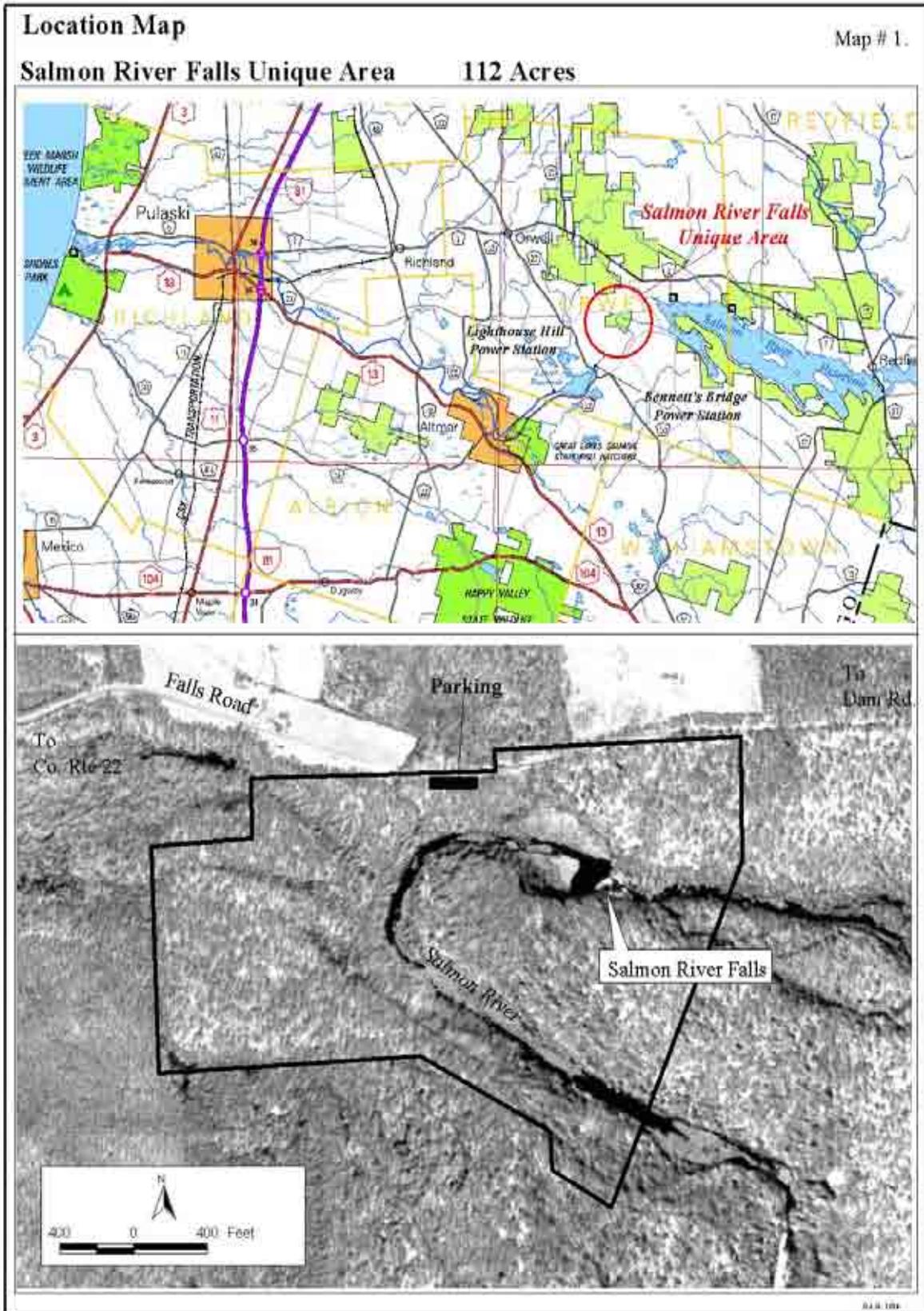
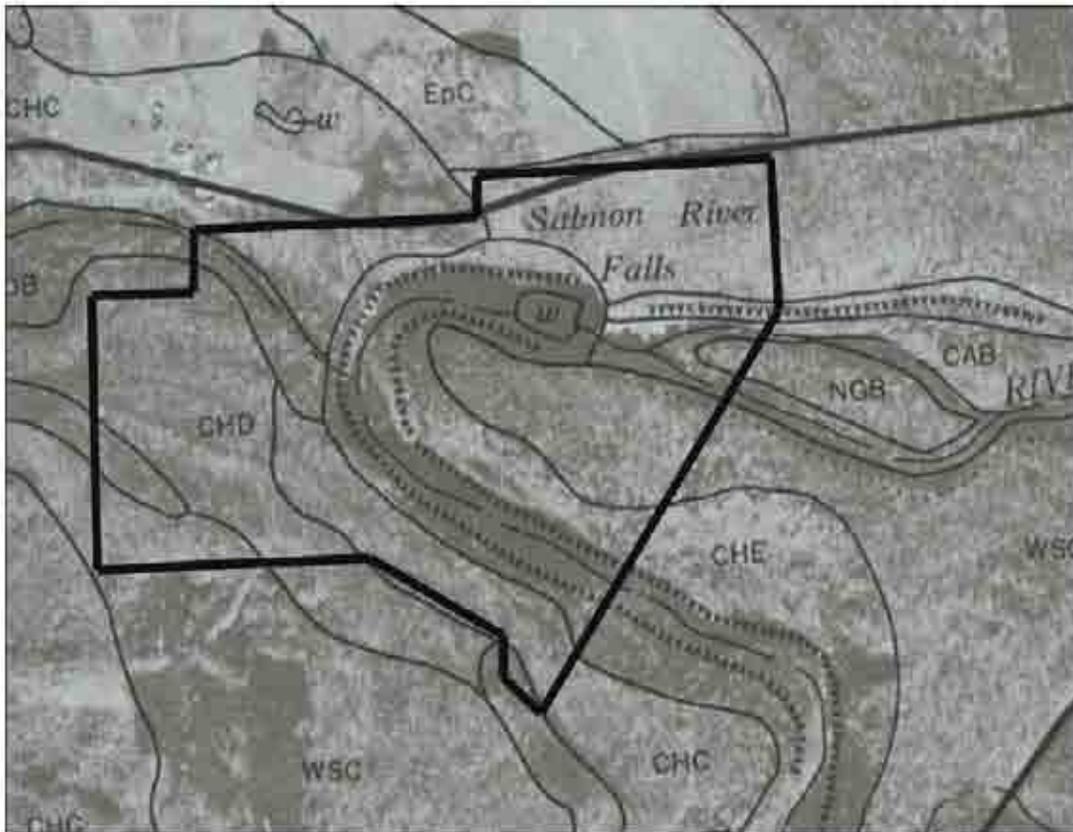


# Appendix A - Salmon River Falls Unique Area Maps



**Soil Survey Map**  
**USDA, Soil Survey of Oswego County**

Map # 2.



