to maintain and improve the trails we are frustrated in accomplishing our goals by the loss of several bridges on the Siamese Wilderness system. Please consider amending the policy as pertaining to footbridges.
2. One of the changes to the Plan in the new section 48 for Wildlife Management Structures broadens the definition to include "species of special concern". Presumably, this would include loons and would allow for floating nest rafts in wilderness area. I would encourage the adoption of the amendment for that reason.

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My Comments:

I'm in favor of opening the road from Falls Pond outlet to Indian Lake wilderness boundary for motor vehicles. As age catches up with me it is harder for me to access this beautiful area. Thanks, Don Riggs.

**From:** [Jennifer Sibley](#)  
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As a person with a disability, as well as a parent of a child with a developmental disability, access to our state parks is vital to our mental health. As a family, we hunt, we fish, we hike and we thoroughly enjoy all that the beautiful Adirondack Park, as well as all of New York's State Parks, has to offer. Without accessible trails, accessible parking and accessible boat launches, enjoying the beauty of this wonderful resource would not be possible for me or my family. These amendments will ensure that my family, and others like mine, will be able to enjoy the park for years to come.

Thank you,

Jennifer Sibley



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## Support Accessibility in the Adirondacks!

New York State recently took steps to adopt federal regulations on accessibility into the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan that guides access to public lands. **Unfortunately, some people in environmental conservation groups think we shouldn't have accessibility to enjoy public land using accessible equipment**

**that is already protected by federal law**, and that our rights are incompatible with environmental conservation. We know this isn't true. Many other state and federal lands allow these devices. That's why we are asking you to submit a comment in support of including accessibility in the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. New York State is hearing from environmental groups in closed meetings that oppose full access under federal law, so we need them to hear from the disability community.

Federal laws like the ADA have guided New York State to make regulations with reasonable accommodations and modifications so that people with disabilities can access and enjoy outdoor spaces. In some cases, this means that we may not only use daily mobility devices, like wheelchairs, in these outdoor spaces, but we might need devices that are considered Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs). A wheelchair or powered wheelchair that is designed for indoors or on paved surfaces might be damaged on rougher terrain or cannot get the job done.

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I have a nephew that would love the opportunity to be able to enjoy the many beautiful sights of the Adirondack, as of now he has to be carried by back pack from his dad, This is an 18 year old boy that is wheelchair bound and loves new adventures.

Lorraine B. Petrie

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**From:** [Amelia Palermo](#)  
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Amelia Palermo

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[include any additional information about the importance of being able to access the outdoors or what you require to access the outdoors as a disabled person]

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As a wheelchair user who requests the Adirondack Park frequently, I know firsthand how having this type of accommodation can impact my ability to experience the outdoors with my family.

Thank you.



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My Comments:

RE backcountry ski routes:

Backcountry skiing - Climbing on skis, then downhill skiing in natural areas with lightweight Alpine Touring or Telemark gear - is now a very popular sport which did not exist when the APA was created almost fifty years ago. These skiers constitute a large group of low impact forest users who have no consideration in the existing SLMP.

The lack of designated areas or trails forces backcountry skiers onto avalanche prone slides or narrow hiking trails to the detriment of snowshoers. It also lessens the appeal of the Adirondacks for young people who may want to live here.

The New England states are far, far ahead of New York in catering to this group.

For myself, who'd rather ski in the woods, I leave the state for better winter opportunities elsewhere.

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Dear SLMP Decision Makers,

The Adirondack Park is a national treasure, renowned for its pristine wilderness, biodiversity, and vital role in combating climate change. However, proposed changes to the State Land Master Plan risk weakening the very protections that keep the Park's ecosystems healthy and resilient.

1. Commissioner's Policy for ADA Compliance & OPDMDs: The Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan is not the place to incorporate portions of ADA definitions since it does not implement them on state lands. Rather, the Department of Environmental Conservation should develop a state-wide Commissioner's Policy that clearly outlines the DEC's review and approval process for Accommodation Permits for other power-driven mobility devices. This policy should acknowledge where these devices are or are not appropriate, including Wilderness areas. For example, an ATV in Wilderness would not be appropriate. A state-wide, holistic policy is needed to address access, transparency, and environmental concerns for these devices, not a quick-added definition.

2. Weakening of Agency Oversight: The APA is tasked with ensuring the DEC's management of the Adirondack Forest Preserve is consistent with the SLMP and constitutionally protected lands. Through the proposed amendments, the APA is relinquishing its ability to hold the DEC accountable by deleting structure removal dates (meaning, structures that should have been removed by a certain date – many of them decades ago) and administrative road closure dates. The Agency should request new compliance dates for the DEC to meet and hold them accountable.

In addition, the APA proposes to allow DEC to use motor vehicles to access Wilderness for improvements or structure removal on an as-needed basis. The SLMP is clear that Wilderness is intended to be motor-free except for extenuating circumstances, like life-saving search and rescue operations. The APA should not allow this change, for small changes such as this – where other non-motorized methods are a viable option in most instances for Wilderness management – will begin to erode Wilderness protections and character.

3. Protection of Natural Resources is Paramount: The SLMP is clear that the protection of resources is paramount. These proposed changes must be rooted in this mandate, especially with growing environmental pressures. Proposals to weaken Wilderness protections, like allowing for more motorized access, should not be encouraged.

In the 50+ years since the State Land Master Plan was first adopted, it has undergone four major revisions, underscoring that opportunities to update this guiding document can be rare. So, the changes proposed to the SLMP must not only be relevant to today, but the complexities and challenges of the Forest Preserve of tomorrow. Changes should not weaken the health of the Forest Preserve and should uphold the guiding mandate of the SLMP –

natural resource protection must remain paramount.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Regards,  
Bosshard Peter  
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Northport, NY 11768

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Mary Ellen Whelehan 155 E. 49th St. NY, NY

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As someone who uses a power wheelchair and enjoys the outdoors, I need pathways to be fully wheelchair accessible on nature trails. I hope you will fight this because I believe that it's a reasonable accommodation under the ADA and it's on public land. Thank you so much in advance for support on this matter.

