
FOREST PRESERVE DETAILED PROJECT WORK PLAN

Fiscal Year 2025 Project # CO-WP-397

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| <u>Region</u> 3 | <u>Project Title</u> Lost Clove Parking Area Expansion |
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| <u>Project Type</u> Expansion of Existing Structure/Improvement | <u>Town(s)</u> Shandaken | <u>County</u> Ulster | <u>Management Unit</u> Shandaken Wild Forest |
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Description of Desired Condition(s) for Project

The desired condition for this project to provide adequate parking to a highly desirable mountain bike trail network in Shandaken Wild Forest (SWF) and to reduce impacts to a private residence at the end of Lost Clove Rd. Access to a private residence located at the end of Lost Clove Rd. is consistently being blocked by overflow parking stemming from the existing parking area. The 2021 Shandaken Wild Forest Unit Management Plan says that, "In locations where roadside parking occurs, parking facilities should be provided to alleviate safety concerns." (SWF UMP, pg. 82). This project is being undertaken to address problems with cars parking along the shoulder of Lost Clove Rd. across from the existing parking area. In 2023, DEC contractors began the build out of a 7-mile purpose-built mountain bike network on the Giggle Hollow parcel in Shandaken Wild Forest. This trail network is nearing completion and the demand for this type of trail/ user experience is quickly exceeding the capacity of the current parking area. On weekends, the existing 5-car parking area is consistently at capacity and cars are parking on the shoulder of Lost Clove Rd.

Description of Project Specifications

Snowplow tailings have accumulated in the existing parking area and are currently occupying two parking spaces. Those tailings will be spread and out and used to resurface the footprint of the current area which will restore the use of two currently unusable parking spaces. In addition, this project will expand the existing parking area by 40'x26' to provide 4 additional parking spaces, each 10' wide. An accessible parking space will be designated in the existing parking area. During the expansion of the parking area, all organic matter and organic soil will be removed within the boundary of the cleared area following tree cutting.

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

- A. Trees to be removed: The parking expansion has been designed to minimize tree cutting. 11 trees have been marked for removal and are included in the attached tree tally. This is the minimal amount of tree cutting required to create the parking area. No tree removal will occur outside of the parking area footprint. All cut material will be dispersed on adjacent State lands.

Earthwork and disturbance:

- B. Excavation is needed to create a level area for vehicles to safely park. The area will be cleared to the depth of mineral soil. The parking area will be slightly sloped to drain water away from

adjacent roads and to reduce the potential for erosion from high rainfall events. The removed organic soil will be dispersed on adjacent state lands.

C. Impacts to streams, waterbodies and wetlands:

Parking area expansion will not take place within wetland areas. Any areas where existing ditching has been crossed by machinery or vehicles will be restored to operational condition. Surface and ground water will be controlled during all phases of construction to prevent erosion and siltation to both on site and to off-site locations. Facilities within the unit will be monitored for any natural resource degradation that could occur during the parking area expansion.

D. Identification of rare, threatened or endangered species:

This project will not impact rare, threatened or endangered species. No such species are documented within 0.25 miles

Analysis of Project Location and Design Alternatives

A.) Expand existing parking area (preferred alternative):

A modest expansion of the parking area in its current location will increase user safety and reduce potential hazards to other motor vehicle traffic along Lost Clove Rd.

B.) Construct an additional parking area in another location on Lost Clove Rd:

Alternative sites to locate an additional parking area were considered. One alternative location for the parking area was considered on a piece of unclassified forest preserve 150' further to the north but this location was not selected because this area is in closer proximity to a protected C(T) stream and would require more extensive earthwork than what would be required in the location of the current area. The existing parking area is the most feasible location for the proposed improvements.

C.) No Action Alternative:

No new facilities will be constructed, and existing road shoulder parking will continue. This alternative is unacceptable from a safety perspective. Existing parking along road shoulder has caused negative impacts to vegetation and could prevent emergency vehicles from accessing the end of Lost Clove Rd.

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

Motorized equipment and motor vehicles will be used for this project. Dump trucks will be needed to haul materials. For the parking area expansion, an excavator and dozer will perform the surface development. Excavator, dozer, and dump truck will be used for the construction of the additional parking spaces. Chainsaws will be used to clear vegetation.

Description of Applicable Standards for Accessibility by People with Disabilities

The new parking area will contain an accessible parking space, consist of a firm, stable surface and meet ADA guidelines.

Other Relevant Considerations

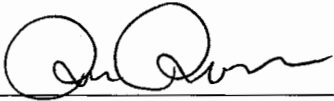
The proposed project will enhance public safety and enhance the quality of the visitor experience by improving the capacity of the existing area to accommodate the recreational demand for access to Shandaken Wild Forest.

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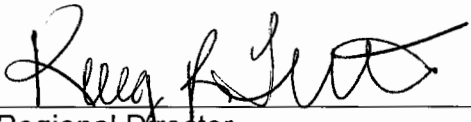
Date: 8/29/25

Approvals:

Comments:



Regional Program Manager
Date: 8/12/2025



Regional Director
Date: 10/6/2025



On Behalf of the Division Director
Date: 10/6/2025

REGULATORY CLEARANCE CHECKLIST – STATE LANDS and CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROJECTS

| PROGRAM | PERMIT | REQUIRED | | SECURED BY | COMMENTS |
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| | | 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"/> | Pine Roehrs | Approved in 2022 |
| | Tree Cutting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ian Thompson | Included in work plan |
| | Protected Native Plants | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Historic Preservation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Fish and Wildlife | Freshwater Wetlands | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Wild Scenic & Rec. River | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Compliance Services | Other Protection of Waters | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | EAF | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Negative Declaration | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Env. Impact Statement | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Water Quality Cert. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| DEC (other) | CP-17 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Commissioner (aircraft, motorized equipment) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Flight Request | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Contract Clearance Sh. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | DOB Exemption | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Other Agencies | APA MOU | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | APA Wetlands Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Corps. of Engineers | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Building Permits | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Local Permits | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Easements | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Highway Enter DOT | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Wastewater Disposal | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |

Lost Clove Parking Lot Expansion



0 0.005 0.01 0.02 0.03 0.04 Miles



Snowplow tailings will be removed from current location and used to resurface parking lot.



40'x26' will be cleared for parking lot expansion. Expanded area will accommodate 4 additional vehicles.