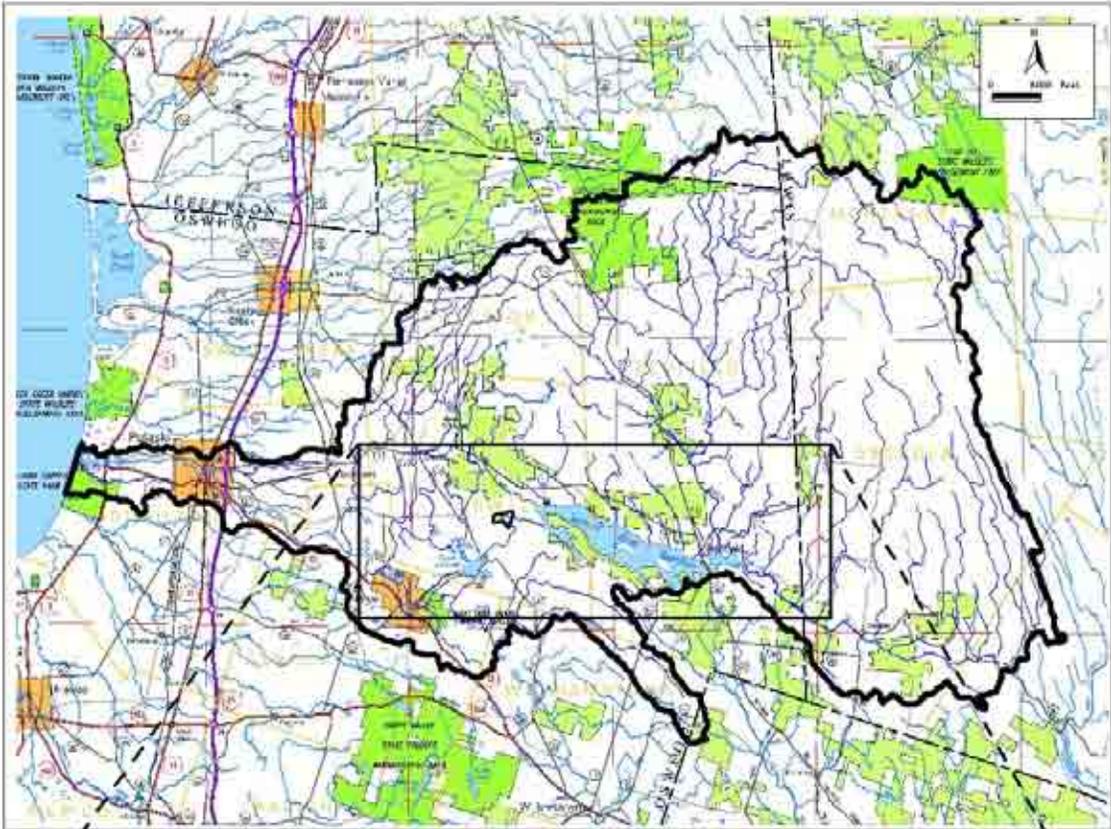
Map Not to Scale

**Soil Identification Legend**

- CHC - Colton-Hinckley complex, rolling.
- CHD - Colton-Hinckley complex, moderately steep.
- CHE - Colton-Hinckley complex, steep.
- NGB - Naumburg-Granby complex, gently sloping.
- WSC - Worth and Empeyville very stony soils, sloping.

 Steep Slope

# Salmon River Watershed



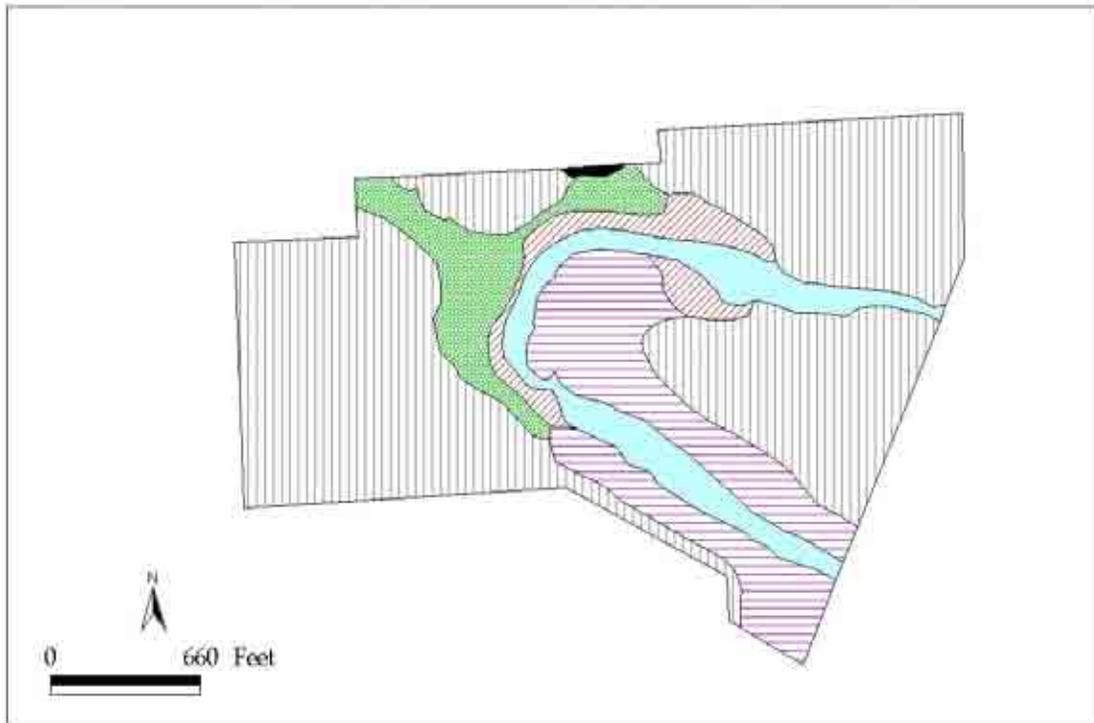
### Map Legend

-  Watershed
-  State Boundary
-  Streams

### Watershed Facts

- 285 square miles
- 44 miles of main riverbed
- 450 miles of total stream lengths

