

# FOREST PRESERVE DETAILED PROJECT WORK PLAN

**Fiscal Year 2025**  
**Project # 25-FB-R5-002**  
**CO-WP-416**

<u>Region</u> 5	<u>Project Title</u> Tupper Lake BLS AIS Decontamination Station
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<u>Project Type</u>	<u>Town(s)</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Management Unit</u>
Modification of Existing Structure/Improvement	Tupper Lake	Franklin	Bog River (Tupper Lake Boat Launch Intensive Use Area)

**Description of Existing and Desired Condition(s) for Project**

*Existing Conditions-* The public boat launch site contains 29 vehicle & trailer & 10 vehicle only parking spots with a concrete boat launch ramp and adjacent mowed lawn areas. Currently the site has one Adirondack Watershed Institute watercraft inspection steward on site for the duration of the boating season. However, no vessel decontamination station is located at the facility and all vessels needing decontamination are referred to the nearest decontamination station 20 miles away in Long Lake.

*Desired Conditions-* The current facility amenities will be maintained except for adding a stone pad location suitable for the seasonal installation of an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) decontamination station within existing boat launch facility to ensure safe implementation of § 9-1711. Aquatic invasive species inspection stations in the Adirondack park.

**Description of Project Specifications**

The project will convert ~825 square feet of existing mowed lawn to compacted stone aggregate by removing the sod and topsoil, installing geotextile fabric and covering with 8 inches of parking of crushed stone aggregate. No tree removal is proposed.

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

Placement of the decontamination station is proposed on existing lawn area as far away from the Mean high water mark of Tupper Lake as the property allows and immediately adjacent to New York State Route 30. Siting of the stone pad for the decontamination station avoids any tree-cutting activity, existing utilities and will require minimal topsoil removal. All earthwork will be encompassed by appropriate sediment & erosion controls while work is underway. Currently, the nearest decontamination station is approximately 20 miles away in the Town of Long Lake, putting additional aquatic resources at risk in transit from the Tupper Lake boat launch site to the Long Lake boat launch site, further up the Raquette River watershed. The boat launch site has multiple

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species of special concern and threatened species occurrences within quarter of a mile of the proposal. However, all occurrences are wetland or waterbody associated avian species and no impact or disturbance to these species is anticipated with the proposal.

### Analysis of Project Location and Design Alternatives

The desired location of the decontamination station is as far from the existing water sources as possible on the site, minimizes the necessity to relocate existing utilities and avoids any necessary tree cutting.

Two additional existing lawn areas at the boat launch were investigated for siting of the decontamination station. Alternative locations A and B are less than 150 feet from the mean high water mark of Tupper lake. Alternative location B, immediately adjacent to the bathroom building has extensive underground utilities that would need to be relocated and would require extensive construction and significantly more site disturbance. See the Figure 1 attached.

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

Installation of the stone pad will require the use of a skid steer or front-end loader and a tandem axle dump truck for a duration of a couple days. The area of equipment use will be entirely within the intensive use area and is existing pavement or maintained lawn area.

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

This project is to install a stone pad for seasonal placement of an Aquatic Invasive Species decontamination station and is not an area intended for public access.

### Other Relevant Considerations

The Tupper Lake Boat Launch Site is an intensively used public access point to several large waterbodies within the central Adirondacks. The need for a decontamination station at this location is highly desirable to facilitate aquatic invasive species spread prevention.

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Date: 2/23/2026

Approvals:

Comments:

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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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Tree Cutting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	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 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"/>		
	Contract Clearance Sh.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	DOB Exemption	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Other Agencies	APA MOU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Pinheiro	SL Consultation completed 4/22/25
	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"/>		