Sincerely,  
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December 2, 2024

Megan Phillips, Deputy Director of Planning  
Adirondack Park Agency  
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Re: Comments on proposed SLMP Amendments

Dear Ms. Phillips:

DEC, APA, the environmental groups and the public, have long supported enhancing access for the disabled to state parks, including Forest Preserve lands. These lands are essential to all people for the opportunity to enjoy and witness nature. *In fact, there are many opportunities to access park lands in this state, with and without motorized assistance. But access to wilderness areas cannot be allowed to the detriment of the fundamental values of wilderness and the State Constitution.*

*I agree fully with the comment letters sent by Protect the Adirondacks! and Adirondack Wild, for all the reasons stated therein.*

In summary: I object to certain proposed changes to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (SLMP). The state's legal analysis regarding the Americans with Disability Act is incorrect. Proposed changes to the SLMP would allow motorized uses in designated Wilderness, Canoe and Primitive Areas (hereafter, "wilderness areas"), in contravention of the NYS Constitution. These changes fail to protect the natural resources and "forever wild" character of the Adirondack and Catskill State Parks. Moreover, the proposed change which eliminates APA oversight, giving DEC unfettered discretion to allow such access, violates the clear intent of the SLMP. In addition, the requirement for carrying capacity assessment should not be diluted in importance in any way.

More specifically:

**1. People with disabilities have and should continue to have access to the Forest Preserve in a way that is consistent with Article 14 of the State Constitution and the current "Guidelines for Management and Use" for each of the Land Classifications in the SLMP.** For well over 100 years

the State Constitution (Article 14) has protected state lands in the Adirondack and Catskill Parks as "forever wild." As wilderness areas, these lands have always been protected for the continuation of natural systems and for their aesthetic and open space values. Yes, they are used by the public, but only in the context of the wilderness values they provide. *Since the inception of the State Land Master Plan (1970s), motorized use on these lands has been strictly prohibited; even use by DEC is restricted to emergencies. The proposed definition of "Other Power Driven Mobility Device" (OPDMD) and other references to OPDMD in the proposed amendments should be deleted.*

Motor vehicles are prohibited in Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe areas by Article 14 of the New York State Constitution, the Master Plan and DEC regulations. See SLMP (Aug. 2019) at 25, 31, 33; 6 NYCRR § 196.1. See also *Association for Protection of the Adirondacks*, 228 AD 73, 81 (3d Dept. 1930), *aff'd* 253 NY 234 ((holding that the Adirondack Forest Preserve "must always retain the character of a wilderness"); *Helms v. Diamond*, 76 Misc.2d 253, 260 (Sup. Ct. Schenectady Co. 1973) ("The concept of prohibiting the use of motor vehicles, motorized equipment, motorboats and landing of aircraft in remote wilderness areas is not new.").

**2. The Federal law is absolutely clear that a State does not have to modify the fundamental attributes of its programs to accommodate disability access; i.e. where such accommodation would alter the purpose of program itself.** Both the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) and the Department of Justice implementing regulations specify that a public entity is not required to modify its programs or facilities if doing so would "fundamentally alter" the program or facility. 42 USC § 12201(f) and 28 CFR § 35.130(b)(7)(i)

Allowing motorized vehicles in these wilderness areas completely alters their wilderness character and values. It is not required by the ADA, is not allowed in many other park areas by the Federal government, and absolutely should not be allowed in wilderness areas in our State Parks. The proposed amendments to the SLMP which would allow any such use must not be enacted by the APA.

**3. The proposed addition to the Master Plan of a provision delegating to the Department of Environmental Conservation ("DEC") unfettered discretion to permit the use of OPDMDs contravenes the intent of the SLMP.** Most important, it appears to grant DEC authority to permit such use in wilderness areas. In addition, it grants DEC this authority without any guidelines or restrictions to govern its exercise, which would eliminate APA oversight of motor vehicle use on Forest Preserve lands in violation of both the Master Plan and the APA Act.

**4. Access to state lands for the disabled was litigated in Federal District Court, resulting in a Consent Decree signed May 31, 2001, and allows the potential for motorized access only on state lands designated Wild Forest, Intensive Use, and Historic under the SLMP.** (See Ex A in Protect! comments). This Decree was signed with prejudice and commits the parties (Individual persons with disabilities, and APA and DEC) to a process for securing disabled access in the Adirondack Forest Preserve. That process requires DEC and APA to expedite review of Unit Management Plans to identify and include opportunities for disabled access, and to undertake capital projects to enhance access as appropriate, but *only on state lands designated Wild Forest, Intensive Use, and Historic under the SLMP*. (Id, pages 4-6 of the Consent Decree). The Consent Decree has been implemented by DEC and APA according to its terms. Many points of access have been created and special permits have been regularly issued to facilitate disability access in the designated Wild Forest, Intensive Use, and Historic areas of the Park and throughout the state.

**5. DEC's Commissioner's Policy 3 (CP-3) should be amended to make clear that**

**OPDMDs may *only* be used by persons with disabilities and that such use will not be allowed in Wilderness, Primitive or Canoe areas, and to address and evaluate the appropriateness of OPDMD use by persons with disabilities in other Forest Preserve land use classifications.**

**6. APA should not amend the Master Plan to give DEC unfettered discretion in allowing the use of OPDMDs on Forest Preserve lands because it would allow DEC to fundamentally alter the nature of Wilderness, Primitive and Canoe Areas, where motor vehicle use has been and is currently prohibited. Doing so would be a complete abrogation of APA's duties to protect the natural resources of the Adirondack Park.**

**7. APA should clarify the proposed amendments about carrying capacity to *ensure* that the focus and overriding goal of state land management must always be protection of natural resources in accord with Constitutional constraints.** Required carrying capacity studies must remain as a requirement, including the assessment, measurement and prescription of the type of resource and social conditions in a particular area that can be sustained without adverse impacts to natural resources. *The protection of the resource is paramount.* VUM appears to be much different. *In fact, VUM is only one factor in the assessment of carrying capacity.*

I attended a DEC public hearing on the High Peaks VUM program about two years ago. The focus was directed to asking what the people "wanted to do" in the High Peaks, *with no mention of the Constitutional constraints of "forever wild" or the Wilderness designation of the SLMP.* This process elevated the goal of VUM to the maximization of recreational use. Recreational use on state Forest Preserve must in fact conform to "forever wild" and cannot be maximized to the theoretical limit that a particular land or water management unit can withstand. The requirement for carrying capacity studies should remain, unchanged or enhanced, in the SLMP. It is essential to state land management.

**8. The proposed language that states that "[l]evels of time and resources to fulfill this commitment [assessment of carrying capacity] should be proportional to the significance of impacts" should be deleted.** DEC must dedicate the time and resources necessary to conduct carrying capacity assessments properly and completely in the development of UMPs. DEC has failed for years to timely develop UMPs and to assess carrying capacity. The APA has reviewed important projects without insisting upon having this essential information. The State should dedicate the necessary resources to these important tasks by both agencies; the proposed language ensures that it will not even try!

