

FOREST PRESERVE DETAILED PROJECT WORK PLAN

Fiscal Year 2025
Project # CO-WP-396

<u>Region</u> 5	<u>Project Title</u> Construction of a Facility for the Interment of 18 th Century Human Remains from the Lake George Area
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<u>Project Type</u> New Construction	<u>Town(s)</u> Lake George	<u>County</u> Warren	<u>Management Unit</u> Lake George Beach & Battlefield Park
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Description of Existing and Desired Condition(s) for Project

The Lake George Beach and Battlefield Park is a 0.2-acre state-owned property located on Fort George Road, on the south shore of Lake George, Warren County. The facility is designated intensive use, receives significant year-round visitation and is easily accessible by main roads.

The proposed project will occupy 0.2 acres of land in the park and will involve the reinterment of 18th century remains discovered during construction on nearby Cortland Street. Several members of the Lake George community, including the Lake George Town Board, expressed interest in having the remains reinterred in the Lake George Battlefield Park. Additionally, the Board of Trustees for the Village of Lake George passed a resolution calling for the remains to be reinterred at the Battlefield Park in March 2019.

The location proposed for the reinterment of the soldiers' remains from Courtland Street is on the east side of Fort George Road. The Lake George Park Commission office and Battlefield Park Visitor Center is nearby. The site is a level rise slightly above Fort George Road. The terrain begins to rise immediately east of the site at the brush/tree line. The site covers approximately 0.2 acres. Vegetation cover is grass with a single 30-inch DBH White Pine nearly in the center of the site which will be required to be cut for this project.

Soils consist of glacial outwash sand with a few limestone bedrock exposures. The New York State Museum's Cultural Resource Survey Program conducted a Phase 1B archeological survey of the site and nothing of significance was found.

Description of Project Specifications

The goal of this project is to ensure that in accordance with the Lake George community (who expressed strong interest in having the remains of local soldiers interred where they were found) that there is an adequate and educational series of structures built for the interment of remains and education to the public surrounding them. The goal is the construction of six columbarium structures of the type used to house cremated remains in traditional cemeteries. These structures are each six

feet long and three feet high, made of gray Barre granite. Partial sets of remains will be interred together, but the bulk of the remains are comingled fragments which will be placed in smaller containers inside the structures. Sifted soil from the existing site where the remains were initially recovered will be spread several inches deep across the site to serve as a base for construction.

The six columbarium structures will be placed along the base of the slope, at the east edge of the site. This will blend their silhouettes into the wooded rising slope which will be in the background. A walkway of pavers and gravel will be created in the level area in front of the columbaria. The walkway will connect to the existing path system and walkway surfaces will meet accessibility standards. A flagpole, stone benches and interpretive signage will also be provided. Site plantings will make use of native plants and will be blended into the surrounding landscape.

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

Measures taken to avoid impacts to natural resources is purposely choosing a flat, even area already designated as intensive use, and ensuring that tree-cutting is kept to an absolute minimum. Currently only one 30-inch White Pine will be cut for this project. Site plans will also utilize native plantings to blend with natural vegetation and the surrounding landscape. The low-profile design will minimize visual impacts to and from the lake and surrounding areas. Landscape modification will also be minimized with the use of local soils and the depth of any excavation will be limited to avoid disruption to any unknown cultural resources.

Analysis of Project Location and Design Alternatives

The project location is in an already existing memorial park designated by the state for such uses and offers easy access for patrons. This specific site was chosen for its proximity to other memorials on site related to the Revolutionary War and the Battle of Saratoga, to utilize an already existing cleared area designated as intensive use, and as an appropriate location to pay respect to the deceased. For a full discussion of the alternatives analysis, please refer to the 2024 UMP amendment the Lake George Beach and Battlefield Park Unit Management Plan.

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

Typical construction equipment may be used for this project. Examples include: small, tracked excavator, skid steer, dump truck, crane to set the columbaria, pickup truck with trailer, etc.

Description of Applicable Standards for Accessibility by People with Disabilities

The reinterment memorial will be constructed to ensure that the whole site meets ADA accessibility standards. ADA compliance ensures all of the public will be able to access the site and builds on other accessible elements of the facility as a whole.