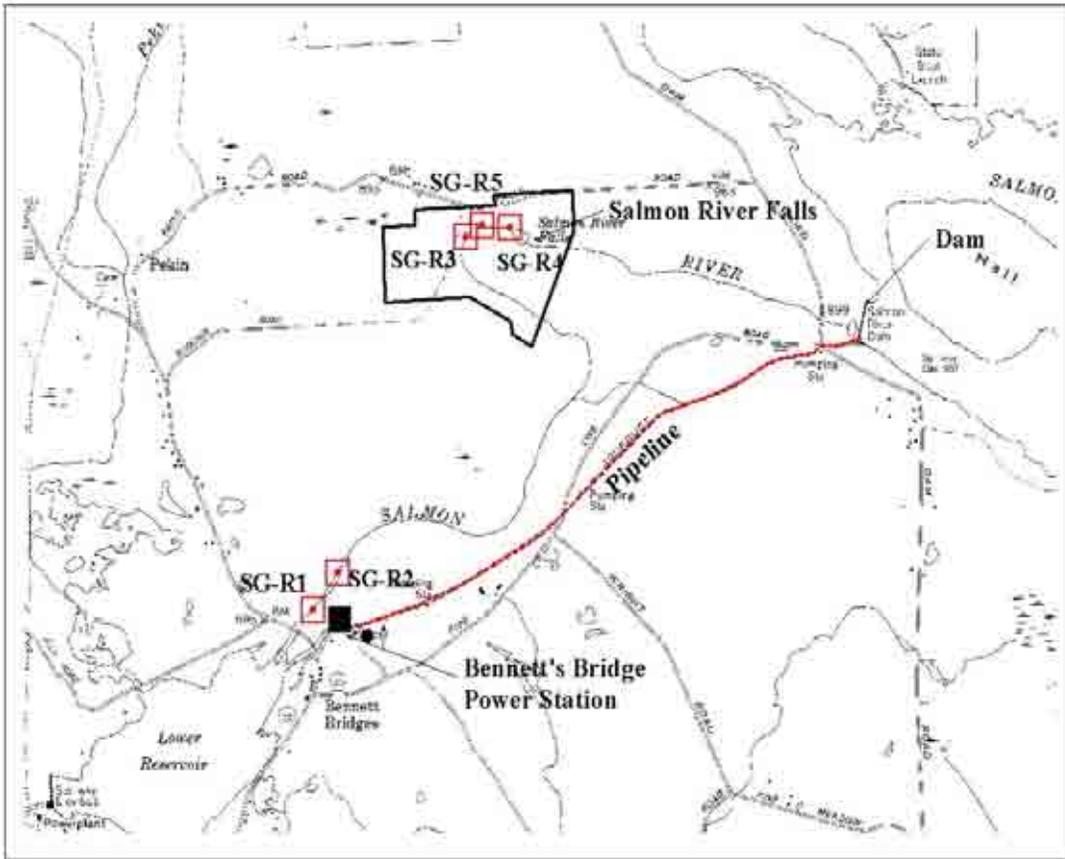
## Salmon River Falls Plant Communities Map



Community Types		
	Northern Hardwoods	67 ac.
	Hemlock	9 ac.
	Shale Talus Slope Woodland	19 ac.
	Shale Cliff and Talus Slope	6 ac.
	<b>Total</b>	<b>101 acres</b>

Map Legend	
	State Boundary
	River Bed 10 ac.
	Parking area 1 ac.
	<b>Total Acreage 112 acres</b>

### Salmon River Fish and Habitat Survey Sites



### Legend

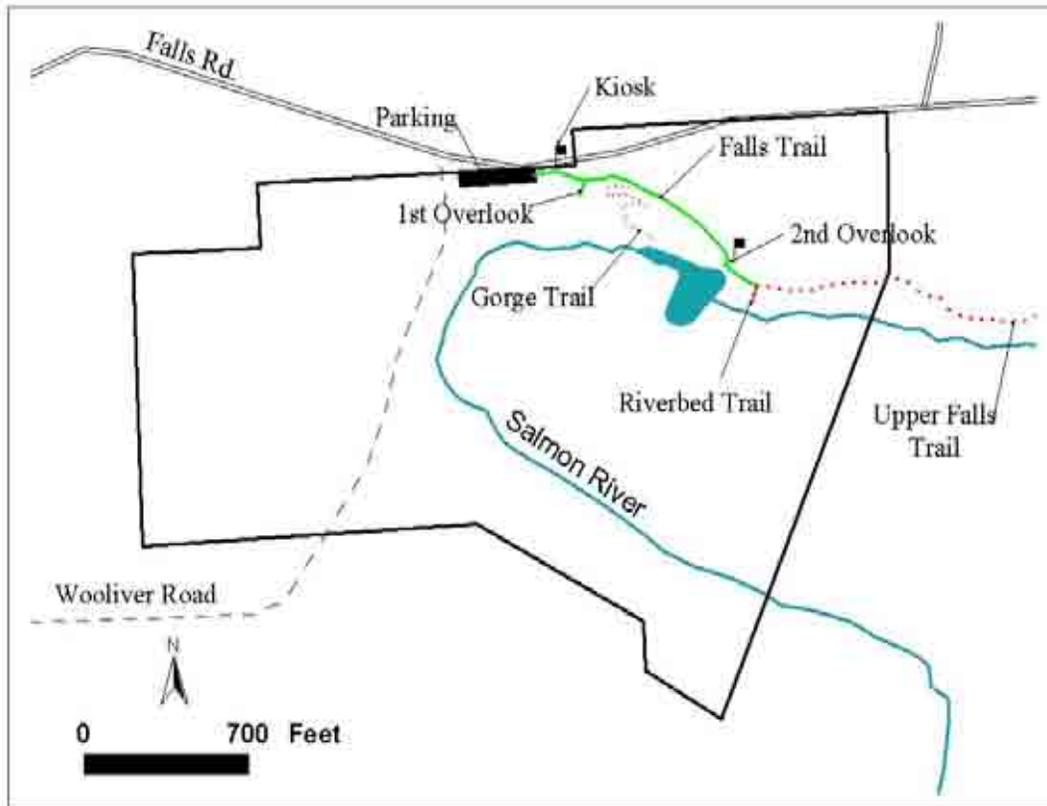
-  Stream Survey Sites
-  Pipe Line
-  State Boundary