Figure 1

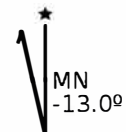


Tupper Lake BLS  
WGS84  
UTM Zone 18T  


0.1 km

mi

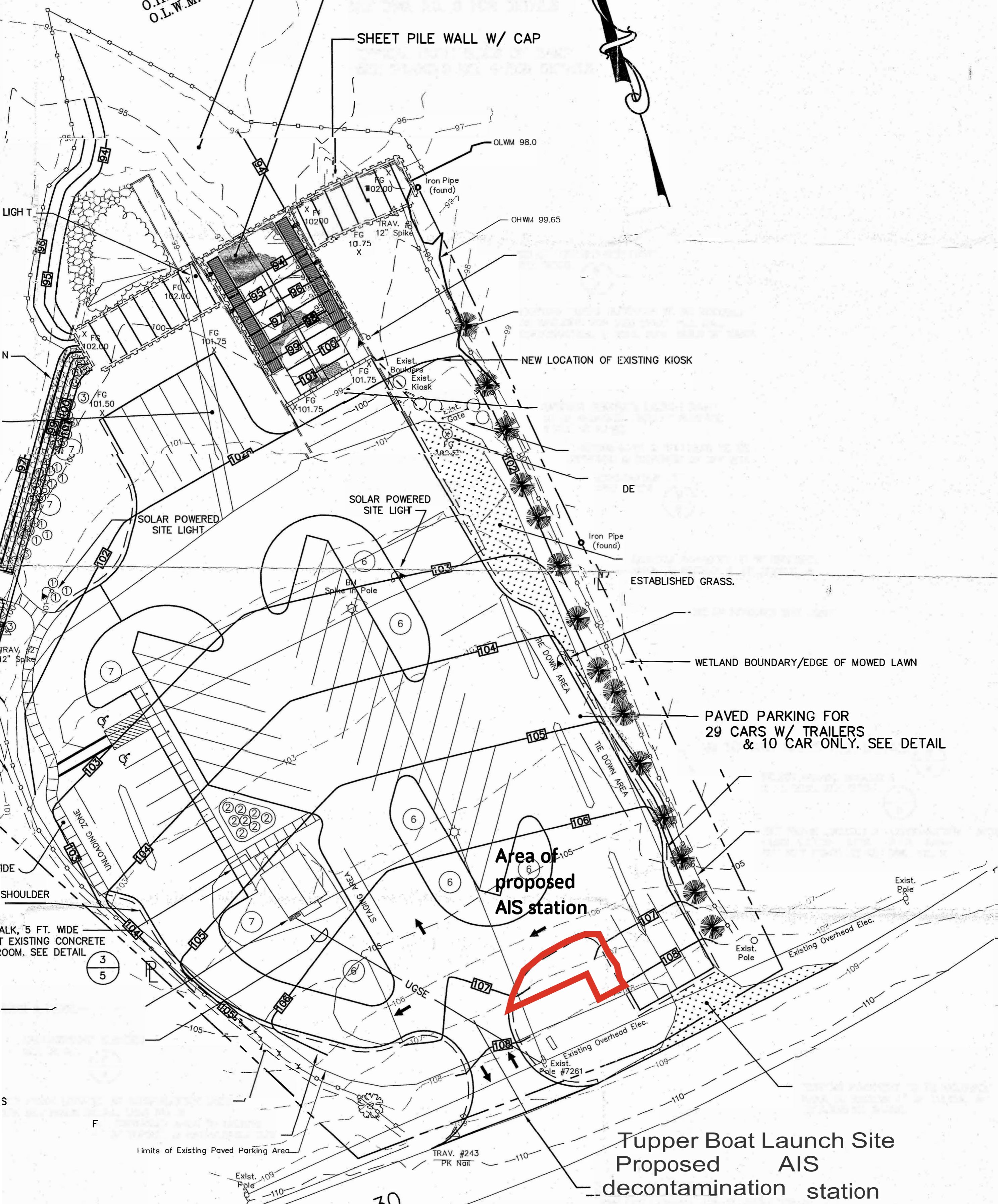
Scale **1:1220** 1 inch = 102 feet



TUPPER LAKE  
O.H.W.M. 99.65  
O.L.W.M. 98.00

CONCRETE LAUNCH RAMP  
W/ FLOATING DOCK UNITS

SHEET PILE WALL W/ CAP



Area of  
proposed  
AIS station

PAVED PARKING FOR  
29 CARS W/ TRAILERS  
& 10 CAR ONLY. SEE DETAIL

Tupper Boat Launch Site  
Proposed AIS  
decontamination station

N.Y.S. RTE. 30

Scale: 1" = 30 ft

**SITE PLAN**



Figure 2 Site Photo of Tupper Lake BLS Proposed AIS vessel decontamination station



April 22, 2025

James Pinheiro

Via email: james.pinheiro@dec.ny.gov

**RE: State Land Consultation Determination SL2025-0003**

Dear James Pinheiro:

Pursuant to the "MOU Between the Adirondack Park Agency and the Department of Environmental Conservation Concerning Implementation of the State Land Master Plan for the Adirondack Park," the development of a decontamination station at the Tupper Lake boat launch, as described in materials received at the Agency on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, may be undertaken and do not require the completion of a unit management plan or unit management plan amendment for the launch.