Other Relevant Considerations

N/A

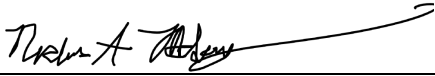
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REGULATORY CLEARANCE CHECKLIST – STATE LANDS and CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROJECTS					
PROGRAM	PERMIT	REQUIRED		SECURED BY	COMMENTS
		YES	NO	(NAME)	
Air Resources	Restricted Burning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Mineral 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"/>	Via UMP Date 5/30/24	
	Tree Cutting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Protected Native Plants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Historic Preservation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Via UMP Date 5/30/24	
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Commissioner (aircraft, motorized equipment)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Flight Request	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
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	Local Permits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Easements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
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3D View of Columbariums



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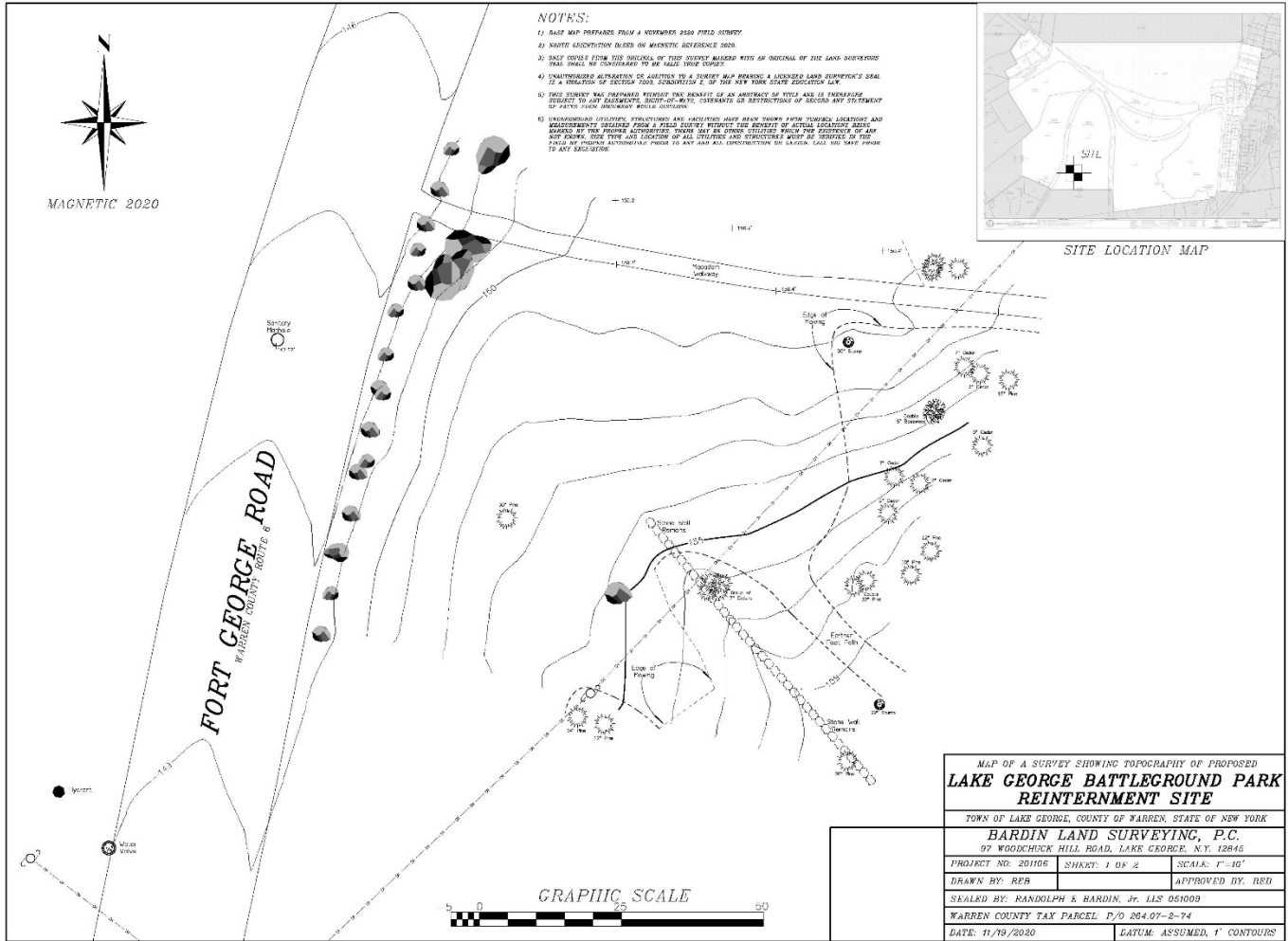


Current Panoramic View of Site



Current Aerial Site View

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Topography of Site