1000 0 1000 Feet



**Present Assets Map**



**Map Legend**

**Trails**

- Falls Trail
- Gorge Trail
- Upper Falls Trail
- Riverbed Trail

- Kiosk
- State Boundary
- Parking Area
- Abandoned Road
- Roads

- Mobility Impaired Access
- Hiking Access

**Falls Trail** Runs from the parking area to the Upper Falls Trail with a length of 1100 feet.

**Gorge Trail** Leads from the Falls Trail to the bottom of the gorge with a length of 600 feet, and a drop in elevation of over 100 feet.

**Upper Falls Trail** Runs from the end of the Falls Trail, along the north side of the river, to the Dam Road at the base of the Salmon River Reservoir dam.

**Riverbed Trail** Leads down a steep slope to the riverbed from the intersection of the Falls and Upper Falls trails.

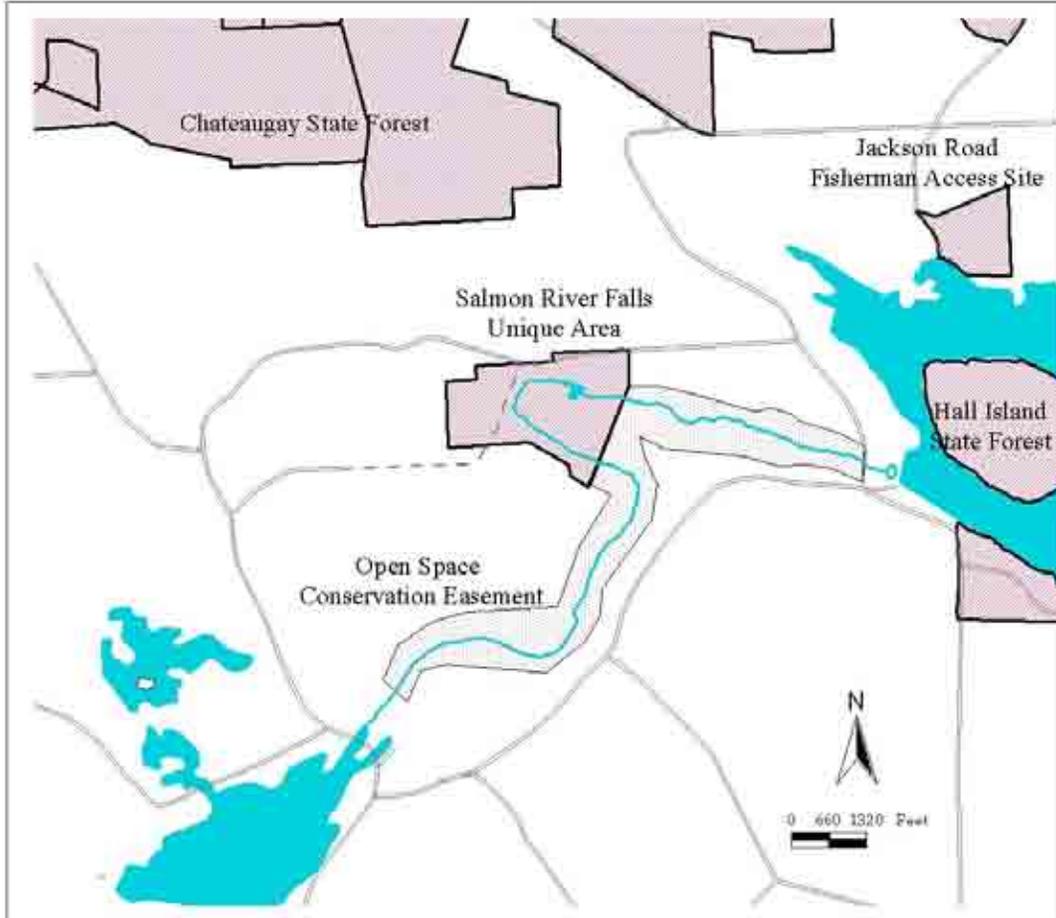
**Boundary Lines** Total length of 1.9 miles