Agency staff have determined that these projects, as proposed, will not affect wetlands.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Agency.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Jones

Environmental Program Specialist 1 Trainee

cc: Josh Clague, Chief, Bureau of Forest Preserve and Conservation Easements  
Kris Alberga, Supervisor of Natural Resources, Region 5  
Rob Daley, Regional Forester, Region 5

State Land Consultation



**Adirondack  
Park Agency**

File Number:

**KATHY HOCHUL**  
Governor

**BARBARA RICE**  
Executive Director

## STATE LAND PROJECT CONSULTATION FORM

*Completion of this form is required to receive a determination of Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) and/or Unit Management Plan compliance and wetland jurisdiction for all DEC State land projects from the Agency. A site visit by Agency staff may be required depending on the complexity of the project, the natural resources involved and the level of documentation provided.*

### **Part 1**

(To be completed by DEC staff)

#### **A. Project Identification**

Project Name:

DEC Contact Person:

Telephone:

Email:

#### **B. Project Location and Other Information**

State Land Unit:

Region:

Town:

County:

Is a UMP for this unit completed and approved?    Yes     No

(If yes, please attach a copy of the cover page and all pages relevant to this project.)

Is the proposal to replace an existing structure?    Yes     No

If yes:

a) When was the structure constructed?

b) Will the new structure be the same size and located in the same place?

Yes  No  (Describe in the narrative, section D.)

### C. Prior Agency Contact

Has there been prior contact (including any wetland delineation work) with the Agency regarding this project? Yes  No

If yes, name of contact person(s) and date(s) (approximate, if not known):

Contact person:  Date:

### D. Project Description

Provide a brief, narrative description as precisely as possible with any additional location information necessary. Include/attach map(s), photograph(s) and plan(s) whenever possible. (attach another sheet if needed)

Proposal to install a AIS decontamination station at the Tupper Lake Boat Launch Site. This would include removal of ~825 square feet of existing lawn within a island in the paved parking area and installation of a crushed stone pad for vessel decontamination. This includes placement of a 100 square foot premanufactured wooden shed for the temporary housing of vessel decontamination equipment. Please see supporting site map, and plan documents attached.

Plan Updated 4/10/25. See SL2025-0003 project folder for details.

If the proposed project is determined to be compliant with the APSLMP but jurisdictional for wetlands, the Agency can determine if the project qualifies for *General Permit 2005G-1R* or if an individual Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands permit will be required. If either of these wetlands permits is applied for, additional information about the project will likely be requested. Agency staff can provide the appropriate permit application form with the return of this completed State Land Consultation Form, if requested.

**Submitted by:**

**Date:**

Return this form to the Agency (preferably electronically) for APA staff completion of Part 2.

**Part 2**

(To be completed by APA staff)

**ADIRONDACK PARK STATE LAND MASTER PLAN COMPLIANCE REVIEW**

Planning Status (check one)

- A) The project, as planned, is described sufficiently in an approved UMP and does not require additional consultation with APA State land staff before being undertaken.
- B) The project is proposed in insufficient detail in an approved UMP and so does require additional consultation with APA State land staff before being undertaken.
- C) The project is not proposed in an approved UMP and – via this submission - is the subject of consultation with APA State land staff to determine if it may be undertaken, as per Section V of the DEC/APA MOU.

DEC/APA Consultation Guidelines

Planning Status “A” Projects:

- The proposed project has been determined by the APA Board, via approval of a UMP, to conform to APSLMP guidelines and criteria in all respects other than potential wetland impacts.
- IF the result of the “Preliminary APA Wetlands Jurisdiction Assessment” (page 6) is an APA staff conclusion that jurisdictional wetlands:
  - WILL NOT be involved or affected by the proposed project, THEN, the project may be undertaken.
  - MAY BE involved or affected by the proposed project, THEN, the Agency can determine if the project qualifies for *General Permit 2005G-1R* or an individual Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands permit and may request additional information.

#### Planning Status “B” Projects:

- The proposed project, via review and approval of a UMP, has received conceptual approval by the APA Board but must still be reviewed by APA State land staff in sufficient detail before it may be determined to conform to APSLMP guidelines and criteria in all respects other than potential wetland impacts.
- IF the result of the “Preliminary APA Wetlands Jurisdiction Assessment” (page 6) is an APA staff conclusion that jurisdictional wetlands:
  - WILL NOT be involved or affected by the proposed project, THEN, the project may be undertaken.
  - MAY BE involved or affected by the proposed project, THEN, the Agency can determine if the project qualifies for *General Permit 2005G-1R* or an individual Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands permit and may request additional information.
- IF the result of the “APSLMP Compliance Review” is a conclusion that the proposed project:
  - DOES NOT CONFORM to APSLMP guidelines and criteria regardless of wetland impacts, THEN, the project should not be undertaken by DEC staff.

#### Planning Status “C” Projects:

- The project has NOT been proposed within a UMP approved by the APA Board, and so it has not been determined to conform to APSLMP guidelines and criteria. It must therefore be determined by APA State land staff to meet the definition of “ordinary maintenance,” “rehabilitation” or “minor relocation” of conforming structures or improvements as per Section V of the DEC/APA MOU if it is to be undertaken without being included in such a UMP.
- IF the result of the determination is that the proposed project:
  - CANNOT BE so defined, THEN, the project should not be undertaken by DEC staff at this time.
  - CAN BE so defined, THEN, the Agency can determine if the project qualifies for *General Permit 2005G-1R* or an individual Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands permit and may request additional information.
- IF the result of the “Preliminary APA Wetlands Jurisdiction Assessment” (page 6) is an APA staff conclusion that jurisdictional wetlands:

- WILL NOT be involved or affected by the proposed project, THEN, the project may be undertaken.
- MAY BE involved or affected by the proposed project, THEN, the Agency can determine if the project qualifies for *General Permit 2005G-1R* or an individual Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands permit and may request additional information.

**APA State Land Staff Determination Regarding Consistency with the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan**

Staff have determined the proposed project – in all respects other than potential wetlands impacts – conforms  , does not conform  , to the guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.

  
 Deputy Director, Planning or designee

4/22/2025  
 Date

**Rationale for Determination**

The proposed new storage trailer is temporary. The proposed, related improvements i.e. removal of existing lawn and installation of crushed stone are of a type congruent with the existing, developed parking areas. The storage trailer and improvement will serve the objective of protecting the aquatic natural resources of the Adirondacks from invasive species.

**PRELIMINARY APA WETLANDS JURISDICTION ASSESSMENT**

1) Is the proposed project located in a wetland? Yes  No

2) Does the project involve any of the following activities whether or not it is located in a wetland? Yes  No

Discharge of liquid wastes into (or so as to drain into) a wetland, including sewage treatment effluent within 100' of a wetland? Yes  No

Any other form of pollution of a wetland? Yes  No

Any activity that may substantially impair the functions served by, or the benefits derived from, wetlands?

Yes  No

**APA RASS Staff Preliminary Assessment Regarding Adirondack Park Freshwater Wetlands Jurisdiction**

Staff have determined that wetlands subject to the review jurisdiction of the Adirondack Park Agency may , will not  be involved or affected by the proposal.

Mary O'Dell

Supervisor, Natural Resource Analysis or designee

3/10/2025

Date

**Rationale for Determination**

The proposal is not located in a wetland. It is within 100 feet of wetlands however. Provided there is no discharge containing invasive species, the proposal is not expected to substantially impair wetlands.

If the project is determined to be jurisdictional for wetlands, the Agency will determine if the project qualifies for *General Permit 2005G-1R* or an individual Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands permit and may request additional information.

Form completed by APA State Land member: Mitchell Jones

Completion Date: 4/22/25

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