**9. The draft amendments do acknowledge the importance of incorporating climate change impacts, planning, adaptation and resiliency into the Master Plan's management prescriptions for Forest Preserve lands and waters. APA needs to comply with the CLCPA in its review of private land projects.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully, Barbara Rottier, Esq



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Susan Warzek

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Thank you,

*E.M. Treston, M.A.*  
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If your diversity plan doesn't include disability, you're doing it wrong.

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I have a spinal cord injury and get around by using a wheelchair and would enjoy the outdoors if I had access to the parks. Having access to the trails would allow me to enjoy the parks the way I did as an able bodied person before my injury.

Please consider giving us the same access everyone else enjoys.

Michael Manitta

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Dear Megan Phillips,

Please accept these public comments on the proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP).

I applaud the APA's efforts to recognize the rights and perspectives of persons with disabilities in terms of access to natural resources with wild character. However, I feel that the proposed changes open Forest Preserve lands, especially wilderness to unintended degradation from motorized access under a new name.

I strongly urge you to change the proposed language on Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD's). While this definition will impact all Forest Preserve lands, I am particularly concerned with the implications for Wilderness, Primitive, and Canoe classifications, as these are designated by the master plan to provide the types of recreation that are of primitive, quiet, low-impact and low visibility nature, affording travel at pedestrian speeds. Access for persons with disabilities is covered already under Commissioner Policy 3, which could be amended to clarify and strengthen OPDMD access to suitable classifications within forest preserve that already admit motorized access, namely Wild Forest and Intensive Use classifications. CP3 balances the ADA's intent of providing access to persons with disabilities with New York State's Constitutional protection via Article 14 of the Forest Preserve and the established definition of state wilderness, which prohibits public motorized access by providing enhanced opportunities in Wild Forest. Perhaps additional or updated opportunities can be established now *on areas not managed as wilderness*, 25 years after the initial settlement.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) language allows exclusions for instances in which admitting motorized access for persons with disabilities would materially/fundamentally change the nature of the services and experiences provided by the business or agency in question. In this case, the entire stated purpose of designated wilderness in the New York State SLMP necessitates, explicitly, the absence of

motorized conveyances and the appertaining experiences of primitive and non-mechanized recreation afforded to current users. This is precisely the situation the caveat in the ADA was written to address.

While this might seem unfair to people with disabilities, there are proven means to assist people with mobility impairments to enjoy remote wilderness experiences without mechanized/motorized conveyance as demonstrated by such programs as Minnesota's Wilderness Inquiry among others, which assist persons with disabilities by non-motorized means to access wilderness settings to great advantage. As such, this presents an undeveloped opportunity for programming in the Adirondack Forest Preserve.

Further, the ambiguity of the proposed language in Def. 29, (OPDMD is defined as "...or any mobility device....that is not a wheelchair") opens the door for *persons who are not disabled* to potentially use the conveyances designed for persons with disabilities to access wilderness, because the qualifier of the previous half of the sentence ("that is used by individuals with mobility disabilities...") is not continued in the second part.

Additionally, this wording ("...in areas *without* defined pedestrian routes...") opens the door not only to the use of OPDMD by anyone *on* trails, but OFF trails in forest preserve as well. Is this really what the APA is seeking? This would be a radical departure from current and historic wilderness management practices in the Forest Preserve. A fix for Def. 29 is "an OPDMD is currently defined as any mobility device that is not a wheelchair which is used by individuals with mobility disabilities for the purpose of locomotion, powered by batteries, fuel, or other engines - whether or not designed primarily for use by individuals with mobility disabilities."

I also am deeply concerned with the implications of item 29 on page 21, which essentially allows a standard automobile to be considered an OPDMD *if it used by individuals with mobility impairments*. This language thereby creates the absurd situation in which a SUV (which is a fuel-driven mobility device), if driven by a person with mobility impairment, ceases to be a "motor vehicle" and is transformed into an OPDMD simply because of who is behind the wheel. Further, the construction of the sentence allows the public to observe either the first part of the description of OPDMD or the second, which is simply "or any mobility device designed to operate in areas without defined pedestrian routes, but that is not a wheelchair." It is easy to see how a non-disabled person would feel entitled by this definition to claim that the second clause of the definition admits their ATV or pickup truck as a legal conveyance into state wilderness, not only on trails and former roads, but OFF-TRAIL as well.

The exclusion of OPDMD's from the APSLMP's definition of motor vehicles (Def. 24) on page 20 of the redlined SLMP is misguided, if well intended. OPDMD's are by definition motor vehicles since they are driven by motors. If you seek to allow them in wilderness, then the APA should attempt to change the definition of wilderness (which currently excludes motor vehicles) rather than alter the definition of a motor vehicle. Obviously, this would be a more difficult objective, but a much more transparent one.

On a different subject, carrying capacity, please revise the problematic wording: "[l]evels of time and resources to fulfill this commitment should be proportional to the significance of impacts," which oddly seems to anticipate that staff are going to do expeditious, small, or no work on projects deemed to have insignificant impact. However, the impact of recreation or other forms of use is exactly what carrying capacity studies are supposed to determine. CC studies are complex, multidisciplinary, multi-method, and cover several seasons before usable conclusions can be drawn. If anything, their importance and complexity should merit language that strengthens agency commitment (aka time and resources) to doing them well. Perhaps this is what you meant by the phrasing (big context = big study), but the negative interpretation also follows.

I suspect that these concerns are not your agency's intent and can be rectified in future edits. Thank you for keeping the integrity of our state lands, and the quality and character of wilderness in trust.

Best regards,

Eric Holmlund, Saranac Lake

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Carolyn Wember

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I AM WRITING TO YOU TO DEMAND THAT ALL  
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Sincerely,

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As a young person with multiple sclerosis who is often forgotten, (people don't think young people can be disabled) we often have to use cane's or wheelchairs during various times of our lives. We shouldn't be denied access because we have a Disease that we can't control and didn't ask for. My life is far from over and I shouldn't be punished for being disabled.

Caleb and Kristi Esquilin

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Having a family member who is wheelchair bound having access to the outdoors is extremely important. Just being able to enjoy some of the same things as an able bodied person speaks volumes to their quality of life. Why wouldn't New York State want to be more inclusive instead of less?

Thank you for taking the time to read our email.

Patricia and Anthony Zappala

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I want a State Land Master Plan Amendment that adds a definition for Backcountry Ski Touring Trails!

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Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: Dear Members of the Adirondack Park Agency, I am writing to respectfully request that the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) amend the State Master Plan to allow for the creation of safe backcountry ski trails within the Adirondack Park. As a passionate skier and advocate for the responsible enjoyment of our public lands, I believe that developing designated backcountry ski trails can provide a safe and sustainable opportunity for outdoor recreation while preserving the unique natural environment of the Park. The Adirondack Park is one of

the most iconic wilderness areas in the United States, attracting adventurers, nature enthusiasts, and outdoor recreationists from across the world. While the park offers tremendous opportunities for skiing and snowboarding at designated resorts, the backcountry skiing community has seen substantial growth in recent years. However, the absence of safe, established backcountry ski trails has led to some challenges, including increased risk to skiers and a lack of infrastructure to support responsible recreation. Allowing for the development of designated backcountry ski trails would not only provide a safer environment for skiers but would also offer a controlled space for this growing activity, reducing the pressure on fragile wilderness areas and encouraging proper backcountry awareness and education. Well-planned and strategically placed ski trails could help mitigate the risks of avalanche, injury, and environmental damage, all while allowing more people to enjoy the backcountry safely. I fully understand the need to balance recreational use with conservation goals in the Adirondack Park, and I am confident that with careful planning and consultation with experts, the creation of backcountry ski trails can be achieved without compromising the Park's ecological integrity. In fact, well-designed trails can incorporate principles of environmental stewardship, and ensure that skiers have a clear understanding of how to minimize their impact on the land. This proposal would contribute to enhancing the Adirondack Park as a world-class destination for outdoor recreation, diversifying the opportunities available for visitors, and fostering a deeper connection to the wilderness. Furthermore, it would promote safety, outdoor skills education, and greater stewardship of the land. I strongly urge the Adirondack Park Agency to consider amending the State Master Plan to allow for the creation of safe and sustainable backcountry ski trails within the Adirondack Park. I look forward to any

opportunities for discussion on how this can be done in a way that preserves the ecological integrity of the park while also supporting the growing interest in responsible backcountry skiing. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter. Sincerely, Bill Frazer

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Dear APA c/o Megan Phillips,

Thank you for accepting public comment on proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.

I am concerned about ensuring that New York State fulfills its obligation to help disabled people access

and enjoy public lands in the Adirondack Park.

You must include accessibility in the updated Master Plan.

I am paralyzed and use a manual wheelchair — I'm grateful to be able to do so.

Other paraplegics and those mobility challenged require other kinds of equipment.

Adding accepted definitions for the variety of mobility devices disabled people use to navigate

the outdoors and standards based on federal law provides clarity to the State and APA.

I support the proposed amendments assuring expanded accessibility. The great outdoors

is healing, healthful and fulfilling.

Thank you for all you do to make its promise and possibilities available to all.

Lezli H. White

Corning, New York



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Sincerely,



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Dear Ms. Phillips,

I am writing to request that the APA keep the State Land Master Plan motor vehicle definition intact with *no exclusions* for other power-driven mobility devices (OPDMDs). I also request APA to maintain existing restrictions on the use of motor vehicles and motorized equipment, including OPDMDs. Finally, I ask that you *do not* give the DEC discretion to authorize OPDMDs in *any* areas managed as Wilderness.

I have worked with individuals with developmental and acquired disabilities beginning as a volunteer in middle school and then throughout my profession career. I am very sensitive to accessibility issues. However, by definition, wilderness is natural environments that have not been significantly modified by human activity. There is no way to allow OPDMDs into wilderness without significantly negatively affecting it.

On what basis will the DEC determine which individuals are permitted to operate these OPDMDs? I know many people who ride electric bikes, not because they are incapable of riding a pedal bike, but simply because they do not want to do the work necessary to be in shape to ride a pedal bike. How will these people be sorted out from those who truly have a disability and require powered transport? Will there be a permitting system? This will involve costly oversight from the DEC and its rangers, who are already overworked and understaffed. I currently see people riding electric bikes in the Wilmington Wild Forest in violation of the restrictions on motorized vehicles in wilderness. Opening up the wilderness to OMDMDs will just invite people in who think the rules do not apply to them.

Finally, opportunities for individuals with disabilities that affect accessibility do exist and continue to grow. For example, for years, DEC has made dozens of miles of roads open to motors in areas classified Wild Forest exclusively for persons with disabilities (Commissioners Policy 3 CP-3). The new Adirondack Rail Trail provides access to beautiful and more remote areas of the Adirondack Park. In addition, the Adirondack Land Trust was awarded a \$3 million grant to create accessible wildland trails at Glenview Preserve, a 238-acre property located along New York State Route 86 in Harrietstown, and at a 187-acre preserve at the corner of State Route 73 and the Adirondack Loj Road in North Elba.

In summary, opening the Adirondack wilderness to OPDMDs would negatively affect our wilderness in a variety of ways and would be costly and time consuming to implement properly. Accessibility to the Park is a hugely important issue, but there are accessible areas and the number of these areas continues to grow. Do not change the State Land Master Plan as requested by the DEC.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Linda

Linda Shuster  
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Wilmington, NY

**From:** [William Wonderlin](#)  
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Megan Phillips, Director of Planning, NYS Adirondack Park Agency

Dear Ms. Phillips,

I have enjoyed exploring the Adirondacks for many years, hiking, snowshoeing, skiing and paddling through many wild and wonderful areas of the park. I live on Hardy Rd, near Wilmington, an area that has extensive state land preserved in the Wilmington Wild Forest. I also frequently hike in the High Peaks Wilderness and paddle on many lakes and ponds of the St. Regis, Raquette, and Saranac River watersheds. These areas (and many others in the Adirondacks) are special because a person can escape from being exposed to the harshest reminder of civilization—motorized vehicles. Much of my enjoyment of the wild forest and wilderness in the Adirondacks comes from exploring it using human power. **It is imperative that the APA preserve its existing restrictions and not allow motor vehicles or motorized equipment in the wild forest or wilderness.**

I understand the importance of providing access in the Adirondacks for people with disabilities, and I fully support the work by the state to build a new rail trail from Lake Placid to Old Forge, as well as initiatives by the Adirondack Land Trust to create more accessible areas near Saranac Lake and Lake Placid. I hope that there can be additional initiatives with similar benefits launched in the future.

Altering the State Land Master Plan to allow the OPDMD in wild forest and wilderness areas is a bad idea. Even if very limited use of OPDMD is the goal, it will be too easy for this type of access to be expanded in the future, such as by the DEC. Also, it sends a confusing message to the public—if OPDMD can access the wild forest and wilderness areas, why can't other people access those areas with their ATVs, snowmobiles and motor bikes. What are the criteria for determining if someone is allowed to use an OPDMD in the wild forest and wilderness? Keeping motorized vehicles out of the wild forest and wilderness areas is already very difficult because there really isn't an effective way to monitor all areas at all times. The Wilmington Wild Forest has signage prohibiting electric bikes on the mountain bike trails, yet we see electric bikes cruising these trails. Altering the State Land Master Plan to permit OPDMD in wild forest and wilderness areas needlessly places the "wild" character of these areas at risk.

I have been doing trail work in the Hoffmann Notch area (the new trail to Jones Hill, part of the NCT) for the past three years. Although it might have been more convenient to use power equipment for building new trail, the wild forest was much better off with us swinging picks and axes and pushing wheelbarrows than running chain saws and hauling tools and dirt using gators on the trail. Prohibiting motorized equipment and vehicles in the wild forest and wilderness is a small sacrifice for preserving the sanctity of the wild forest and wilderness.

Sincerely,

Bill Wonderlin

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I am writing to object to the prospect of the DEC deciding where/when OPDMDs may be used in Wilderness. That would allow types of vehicles that are directly opposed to the vision and stated rules of the Adirondack Park. The Park is such a precious resource - we can't go back if we open it up to vehicular damage. And as a disabled person (who does not use a wheelchair), I am unable to visit large parts of the Park as well. I happily deal with that by going where I can and helping preserve the pristine nature of the Park in places I can't access. I don't see any need for the proposed change to allow DEC to decide on OPDMDs.

Thanks for listening,  
Lynn Springle  
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Lake George, NY 12845

**From:** [Denise](#)  
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My 27 year-old son suffered a spinal cord injury and became paralyzed. Prior to that he was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, skiing, hiking, etc. The limitations of having a spinal cord injury are many. Please do not limit the opportunity for him to enjoy the outdoors in the Adirondacks or any local, county, or national park.

Thank you.

Denise Battaglini

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Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

I support the decision of allowing wildlife management structures for species of special concern to permit loon nest rafts to be floated along state-owned shoreline.



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Dear SLMP Decision Makers,

The Adirondack Park is a national treasure, renowned for its pristine wilderness, biodiversity, and vital role in combating climate change. However, proposed changes to the State Land Master Plan risk weakening the very protections that keep the Park's ecosystems healthy and resilient.

1. Commissioner's Policy for ADA Compliance & OPDMDs: The Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan is not the place to incorporate portions of ADA definitions since it does not implement them on state lands. Rather, the Department of Environmental Conservation should develop a state-wide Commissioner's Policy that clearly outlines the DEC's review and approval process for Accommodation Permits for other power-driven mobility devices. This policy should acknowledge where these devices are or are not appropriate, including Wilderness areas. For example, an ATV in Wilderness would not be appropriate. A state-wide, holistic policy is needed to address access, transparency, and environmental concerns for these devices, not a quick-added definition.

2. Weakening of Agency Oversight: The APA is tasked with ensuring the DEC's management of the Adirondack Forest Preserve is consistent with the SLMP and constitutionally protected lands. Through the proposed amendments, the APA is relinquishing its ability to hold the DEC accountable by deleting structure removal dates (meaning, structures that should have been removed by a certain date – many of them decades ago) and administrative road closure dates. The Agency should request new compliance dates for the DEC to meet and hold them accountable.

In addition, the APA proposes to allow DEC to use motor vehicles to access Wilderness for improvements or structure removal on an as-needed basis. The SLMP is clear that Wilderness is intended to be motor-free except for extenuating circumstances, like life-saving search and rescue operations. The APA should not allow this change, for small changes such as this – where other non-motorized methods are a viable option in most instances for Wilderness management – will begin to erode Wilderness protections and character.

3. Protection of Natural Resources is Paramount: The SLMP is clear that the protection of resources is paramount. These proposed changes must be rooted in this mandate, especially with growing environmental pressures. Proposals to weaken Wilderness protections, like allowing for more motorized access, should not be encouraged.

In the 50+ years since the State Land Master Plan was first adopted, it has undergone four major revisions, underscoring that opportunities to update this guiding document can be rare. So, the changes proposed to the SLMP must not only be relevant to today, but the complexities and challenges of the Forest Preserve of tomorrow. Changes should not weaken the health of the Forest Preserve and should uphold the guiding mandate of the SLMP –

natural resource protection must remain paramount.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Regards,  
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Megan Phillips, Deputy Director of Planning  
Adirondack Park Agency  
PO Box 99  
Ray Brook, NY 1297

Dear Adirondack Park Agency in care of Megan Phillips,

Thank you for accepting public comment on proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. As someone who grew up in the Adirondacks (Elizabethtown) I care personally about ensuring that the State is meeting both of its obligations. First, to protect this very special wilderness area, vital to the world's health in combating climate change and second, to ensure that all people, including disabled people, have equal access and enjoy public lands in the Adirondack Park. This is why including accessibility in the updated Master Plan is important. I support adding accepted definitions for the variety of mobility devices disabled people use to navigate the outdoors and standards based on federal law provides clarity to the State and APA.

I specifically support the language on page 13 which firms up our commitment to providing inclusive access to Park lands:

### **ACCESSIBILITY**

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (ABA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 have implications for the management of the Adirondack Forest Preserve. The ADA requires that each service, program and activity offered by state agencies be made accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities, unless doing so would result in a fundamental alteration of the nature of the service, program or activity or an undue financial and administrative burden.

DEC uses the accessibility standards issued under the ADA and ABA in designing, constructing, and altering buildings, sites, and outdoor recreation facilities.

In keeping with ADA Title II regulations on mobility devices (CFR § 35.137), wheelchairs are allowed on state lands anywhere that pedestrian access is permitted. The DEC is responsible for interpreting federal regulations and guidance to determine where the use of Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) may be appropriate.

I've seen the impacts on our land by able-bodied people over the past few years. I believe restrictions to protect the land are important. I cannot however support completely excluding a class of people: People with Disabilities. We wouldn't say that "We need to protect the Park, so only male people can access it". Now would we say "We need to protect the Park, so only white people can access it". This is why it is not acceptable to say

“We need to protect the Park, so disabled people cannot have access to it.” That is just not acceptable.