**Parking Area** 25 - car lot.

**Signs** Kiosk for displaying information on history, maps, rules and regulations and education.

**Wooliver Road** Abandoned town road which passes through the property.

**Adjacent State Lands Map**

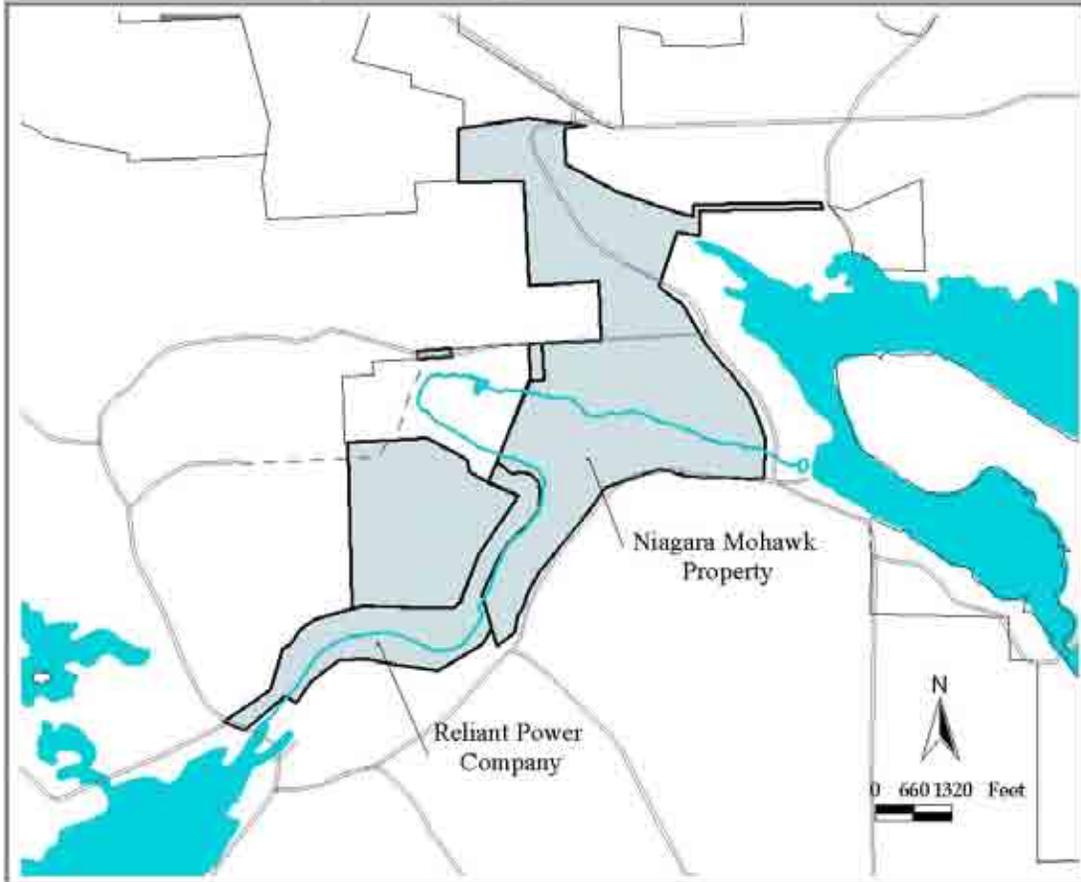


- State Land
- Open Space Conservation Easement

**Adjacent State Lands**

Conservation Easement Land	230	acres
Chateaugay State Forest	3465	acres
Hall Island State Forest	1384	acres
Jackson Road Fisherman Access	32	acres

### Potential Future Acquisitions Map



The above parcels are of interest to the State for future acquisition of lands, in fee or as conservation easement, for the purposes of protecting the banks of the Salmon River from development and the proper placement of trails. It is the goal of the State to purchase lands in a way that will add the current property to the tax roles including all additional lands acquired. The State will only pursue acquisitions from willing sellers.

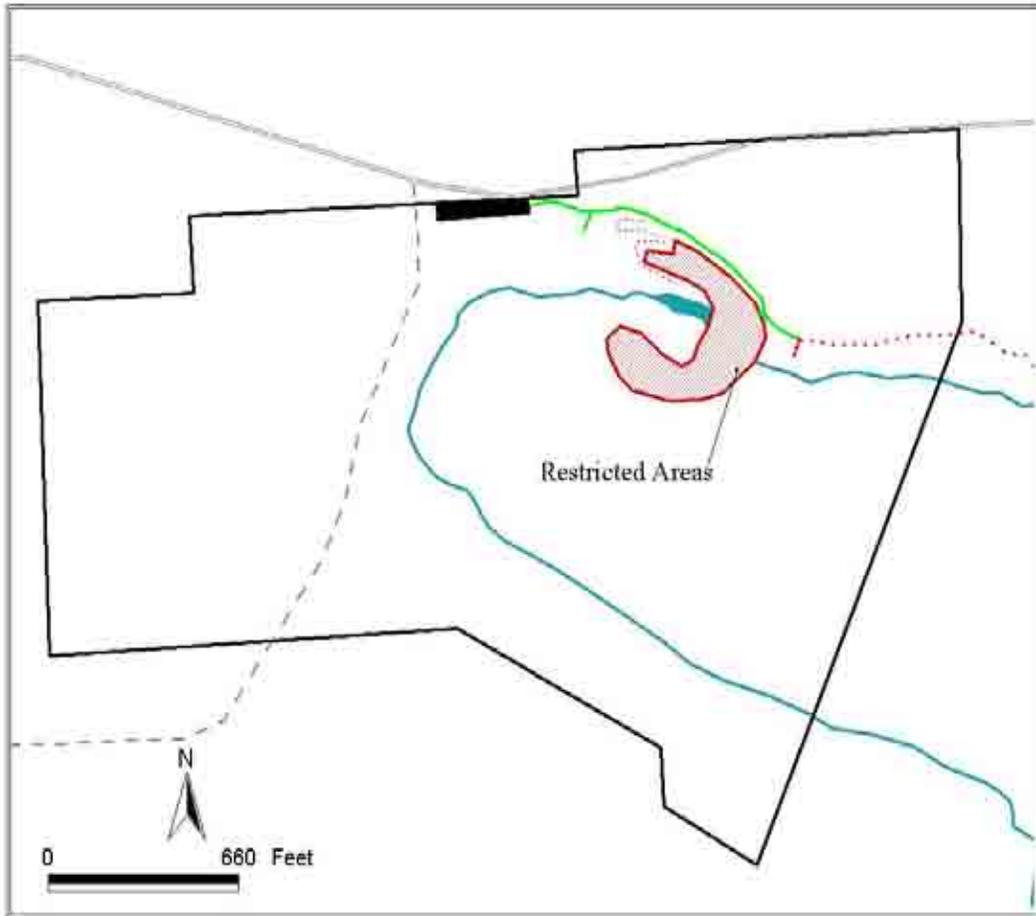
#### Map Legend

-  Possible Acquisitions
-  State Land

#### Potential Acquisition Breakdown

Niagara Mohawk Lands	436 ac.
Reliant Power Company	108 ac.
Private Landowners	152 ac.
<b>Total acres</b>	<b>696 ac.</b>

### Restricted Areas



### Map Legend

 **Restricted Areas**

All public access including the following activities are prohibited within the restricted areas:

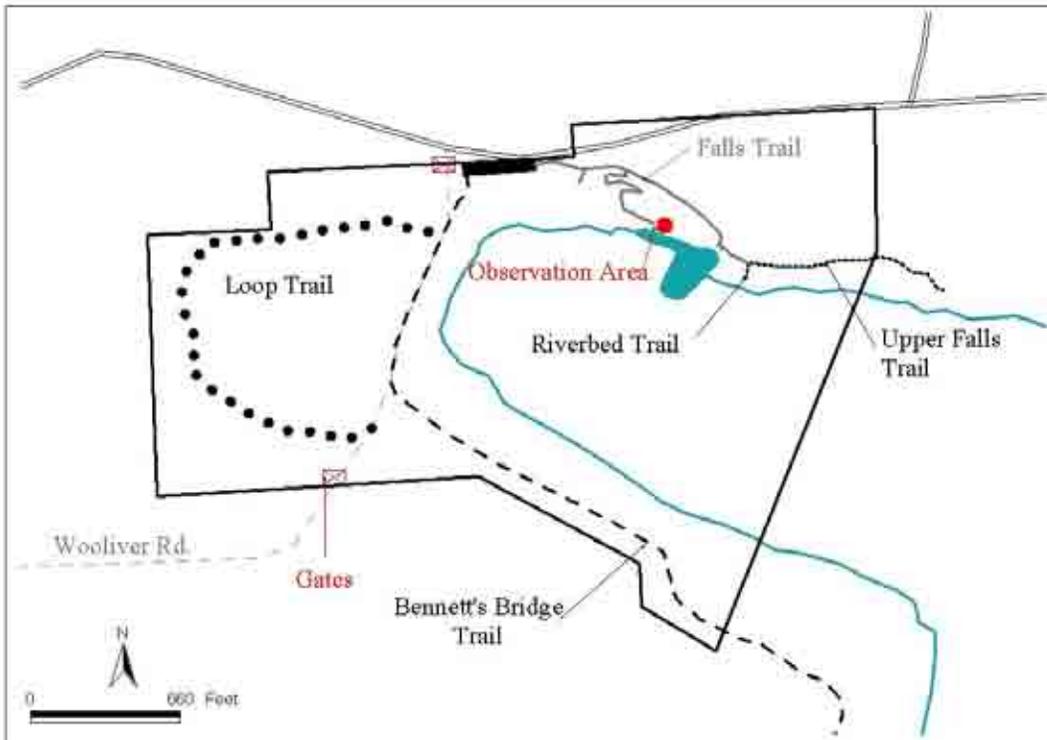
- Rock climbing, ice climbing and rappelling.
- No throwing, pushing or rolling items into the gorge.
- Jumping into the water from any portion of the falls or cliffs.
- On top of the falls, access is prohibited beyond the restricted signs or within 15 feet of the cliffs edge.
- Swimming and wading is prohibited in plunge pool below the falls.

These areas have been restricted in order to protect the habitat of threatened plant species, limit falling rock hazards, and minimize injuries and deaths associated with falling from the steep banks and cliffs.

**Trails**

-  Falls Trail
-  Gorge Trail
-  Upper Falls Trail
-  Riverbed Trail
-  State Boundary Line

**Planned Actions**



**Map Legend**

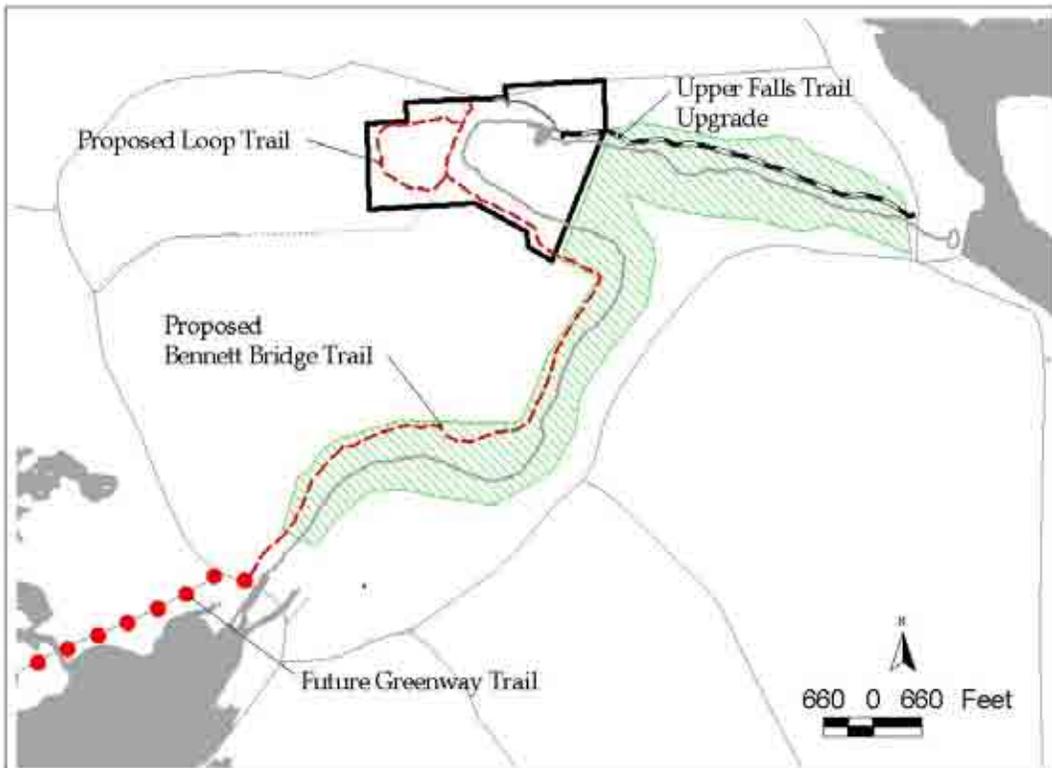
**Proposed New Trails & Facilities**

-  **New Gates on Wooliver Road**  
 These new gates will restrict public vehicle traffic on the abandoned section of Wooliver Road.
-  **Gorge Trail Observation Area**  
 This will be built to provide a close but safe view of the falls from the base of the gorge.
-  **New Trail to Bennett's Bridge**  
 This new trail will be built from the parking area to Bennett's Bridge on County Route 22. This will be part of the Salmon River Greenway Trail System which will run from Pulaski to Redfield.
-  **New Loop Trail**  
 This trail will lead from the north end of Wooliver Road and meeting it again at the south end.

**Proposed Upgrade of Present Trails**

-  **The Riverbed Trail & Upper Falls Trail Improvement Work**  
 The Riverbed Trail will be improved to fix the erosion problem. A stone stairway is proposed for this section of trail.  
 The Upper Falls Trail will be improved to ADA standards as far as the topography allows.

### Proposed Salmon River Greenway Trail System



## Appendix B

### SALMON RIVER CORRIDOR 1995 CITIZEN SURVEY RESULTS

Salmon River Greenway Committee - July 1996

#### Survey to Help Communities Shape Future

In 1992, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation proposed a plan for the future of the Salmon River corridor in Oswego County, from the Redfield Reservoir downstream to Pulaski. The plan was based on Niagara Mohawk's need to divest itself of many of its properties not directly relevant to electric power generation.

In the year following release of Niagara Mohawk's proposal, communities of the river corridor decided to assess what landowners in the river corridor thought about the future. The Cooperative Tug Hill Council (the council of governments representing the 14 towns that comprise the core of the Tug Hill region, source of the waters that flow into the Salmon River) secured a grant to carry out the survey in cooperation with the other members of the Salmon River Greenway Committee.

In the spring of 1995, the survey was mailed to over 4,800 landowners in the river corridor through a joint effort of the Salmon River Greenway Committee, whose members provided manpower and financing for the survey.

Some 1,170 surveys were completed and returned. Survey results show strong support for maintaining the character and environmental quality of the river corridor.

#### ***"What Citizens Say" - A Summary***

*Of about 600 respondents who told us where they lived, about 35% came from residents and landowners in Pulaski and Richland; 15% from "upstream" communities of Orwell and Redfield; and 50% from river corridor landowners who live elsewhere in northern and central New York, or elsewhere in the country. Here are responses to each of the first six questions, listed in order of importance according to survey respondents:*

- A. Reasons for choosing to live or to own property in a Salmon River corridor community: natural resources of the area; rural atmosphere; low crime rate.
- B. Types of development you think should be encouraged in your Salmon River community: single family houses; skiing; hiking and biking trails; fishing access trails.
- C. Types of development you think should be discouraged in your Salmon River community: mobile home parks; apartments and multifamily dwellings; mobile homes on lots.
- D. Actions you want to see your Salmon River community use to manage future growth: encouraging developers to locate structures in ways that preserve open space; control the location and type of development through zoning; control the location and types of mobile homes.
- E. Recreation and tourism-related facilities you think important to develop along the Salmon River and Reservoir: hiking, skiing, fishing access trail from Pulaski to Redfield; Salmon River Falls overlook recreation area; improved educational and tourist services at the Altmar Fish Hatchery.
- F. Corridor characteristics you feel are important: clean streams, pure groundwater and wells; wildlife habitat.

*This project is funded in part by the Rural New York Environmental Action Fund administered by the Open Space Institute with the support of the J. M. Kaplan Fund, through a grant to the cooperative Tug Hill Council.*

**1. What are your reasons for choosing to live or own property in a Salmon River Corridor community?**

	Very Important	Important	Not Important	No Answer
Rural Atmosphere	853	277	35	9
Friendly and Concerned Neighbors	513	535	109	17
Quality of Schools	341	405	377	51
Family and Friends	469	377	298	30
Employed in the Area	252	201	624	97
Own Business in the Area	152	118	791	113
Agriculture or Forest Production	264	360	472	71
Low Cost of Land/Housing	384	470	250	70
Recreational Resources	557	388	175	54
Low Crime Rate	775	318	47	34
Open Space, Parks	677	354	88	55
Natural Resources (Woods, Wetlands, Streams, Wildlife, etc.)	887	230	30	25

**2. What types of development do you think should be encouraged or discouraged in your Salmon River community?**

	Str. Enc.	Enc.	No Opinion	Disc	Str. Disc	No Answer
Single Family Houses	564	402	118	24	40	26
Mobile Homes on Lots	67	196	243	299	341	28
Mobile Home Parks	50	138	167	302	488	29
Vacation Homes	282	549	173	72	73	25
Apartments/Multi-Family Dwellings	67	200	241	282	355	29
Restaurants	198	539	189	112	110	26
Retail Stores/Shopping Center	199	416	172	186	182	19
Light Industry, e.g., Warehousing	204	443	194	144	160	29
Heavy Industry/Manufacturing	171	234	173	251	305	40
Tourism Service Businesses	243	463	170	135	130	33

Natural Resource-Based Industries	282	470	215	84	91	32
Home-Based Cottage Industries	205	452	321	92	76	28
Entertainment/Amusement	174	426	246	186	120	22
Snowmobile Trails	330	470	175	102	83	14
Skiing/Hiking/Biking Trails	455	543	85	41	34	16
Fishing Access Trails	413	510	114	71	49	17
Boat Launching Facilities	340	486	171	84	60	33
Campgrounds	275	488	169	142	83	17
Community Parks	334	545	148	70	64	13
Areas for Hunting	340	437	182	103	95	17
Nature Interpretation Areas	373	472	185	53	48	43

**3. Would you want to see your Salmon River community use any of the following (land regulation and ownership techniques) actions to manage future growth?**

	Yes	No	No Opinion	No Answer
Encourage development in existing villages and hamlets	800	210	129	26
Control the division of large parcels of land	689	317	131	28
Encourage developers to locate structures in ways that preserve open space	998	94	60	13
Control location and type of development...(zoning)	936	171	67	0
Control location and types of mobile homes	934	144	63	33
Control the location and size of signs	896	131	113	34
Require new development to conform to design standards (parking, building design, etc.)	821	193	128	34
Purchase environmentally sensitive lands from willing buyers	774	249	148	3
Purchase...(conservation easements)	664	314	143	53
Provide preferential tax assessments to owners of environmentally sensitive lands	668	341	151	14

**4. Development of several recreation or tourism-related facilities have been proposed on public and private lands along the Salmon River and Reservoir. Rate how important you think it is to develop each of these facilities.**

	Very Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion	No Answer
Reconstruction of Pine Grove Boat Launch in Selkirk Shores State Park	275	452	235	195	16
Salmon River Falls Overlook Recreation Area	316	514	230	103	11
Sportfishing Hall of Fame in Pulaski	138	276	551	175	34
Snowmobile Trails	264	481	306	99	24
Hiking/Skiing and Fishing Access Trail from Pulaski to Redfield Along River	405	500	187	59	23
Trail/Environmental Education Center	325	453	280	117	0
Improved Educational/Tourist Services at Altmar Fish Hatchery	286	512	250	109	7
Recreation/Vacation Home Developments	164	382	490	117	21
Convention Center/Golf Course	122	223	633	172	24

**5. How important to you are each of the following?**

	Very Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion	No Answer
Productive Farmland	605	417	90	42	20
Clean Streams	1015	162	5	2	0
Pure Groundwater and Wells	1060	119	0	2	0
Wildlife Habitat	876	263	27	15	0
Open Space	779	328	37	25	5
Rural Character	762	341	37	25	9
Large Blocks of Forested Lands	750	317	72	36	0
Wetlands and Floodplains	631	374	117	48	4
Increase in Tourism	182	367	520	69	36
Increase in Residential Development	176	370	540	74	14
Increase in Commercial Development	163	332	579	87	13

**6. Town or Village You Own Land In:**

Albion	138	Pulaski, Albion and Altmar	1
Albion and Altmar	5	Redfield	224
Albion and Orwell	3	Richland	318
Albion, Orwell and Redfield	1	Richland and Albion	6
Altmar	40	Richland and Altmar	1
Altmar and Orwell	40	Richland and Orwell	3
Orwell	229	Richland and Pulaski	30
Orwell and Redfield	5	Richland and Redfield	4
Orwell and Williamstown	1	Richland, Albion and Altmar	1
Pulaski	156	Richland, Pulaski and Albion	2
Pulaski and Albion	1	Richland, Pulaski and Redfield	1
Pulaski and Altmar	1	Richland, Pulaski, Albion, Altmar	1
Pulaski and Orwell	1	Other Answers	13
Pulaski and Redfield	3		

**7. Community of Residence:**

Respondents wrote in 404 discrete communities. The following were listed by seven or more respondents:

Albion, NY	61	Parish, NY	10
Altmar, NY	42	Pineville, NY	7
Baldwinsville, NY	7	Port Ontario, NY	19
Fernwood, NY	11	Pulaski, NY	201
Fulton, NY	7	Redfield, NY	84
Liverpool, NY	8	Richland, NY	174
Mexico, NY	15	Rochester, NY	11
North Syracuse, NY	7	Sandy Creek, NY	13
Orwell, NY	102	Syracuse, NY	14
Oswego, NY	10		

**8. Sex:**

Male	702
Female	368

**9. Age:**

18-30	41
31-40	182

**10. Employment Status:**

Employed	567
Self-Employed	158

Couple	82	41-50	296	Full-time Homemaker	40
		51-60	289	Not Currently Employed	29
		61-70	224	Retired	371
		71+	152		

**Name and Address:**

Respondents were asked to give their name and address if they wished to receive a summary of results from the survey. This information, semi-confidential in nature, would not of course provide worthwhile data in general, but summaries of city and state responses provide an interesting and useful cross-check to the responses to Question 7.

By state, then, the breakdown is as follows:

New York	582	Connecticut	18	Pennsylvania	15
Florida	10	California	7		

There were two responses each from Maryland, North Carolina, New Hampshire and Vermont, and one each from Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia.

Communities from which at least seven responses were received:

Altmar	34	Liverpool	13	Oswego	19	Richland	33
Baldwinsville	7	Mexico	11	Parish	10	Rochester	10
Fulton	10	No. Syracuse	9	Pulaski	170	Syracuse	38
Lacona	7	Orwell	12	Redfield	33	Williamstown	9

Much of the discrepancy between this and Question 7 is attributable to the difference between post office delivery address and residence community. For example, much of the Town of Richland is covered by rural routes from the Pulaski post office, while Orwell has a box-only post office and is also serviced by the Richland and Lacona post offices.

The Members of the Salmon River Greenway Committee

Town of Albion	Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oswego County
Town of Orwell	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Town of Richland	New York Sea Grant
Town of Redfield	New York State Tug Hill Commission
Village of Altmar	Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
Village of Pulaski	Oswego County Dept. of Planning & Community Development
Cooperative Tug Hill Council	Oswego County Department of Promotion & Tourism

## **Appendix C - Natural Heritage Program Ranking System Description**

The Nature Conservancy's Heritage network specializes in conducting inventories of rare plants, rare animals, and rare or exemplary ecological communities in order to identify the most sensitive resources of an area. The New York Natural Heritage Program (Heritage) is supported by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, The Nature Conservancy, and a variety of grant and contract monies, and is one of 50 such programs nationally.

Heritage inventory focuses on the identification, documentation, and mapping of all occurrences of rare species and rare or exemplary ecological communities. A "coarse filter/fine filter" approach is used to identify and prioritize the protection of these significant biological resources. Ecological communities represent a "coarse filter". Their identification and documentation can be used to describe whole assemblages of plant and animal species, both common and rare. The preservation of good examples of natural communities assures the protection of most of the species that make up the biological diversity of the state. Rare animals and plants often have narrow or unusual habitat requirements and may not be protected in the representative communities. Identifying and documenting viable populations of each rare species serves as the "fine filter" for protecting the state's biological diversity. This coarse filter/fine filter approach to natural resource inventory is an efficient means to identify the most sensitive animals and plants of an area.

Heritage statewide inventory begins by creating lists of rare species and all types of ecological communities believed to occur in

the state. Lists are based on museum collections, the scientific literature, information from government agencies, input from knowledgeable experts, and data from neighboring states. Each species and community is then ranked based on perceived rarity. Heritage ranks rarity at both global and state levels. The global rank reflects rarity of the species or community across its entire range, while the state rank reflects its rarity within New York State. Both ranks are usually based on the number, abundance, range, and vulnerability of known occurrences, and are revised as new data become available. Intraspecific taxa are also assigned a taxon rank to reflect the intraspecific taxon's rank throughout its range. The Heritage ranking criteria are enumerated in Table 1 and used throughout this report.

### **Table 1. