



Adirondack Park Agency

PERMIT WRITING FORM – P2026-0108

Assigned EPS: [A Ziemann](#) Reviewed by: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) Date: [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)

APPLICANT

Project Sponsor(s): [Lyme Timber Company](#)
Landowner(s): [Lyme Adirondack Timberlands I, LLC](#)
Authorized Representative: [Sean Ross, Eric Ross](#)

PROJECT SITE

Town/Village: [Colton](#) County: [St Lawrence](#)
Road and/or Water Body: [Mink Brook Road](#)

Tax Map #(s): [194.000-1-16](#)

Deed Ref: [2006-00015364](#)

Land Use Area(s): ☐H ☐MIU ☐LIU ☐RU ☒RM ☐IU

Project Site Size: [680±](#) acres

☐ Same as Tax Map #(s) identified above

☐ Only the ☐H ☐MIU ☐LIU ☐RU ☐RM ☐IU portion of the Tax Map #(s) identified above

☒ Other (describe): [Timber Harvest Plan Map](#)

Lawfully Created? ☒Y ☐N

☐ Pre-existing subdivision: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

River Area: ☐Y ☒N If Yes: ☐Wild - ☐Scenic - ☐Recreational Name of River: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

CEAs (include all): ☒Wetland - ☐Fed Hwy - ☐State Hwy - ☐State Land - ☐Elevation - ☐Study River

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

[Regenerative timber harvest of 680 acres. The silvicultural prescription is for a seed tree cut and a clearcut with reserves to harvest a declining overstory and encourage establishment of desirable regeneration. The harvest will focus on leaving 10-15 square feet of basal area of healthy and desirable growing stock in the overstory. Desirable pockets of advanced regeneration will be left in the understory. The property is subject to a NYS Working Forest Conservation Easement, and is certified to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative \(SFI\) and Forest Stewardship Council \(FSC\) third party monitoring programs.](#)

JURISDICTION (including legal citation)

[810\(1\)\(e\)\(11\)](#)

PRIOR PERMITS / SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS BEING SUPERSEDED

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

FINDINGS OF FACT – ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

LAKES, PONDS, NAVIGABLE RIVERS & STREAMS

Check if none ☒

Water Body Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Length of Existing Shoreline (feet): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

MHWM determ.: ☐Y ☐N

Minimum Lot Width:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Meets standard: ☐ Y ☐ N
Structure Setback (APA Act):	Click or tap here to enter text.	Meets standard: ☐ Y ☐ N
Structure Setback (River Regs):	Click or tap here to enter text.	Meets standard: ☐ Y ☐ N
☐ Y ☐ N Cutting proposed within 6 ft of MHWM?	If Yes, < 30% vegetation?	☐ Y ☐ N
☐ Y ☐ N Cutting proposed within 35 ft of MHWM?	If Yes, < 30% trees 6" dbh?	☐ Y ☐ N
☐ Y ☐ N Cutting proposed within 100 ft of river area? (If Yes, include under jurisdiction)		

Non-Navigable Streams in proximity to development

Check if none ☐

☐Permanent Stream ☒Intermittent Stream Classified? ☐Y ☒N
[DEC Environmental Resource Mapper](#) stream classification: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Wetlands

☒Y ☐N Jurisdictional wetland on property, or
☐Y ☒N Wetlands are a basis of development jurisdiction ☐ If Yes, RASS biologist consulted
→ If Y, covertype: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
→ If Y, value rating: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
☐Y ☒N Draining, dredging, excavation of wetland
Area of wetland loss: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) Permanent? ☐Y ☐N
☐Y ☒N Fill/structure in wetlands
Fill/structure area: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
☐Y ☒N Shading of wetland
Area of shading: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
☐Y ☒N Clearcutting >3 acres of wetland *RASS forester consulted
Clearcut area: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
☐Y ☒N Untreated stormwater discharge into wetland
☐Y ☒N Pollution discharge into wetland
Pollution type: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
☐Y ☒N Pesticide/Herbicide application in wetland
Pollution type: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
☐Y ☒N OSWTS within 100 feet of a wetland
Distance to Wetland: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Ecological / Wildlife

☐Y ☒N Natural Heritage Sites/listed species or habitat present, including bat
☒Y ☐N Forest management plan existing or proposed ☒ If Yes, RASS forestry analyst consulted
☐Y ☒N Biological Survey required by RASS Biologist 2 or Supervisor ☐ If Yes, completed

Special Districts

☐Y ☒N Agricultural District

Slopes

☐ RASS engineer consulted if structure proposed on >15%, driveway on >12%, or wwts on >8/15%

Existing slope range: 0-40% Building area(s) if authorizing development: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Soils

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

Stormwater **NA**

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

Character of Area

Nearby (include all): ☐Residential ☐Commercial ☐Industrial ☐Agricultural ☒Forested
Adjoining Land Uses / State Land: [Private Hunting/Fishing Club; Scout Reservation; Cranberry Lake Wild Forest](#)

Is nearby development visible from road? ☐Y ☒N

→ If Y, name road and describe visible development: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

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

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

FINDINGS OF FACT – COORDINATED REVIEW

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

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

PERMIT CONDITIONS AND IMPACT ANALYSIS

Merger

Check if N/A ☒

Justification if merger required: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Deed Covenant

Non-building lot being created? ☐ Y ☒ N

If Yes and lot is not being merged by condition, no PBs? Or no structures at all? Justification: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Easement

Easement proposed or required? ☐Y ☒N

If Y, consult with Legal for conditions. Justification: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Construction Location and Size (may be different for each subdivision lot)

Is new development (other than oswts) being authorized without further Agency review? ☐Y ☒N

→ If Y: Structure height limit and justification: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Structure footprint limit and justification: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