Thank you again for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms Phillips,

I am writing to voice my concerns about the proposed alteration of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan that opens Forest Preserve access to “Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices.” It is admirable that the APA is providing support for people with disabilities. What troubles me, however, is that the proposed changes would radically alter the Forever Wild land protection and imperil unique and vulnerable Adirondack ecosystems.

People of all abilities deserve to be able to experience nature. Outdoor recreation provides innumerable physical and mental benefits and allows people to connect with something larger than themselves. The purpose of this comment is not to diminish the needs or rights of people with disabilities. Rather, I am concerned that the way in which the proposal suggests those with limited mobility access natural areas will damage the integrity of the space for humans of all ability, as well as plants and animals.

The Adirondack Park is the largest park in the continental United States and is a unique convergence of geologic features, mountains, lakes, wetlands and human communities. The Park’s natural areas are critical habitat for rare and endangered plants and animals that are very sensitive to changes in their environment. These natural resources have immense intrinsic, aesthetic, and cultural value and draw visitors to the region. People come to the Adirondacks because the Wilderness, Primitive Areas, Canoe Areas, and Wild Forest areas allow them to experience the stillness of nature and disconnect from hectic modern life. Many people rely on tourism for their livelihoods. The introduction of motor vehicles like trucks and ATVs into these areas, as is suggested in the proposal, could deter people seeking that peaceful wilderness experience. The ecological damage from OPDMDs would alter the resource that draws visitors, whether they are hikers, skiers, or those who themselves use OPDMDs. The tourist economy is naturally sensitive to these fluctuations in visitation.

In addition, the proposal would transfer the responsibility of OPDMD oversight to the DEC. The DEC has no policy detailing the use of OPDMDs. I am concerned that the DEC’s resources in the Park are already spread thin, and the addition of another layer of use enforcement would cause a further strain, which could result in less attention being paid to other parts of DEC’s jurisdiction. Allowing OPDMDs to operate on all state land types would put an astronomically bigger impact on the natural resource than is caused by hikers, causing erosion, water pooling, and mud pits. The deep ruts caused by ATVs and other large vehicles often make trails impassible. The DEC will have to take on a huge amount of additional work in trail maintenance, lowering the carrying capacity, if people— with full and limited mobility—are going to want to continue using the resource. Additionally, these destroyed trails will be more dangerous to traverse, resulting in an uptick of search-and-rescue operations. The financial burden of all of this extra work would be placed on hardworking taxpayers.

The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) states in Sec 12182 (b)(2)(A)(ii) that an exception to accessibility modifications can be made if “the entity can demonstrate that making such modifications would fundamentally alter the nature of such goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations.” This foundational legislation outlining the rights of those with disabilities clearly states that an exception can be made if the means of access would destroy the physical integrity of the area. The impacts of motor vehicles mentioned above display that their introduction would fundamentally alter the land in question, constituting a legitimate exception by the terms of the ADA. While again, the APA’s intentions are well-meaning, the ADA acknowledges that there are some situations where making accessibility adjustments are not appropriate. I believe this is one of those situations, and I hope the APA can arrive on a solution to accessibility that does not jeopardize the state of the Forest Preserve.

Before opening up the Forest Preserve to motor vehicles, I think the APA should look at planning more extensive

accessible trail infrastructure, such as boardwalks, evenly-graded gravel trails, and even designated roads for regulated motor vehicle use, in areas that have been selected after conducting rigorous environmental impact assessments. I feel that Wilderness, Primitive, and Canoe areas should be left untouched by motor vehicles, as they are ecologically significant, fragile, and represent a huge draw for human-powered tourism like hiking and paddling. This carefully constructed accessibility infrastructure would allow a person with limited mobility to more closely engage with nature rather than viewing it from the cab of a truck. Those who use wheelchairs, for example, would be out in the fresh air, able to touch the leaves of a tree and observe wildlife without scaring it away. This expanded infrastructure would not only appeal to people with disabilities, but people of all ages, especially families with children. This idea would provide a more pleasant outdoor experience for people with disabilities without negative impacts to the resource, and could end up being economically prudent since it would avoid all of the maintenance and safety fallout of the OPDMD proposal. The state could create a unique product of well-constructed accessible infrastructure in beautiful natural areas that would bring in more tourism.

I commend the APA's goal of making the Adirondacks more accessible. However, I think this goal can be accomplished without sacrificing the character and health of the Forest Preserve lands and waters. The APA should work to arrive at a sustainable accessibility solution that maintains the ecological integrity of the Adirondacks for current and future generations to enjoy.

Thank you for accepting my comments, and thank you also for conserving our state lands.

Sincerely,  
Dana Holmlund

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Dana Holmlund  
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As a wheelchair user, being able to access public lands for recreation and enjoyment is crucial to my health and well being.

Sincerely,

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Dear SLMP Decision Makers,

The Adirondack Park is a national treasure, renowned for its pristine wilderness, biodiversity, and vital role in combating climate change. However, proposed changes to the State Land Master Plan risk weakening the very protections that keep the Park's ecosystems healthy and resilient.

1. Commissioner's Policy for ADA Compliance & OPDMDs: The Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan is not the place to incorporate portions of ADA definitions since it does not implement them on state lands. Rather, the Department of Environmental Conservation should develop a state-wide Commissioner's Policy that clearly outlines the DEC's review and approval process for Accommodation Permits for other power-driven mobility devices. This policy should acknowledge where these devices are or are not appropriate, including Wilderness areas. For example, an ATV in Wilderness would not be appropriate. A state-wide, holistic policy is needed to address access, transparency, and environmental concerns for these devices, not a quick-added definition.

2. Weakening of Agency Oversight: The APA is tasked with ensuring the DEC's management of the Adirondack Forest Preserve is consistent with the SLMP and constitutionally protected lands. Through the proposed amendments, the APA is relinquishing its ability to hold the DEC accountable by deleting structure removal dates (meaning, structures that should have been removed by a certain date – many of them decades ago) and administrative road closure dates. The Agency should request new compliance dates for the DEC to meet and hold them accountable.

In addition, the APA proposes to allow DEC to use motor vehicles to access Wilderness for improvements or structure removal on an as-needed basis. The SLMP is clear that Wilderness is intended to be motor-free except for extenuating circumstances, like life-saving search and rescue operations. The APA should not allow this change, for small changes such as this – where other non-motorized methods are a viable option in most instances for Wilderness management – will begin to erode Wilderness protections and character.

3. Protection of Natural Resources is Paramount: The SLMP is clear that the protection of resources is paramount. These proposed changes must be rooted in this mandate, especially with growing environmental pressures. Proposals to weaken Wilderness protections, like allowing for more motorized access, should not be encouraged.

In the 50+ years since the State Land Master Plan was first adopted, it has undergone four major revisions, underscoring that opportunities to update this guiding document can be rare. So, the changes proposed to the SLMP must not only be relevant to today, but the complexities and challenges of the Forest Preserve of tomorrow. Changes should not weaken the health of the Forest Preserve and should uphold the guiding mandate of the SLMP –

natural resource protection must remain paramount.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Regards,  
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Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

To Whom It May Concern: I am writing to express my support for expanding the definition of a wildlife management structure to include wildlife management structures for \*species of special concern\* so that "loon rafts" can be floated along New York State owned shoreline. The Common Loon of the Adirondacks is a magnificent bird and worthy of this special protection. Loon nests are susceptible to flooding, predation, abandonment due to human disturbance, and other dangers, and nest rafts have been shown to effectively mitigate these threats. The rafts are designed and built to be unobtrusive and would provide needed protection for this beloved regional icon.

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Address:  
Re: Agency Project APSLMP2024, Adirondack Park Agency

My Comments:

Adirondack Park Agency Board and Staff,

Thank you for your service to the public of New York State and for your service to the natural equities of the Adirondack Park. Please accept this comment in the highest spirit of collegiality as we all work towards a better shared understanding of how we might more perfectly interact with our natural environment for the good of ourselves and mother nature.

People with disabilities face enormous challenges leaving the built environment. They further face challenge above the non-disabled public in arriving at points of access to the Adirondack Park (ADA accessible parking just the first of many 'first yard' challenges). The planning, effort and high-precarity that people with disabilities face in just getting to the starting point of nature is enormous. As a non-disabled spouse of a person with disabilities I wish to express my strong support for the proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan with special emphasis on the definition of Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs).

The expanded definition and early trial period of such devices have allowed my partner and me to experience the shared joy of nature that would have been impossible in an ordinary wheelchair. It would not have been possible even with 'ruggedizing' accessories like bigger wheels, sturdier anti-tip measures, etc —a mild incline on a broad dirt path with occasional irregularity to its grade would defeat the most determined users of a wheelchair. There is no joy in that struggle. There is no virtue revealed by forcing people with accessibility challenges to toil fruitlessly with a device from another millennia when a perfectly reasonable alternative with literally the same physical footprint is available. By including this new definition for OPDMDs, it is acknowledging that those with accessibility challenges have equal rights under the law to participate in and to access the same public amenities that the non-disabled public have always enjoyed.

It should be made abundantly clear that this measure is the bare minimum to afford even the slimmest equity of experience for people with disabilities when visiting the Adirondack Park. Other barriers in notation of access points, in the built environment necessary for other facets of accessibility like privies, in the culture of the public who uses the park that is sometimes hostile to inclusivity, or in the tone taken by environmental advocates are all

challenges that won't be magically ameliorated by this definition of OPDMDs. But it is an appropriate step in recognizing that it is a low administrative burden and financially minimal measure that will make it possible, still through herculean effort of logistics and courage to step for the first time into the unknown woods, for people with disabilities and their loved ones to experience this shining emerald of nature.

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As a lifelong lover of nature and someone with a disability I see nothing wrong with making changes in the Adirondack mountains and other areas to make it accessible for others with disabilities to attain all of that is beautiful in New York state.

Thomas w Turner

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I want a State Land Master Plan Amendment that adds a definition for Backcountry Ski Touring Trails!

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My Comments:

The Adirondack Park Agency, an entity within the Executive Branch of NYS has been given the charge to administer, protect and oversee the 6+million acres of public and private land that make up the Park. Approximately 44% of this being state owned land. The taxpayers of NYS incur a significant expense to subsidize the budget and administration of this Agency and the lands under its protection. In the 50+ years of its existence the importance of the Adirondack Park Agency's charge to protection and preserve have become more complicated. It was born in a time with limited technology. Since that time, the value, popularity and importance of tourism and recreation, including accessible recreation, have grown exponentially. There is a tremendous balancing act always going on between protection and development. There are a multitude of special interest groups with resources funding the protection side of the equation of the Adirondacks. Similarly, there are groups and individual businesses promoting the access to recreation and outdoor activities. Are the venues that are under the purview of the Agency accessible to all? There are often articles written and comments made about protection vs access vs costs. I hope the APA and the Commissioners, who govern the entity, consider the best interests of all residents and visitors to this region. Please follow Federal and State laws regarding civil rights and accessibility and referenced in the written final amendments to the State Land Master Plan. Technology has opened doors for people with disabilities. Mobility devices have changed drastically in the last 50 years and should be incorporated into final amendments. Individuals with disabilities should be considered for participation as members of its governing board.

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I suffer from long covid, ME/CFS, and fibromyalgia, and accessing the natural world is therefore difficult for me, if not impossible without accessibility interventions such as those proposed here. All people deserve to be able to experience the outdoors, including those with disabilities.

Sincerely,

Morgan Leigh Davies

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Please accept the following as my comments on the recently-proposed amendments to the State Land Master Plan (SLMP).

I commend the Agency for adding considerations of climate change in the management of state lands, and for recognizing state agency obligations under the CLCPA.

The SLMP should continue to require an assessment of carrying capacity as part of UMP development. However, the additional paragraphs proposed are problematic in that they implicitly de-emphasize protection of the natural environment, and shift the emphasis to evaluation of impacts on the visitor experience (see p. 11 of the red-lined proposal). While quality of the recreational experience can be one of the elements considered, changes in the condition of the natural setting/characteristics and ecosystem health should be paramount. Language publicly shared by Protect the Adirondacks addresses that concern:

The scientific underpinning of carrying capacity is that land and water natural resources have limits to the amount and type of recreational use that they can withstand before adverse impacts occur. These adverse impacts include (i) unsustainable changes in natural biological and ecological conditions, characteristics and processes; (ii) unacceptable and undesirable changes in the quality of the recreational experience; and (iii) undesirable, unsafe or unsustainable conditions in the management of recreational lands and facilities.

That language, or something substantially similar, should be incorporated as a replacement to the two new paragraphs proposed on page 11 of Agency's red-lined proposal.

The proposed amendments raise numerous concerns with regard to accessibility by the disabled. I fully support appropriate measures to ensure the disabled to access the forest preserve, and have no issue with including the evaluation and consideration of such access, as

appropriate, in the development of UMPs. However, the approach taken goes well beyond what is required by current law, either state or federal.

Of particular concern are the breadth of the definition of OPDMDs, coupled with the statement that they should be allowed anywhere a pedestrian can go, the exclusion of OPDMDs from the definition of motor vehicle, and the statement that DEC would be given complete discretion to decide where their use may be appropriate. (see pp. 14, 23 and 24 of the red-lined proposal). Collectively these provisions effectively deregulate certain motorized vehicles for purposes of oversight in Wilderness/Primitive/Canoe, compromise reasonable restrictions elsewhere in the Forest Preserve, and effectively negates the Adirondack Park Agency's statutorily required role in the development and approval of UMPs. None of these consequences are acceptable.

Continued efforts to enhance access for the disabled are laudable and worthy of support. However, that should be done in a measured and targeted way, respectful of Art. 14 of the Constitution, the characteristics of each management classification, and consistent with the need to provide for the protection, as well as the use, of the Forest Preserve. Nothing in the ADA requires accommodation in a manner causing a fundamental change to the program at issue, nor which damages a resource.

Motorized vehicles are permitted, subject to limitations, in Wild Forest and less restricted parts of the Forest Preserve, consistent with the current restrictions in those areas, and consistent with the outcome of the Galusha case and the resulting Consent Decree. Doing so is also consistent with the ADA (which was considered in Galusha). Galusha, in fact, focused on access in Wild Forest, and the injunction granted in 1998 was specifically limited to specific roads and facilities, for those with a CP-3 permit or certified disability, and specifically prohibited such motorized access on trails, paths, or waterways not otherwise used by non-emergency motorized vehicles. That approach respected the limitations of state land classifications, respected the provisions of UMPs, and appropriately balanced the protection due the Forest Preserve with the interests in providing access to the disabled.

The proposed amendments upend that balance, and inappropriately disrespect the balance which has existed now for decades. The essence of Wilderness/Primitive/Canoe areas is the lack of motorized vehicles. Allowing motorized vehicles or bicycles (as per the common, and current definition), under whatever circumstances destroys the essence of Wilderness/Primitive/Canoe areas, as recognized in the APA's Final Programmatic EIS for a prior SLMP amendment (1979).

The proposed technical amendments to correct pronouns, acknowledge prior updates to the SLMP, and to update the listings in Appendices I and II, are unobjectionable.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Sincerely,

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I write to voice opposition to the proposal to allow a variety of motorized vehicles to be used by disabled persons in Adirondack wilderness areas.

While the intent is solid, the possibilities for abuse are too great to warrant this change.

As I understand it, APA rules currently allow disabled persons to use a motorized wheelchair in wilderness areas if they apply for, and receive, a permit to do so. This is not too much to ask to preserve the Adirondack Park's unrivaled wilderness experience.

Without such a requirement and expanding the types of motorized vehicles allowed on wilderness trails threatens to result in many non-disabled persons motoring at will through the Adirondack wilderness. Unless the APA is prepared to police every wilderness trail going forward, there is no way to prevent such abuse.

The Adirondacks are known and respected world-wide for their "forever wild" spaces. Please don't approve this proposed change, even while ensuring that disabled persons know about the permit process and that permit requests are handled expeditiously.

Sincerely,

Judith Watson  
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I want a State Land Master Plan Amendment that adds a definition for Backcountry Ski Touring Trails!

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Comments [Take Action! - Email - CMS form submit into Email collection]: An amendment recognizing backcountry ski touring trails as an explicit use classification needs to be added to the State Land Master Plan. Such trails have a long history of use in the State in areas that are currently classified as Wild Forest as well as Wilderness, and should recognized, encouraged, and promoted. Backcountry Ski Touring trails often involve much more significant elevation changes than typical are encountered on Nordic Ski Trails, and have different design requirements to help ensure skier safety. These typically include areas where the trail width is expanded periodically, to allow turns and

stops to limit downhill speed. New York has a lot of great terrain for backcountry ski touring and the master plan needs to recognize this use classification.

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Dear SLMP Decision Makers,

The Adirondack Park is a national treasure, renowned for its pristine wilderness, biodiversity, and vital role in combating climate change. However, proposed changes to the State Land Master Plan risk weakening the very protections that keep the Park's ecosystems healthy and resilient.

1. Commissioner's Policy for ADA Compliance & OPDMDs: The Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan is not the place to incorporate portions of ADA definitions since it does not implement them on state lands. Rather, the Department of Environmental Conservation should develop a state-wide Commissioner's Policy that clearly outlines the DEC's review and approval process for Accommodation Permits for other power-driven mobility devices. This policy should acknowledge where these devices are or are not appropriate, including Wilderness areas. For example, an ATV in Wilderness would not be appropriate. A state-wide, holistic policy is needed to address access, transparency, and environmental concerns for these devices, not a quick-added definition.

2. Weakening of Agency Oversight: The APA is tasked with ensuring the DEC's management of the Adirondack Forest Preserve is consistent with the SLMP and constitutionally protected lands. Through the proposed amendments, the APA is relinquishing its ability to hold the DEC accountable by deleting structure removal dates (meaning, structures that should have been removed by a certain date – many of them decades ago) and administrative road closure dates. The Agency should request new compliance dates for the DEC to meet and hold them accountable.

In addition, the APA proposes to allow DEC to use motor vehicles to access Wilderness for improvements or structure removal on an as-needed basis. The SLMP is clear that Wilderness is intended to be motor-free except for extenuating circumstances, like life-saving search and rescue operations. The APA should not allow this change, for small changes such as this – where other non-motorized methods are a viable option in most instances for Wilderness management – will begin to erode Wilderness protections and character.

3. Protection of Natural Resources is Paramount: The SLMP is clear that the protection of resources is paramount. These proposed changes must be rooted in this mandate, especially with growing environmental pressures. Proposals to weaken Wilderness protections, like allowing for more motorized access, should not be encouraged.

In the 50+ years since the State Land Master Plan was first adopted, it has undergone four major revisions, underscoring that opportunities to update this guiding document can be rare. So, the changes proposed to the SLMP must not only be relevant to today, but the complexities and challenges of the Forest Preserve of tomorrow. Changes should not weaken the health of the Forest Preserve and should uphold the guiding mandate of the SLMP –

natural resource protection must remain paramount.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Regards,  
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