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Re: Our File # T-Hamilton 202  
Totten & Crossfield Purchase  
Townships 9 & 10  
Map 65-T, Parcels 69, 70, 72 & 74  
Towns of Wells & Lake Pleasant  
Hamilton County

State Board of Equalization and Assessment  
Agency Building #4 - 9th Floor  
Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12223

Attention: Ms. Dorothy D. Angelus

Dear Ms. Angelus:

Enclosed please find a copy of Notice of Application Approval and Real Property Disposition, together with "Order transferring certain lands from the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation to this Department.

These lands were transferred on March 1, 1982, and are identified as parcels 69, 70, 72 and 74 on Map 65-T (Sheets 1 thru 7), enclosed.

You will note that the "Order" indicates these parcels were transferred to this Department for Forest Preserve purposes.

After the transfer was completed, we realized that most of parcel 72 (see map sheet 4) is situated within the Village of Speculator. Out of the total 11.9 acres in this parcel, approximately 11.5 acres are situated within the Village.

Notwithstanding the fact the transfer order indicates all the parcels are being transferred for forest preserve purposes, it is our opinion, in light of Section 9-0101 paragraph 6 (a), Environmental Conservation Law (copy attached) that the portion of parcel 72 situated within the Village of Speculator, will not be classified as Forest Preserve, but rather will be held by this Department for general conservation purposes, and as such will probably be non-taxable.

Very truly yours,

James M. West  
Superintendent  
Bureau of Real Property

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Enclosure  
M. P. G. A. C.

Appendix 21 - North Country Scenic Trail