→ If N: **NA**

→ Acceptable development sites identified for all subdivision lots with PB allocation? ☐Y ☐N

→ Review of future development required? ☐Y ☐N

→ If Y, justification: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Guest Cottages (if authorizing a dwelling)

Check if N/A ☒

Proposed and reviewed? ☐Y ☐N

If N, guest cottages potentially allowed? ☐Y ☐N

→ Justification for any conditions: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Boathouses (if project site contains shoreline)

Check if N/A ☒

Proposed and reviewed? ☐Y ☐N

If N, boathouses potentially allowed? ☐Y ☐N

→ If N, justification: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

→ If Y, review required (beyond definition limits)? ☐Y ☐N

→ If Y, justification: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Docks (if project site contains shoreline)

Check if N/A ☒

Proposed and reviewed? ☐Y ☐N

If N, docks potentially allowed? ☐Y ☐N

→ If N, justification: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

→ If Y, review required (beyond definition limits)? ☐Y ☐N

→ If Y, justification: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Outdoor Lighting (if authorizing development)

Check if N/A ☒

Plan proposed and reviewed? ☐Y ☐N

Building Color (if authorizing development)

Check if N/A ☒

If color condition required, justification: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Tree Cutting / Vegetation Removal

Town with Northern Long-Eared Bat occurrences? ☐Y ☒N

Indiana Bat habitat indicated on Lookup? ☐Y ☒N

Vegetative cutting restrictions required? ☒Y ☐N

If Y, restrictions required (choose all that apply):

- ☐within [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) feet of limits of clearing
 - ☐within [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) feet of road
 - ☐within [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) feet of river/lake/etc
 - ☐within [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) feet of wetlands
 - ☒Other: [In accordance with Timber Harvest Plan and Forest Management Plan](#)
- OR ☐on entire site outside limits of clearing

Extent of cutting restriction necessary within the area noted above:

- ☐Cutting of all vegetation prohibited
- ☐Cutting of trees of [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) diameter dbh prohibited
- ☒Other: [In accordance with Timber Harvest Plan and Forest Management Plan](#)

Justification: [Vegetative cutting will be undertaken in compliance with the approved Timber Harvest Plan, incorporating standards of the Forest Management Plan and NYS Best Management Practices for water quality. The project site is situated within Lyme Adirondack Timberlands 16,262-acre Colton-Piercefield Tract, actively managed industrial timberlands. Visibility from offsite publicly accessible locations is unlikely due to intervening topography and existing vegetation. Potential visual impacts will be consistent with the property's greater than 100-year harvest history, and will be mitigated by the presence of existing intervening vegetation. The proposed retention of snag and den trees will provide habitat for nesting birds, small mammals and insects. Riparian management zone buffers adjacent to wetlands, waterbodies and vernal pools as described in the Forest Management Plan, will ensure that a minimally disturbed zone for wildlife access is maintained. Potential erosion impacts will be mitigated by application of the NYS Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality. Extensive rutting from machinery activity is unlikely given the generally well-drained soils on the project site and avoidance of wetland areas in establishment of the harvest boundary and buffer zones. The stumps of removed trees will remain in place, providing soil retention and runoff protection.](#)

Plantings

Plan proposed and reviewed? ☐Y ☒N

If N, plantings required? ☐Y ☒N

→ If Y, species, number, location, and time of year: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Justification: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Density (may be different for each subdivision lot)

Located in Town with ALLUP? ☒Y ☐N

(If Y, STOP, Town oversees density.)

Authorizing PB on substandard-sized lot created pre-2000 with no permit? ☐Y ☐N

If N and N, list existing PBs, including whether they are pre-existing/year built: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Mathematically available # of new PBs (in addition to existing or replacement):

Extinguishing PBs? ☐Y ☒N If Y, number: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Wastewater (if authorizing construction of a new PB without further review)

Check if N/A ☒

Municipal system connection approved?

☐Y ☐N

Community system connection approved by RASS?

☐Y ☐N

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

Stormwater Management (if authorizing development) *Check if N/A* ☒

Consult with RASS for conditions. Condition required if authorizing development within 100 feet of wetlands or greater than 1 acre disturbance; condition possibly required in other circumstances too.
 Justification: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Erosion and Sediment Control (if authorizing development) *Check if N/A* ☒

Consult with RASS for conditions. Condition required if authorizing development within 100 feet of wetlands or greater than 1 acre disturbance; condition possibly required in other circumstances too.
 Justification: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Infrastructure Construction (if authorizing development) *Check if N/A* ☒

Construction necessary before lot conveyance: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
 Justification: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

For permits that will not include conditions related to Building Color, Vegetation Removal, or Plantings

Explain why no condition is needed: [No development proposed. Harvest area will be screened from public receptors by existing vegetation and topography](#)

Additional Site / Project-Specific Concerns / Conditions Needed

4. Authorization for the proposal described herein shall only remain valid so long as the permittee maintains a current Forest Stewardship Council or Sustainable Forestry Initiative Certification.

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

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

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

Justification: The Agency recognizes that compliance with the Forest Stewardship Council and Sustainable Forestry Initiative certification programs requires landowners to meet strict standards for forest management that include assured regeneration of harvested areas, establishment and maintenance of sustainable harvest yields, protection of soils and water resources including establishment of riparian buffers, attention to aesthetic impacts, conservation of biological diversity and protection of species and habitats of concern. The NYS Sustainable Forestry Conservation Easement allows for recreational use by leaseholders, but clearly establishes sustainable forestry as

the primary use of the encumbered lands, allowing for compatible private recreation so long as those uses do not interfere with forest management activities.

Justification: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

☒Y ☐N **Public comments received** If Yes, #: 4

☐Y ☒N **Applicant submitted response (notes, if any)** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)