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# FOREST PRESERVE DETAILED PROJECT WORK PLAN

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**Fiscal Year 2023**  
**Project # 2023-WB-010 CO-WP 331**

<u>Region</u> 5	<u>Project Title</u> Puffer Pond East Lean-to Replacement
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<u>Project Type</u> New Construction	<u>Town(s)</u> Johnsburg	<u>County</u> Warren	<u>Management Unit</u> Siamese Ponds Wilderness
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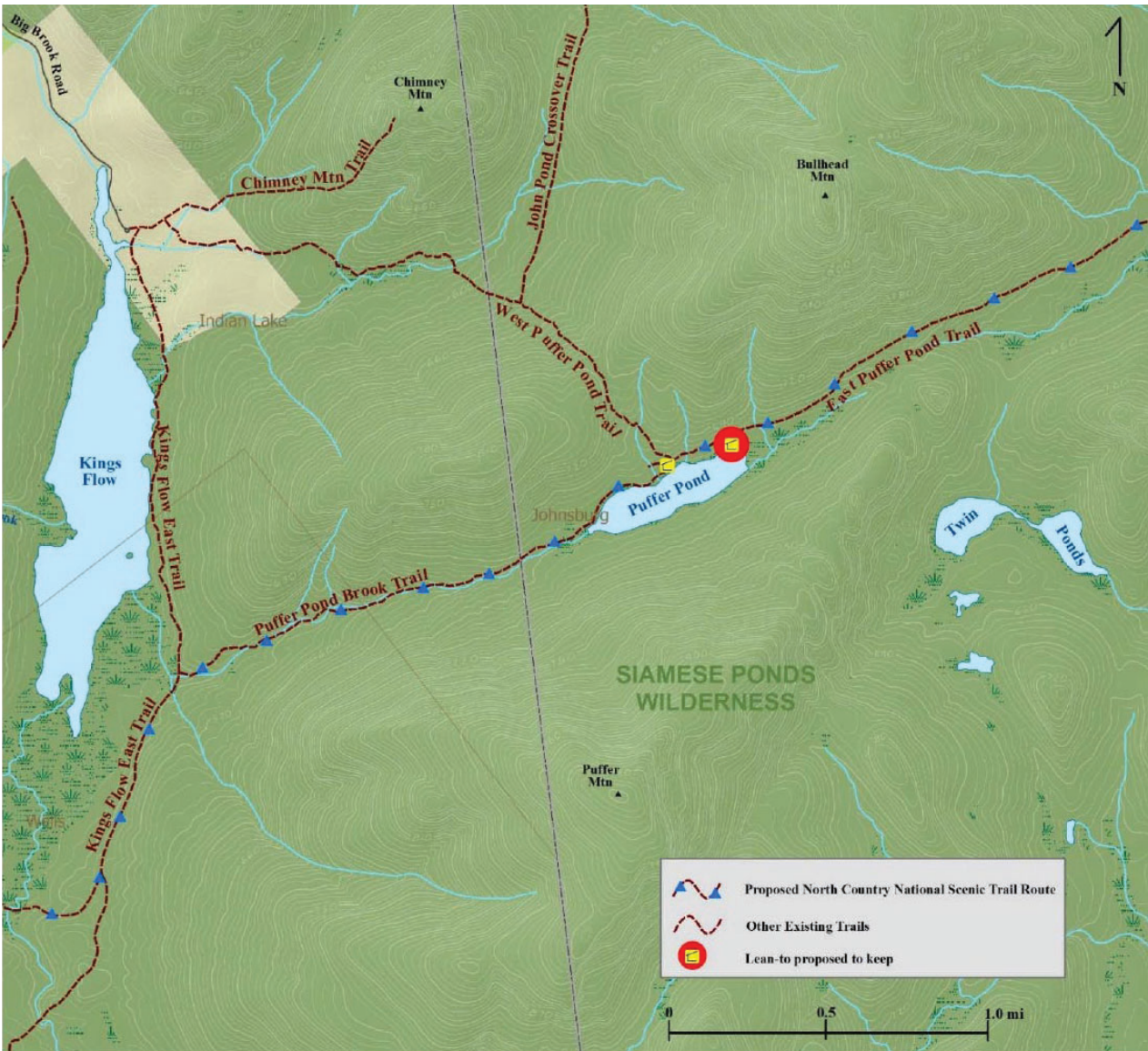
## Description of Desired Condition(s) for Project

The Puffer Pond East Lean-to is in very poor condition. Previously, this lean-to was slated to be removed after its useful life, however due to much feedback from the public, it was proposed to be kept as a lean-to site in the 2017 amendment to the Unit Management Plan. The lean-to has leaks in the roof and is structurally questionable overall. Due to the state of disrepair, it is time to replace this lean-to. A new lean-to will be constructed at a nearby location that is set back 100 feet from the water per Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan guidelines. The new lean-to will be constructed following standard design and construction methods and a new privy will be installed. This will serve to focus the overnight use which has been spreading out due to people putting up tents in multiple locations instead of using the lean-to out of safety concerns. The former lean-to location will be cleaned up, fire ring moved, and brushed in where needed to discourage use and left to naturally re-vegetate.

## Description of Project Specifications

Lean-to materials will be delivered to the northeastern end of the pond by helicopter. Construction will be done to standard lean-to design dimensions and specifications. The footprint of the lean-to is eight feet by 12 feet with a cleared area around it totaling approximately 11 feet by 15 feet. The deacon log and floor will be 17 to 19 inches high to meet an accessible height for people with disabilities.





Current lean-to



After construction in 1950s

Proposed location for replacement

Description of Measures Taken to Avoid, Mitigate and Minimize Impacts to Natural Resources

A) Trees to be removed:

**State Land Tree Tally**

Project: Puffer Pond East Lean-to

State Land Unit: Siamese Ponds Wilderness

County: Warren

Town: Johnsburg

Date Talled: 06/09/2023

Tallied By: K. Seleen

Species	Diameter (inches)														Total
	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	
ash, black															0
ash, white															0
aspen															0
beech, Amer.		2	2	1											5
birch, paper															0
birch, yellow															0
cherry, black															0
fir, balsam		1													1
hemlock															0
maple, red		1				1									2
maple, sugar															0
oak, red															0
pine, red															0
pine, Scotch															0
pine, white															0
spruce, black															0
spruce, Norway															0
spruce, red															0
spruce, white															0
															0
1-3 inch saplings	4														4
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															0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>

- B) Earthwork and Disturbance: Rock supports will be securely placed in the ground to sufficiently support the structure off the ground high enough to allow for airflow and meet the height for accessible standards (deacon log and floor 17 to 19 inches high). Privy hole will be dug. Some raking and brushing in of the former lean-to location will occur and fire ring will be moved to new spot.
- C) Impacts to Streams, Waterbodies and Wetlands: None
- D) Identification of Rare, Threatened or Endangered Species: No Rare, Threatened or Endangered Species or natural communities have been documented within a quarter of a mile mile of the project site.

### Analysis of Project Location and Design Alternatives

Options for different locations for this lean-to were limited. The trail runs parallel to the shoreline a couple of hundred feet behind the lean-to and there are pockets of wetlands scattered around between shore and the trail. There wasn't another suitable location on the pond side of the trail. Options on the northern side of the trail were assessed and while feasible were not desirable locations for the recreating public to camp being much further from the pond, on steeper terrain, and requiring construction of new trail to reach the site.

### Description of Use of Motorized Equipment and/or Motor Vehicles (if any)

A helicopter will be used to transport materials to the site. One flight day with as many trips as necessary (approximately 6-11) to safely transport bundles of lean-to and privy materials. Old roofing material from the existing lean-to will be flown out by helicopter when the new material is flown in.

### Description of Applicable Standards for Accessibility by People with Disabilities

The replacement lean-to will be constructed to meet the transfer height specified in accessible lean-to designs with the deacon log and floor being 17-19 inches high (per DEC Standard Accessible Designs For Outdoor Recreational Facilities revised March 9, 2015).

### Other Relevant Considerations

None

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Date: 5/24/2023

Approvals:

Comments:



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Regional Program Manager  
Date: 3/15/2024



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Regional Director  
Date: 9/24/2024



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Division Director  
Date: 6/25/2024

**REGULATORY CLEARANCE CHECKLIST – STATE LANDS and CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROJECTS**

PROGRAM	PERMIT	REQUIRED		SECURED BY	COMMENTS
		YES	NO	(NAME)	
Air Resources	Restricted Burning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Mineral Resources	Mining	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Materials Management	Solid Waste Mgt. Fac.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Water	Dam Safety Review	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Const. in Flood Hazard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Public Water Supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	SPDES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Spills Management	Petro. Bulk Storage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Lands and Forests	Unit Management Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kirstin Seleen	Siamese Ponds Wilderness UMP Amendment 2017
	Tree Cutting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kirstin Seleen	
	Protected Native Plants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Historic Preservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Fish and Wildlife	Freshwater Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Wild Scenic & Rec. River	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Compliance Services	Other Protection of Waters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	EAF	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Negative Declaration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Env. Impact Statement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Water Quality Cert.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
DEC (other)	CP-17	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kirstin Seleen	Approved CP-17 Request #1273
	Commissioner (aircraft, motorized equipment)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Approved CP-17 Request #1273
	Flight Request	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kirstin Seleen	To be submitted on work plan approval
	Contract Clearance Sh.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	DOB Exemption	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Other Agencies	APA MOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	APA Wetlands Permit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Corps. of Engineers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Building Permits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Local Permits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Easements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Highway Enter DOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Wastewater Disposal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		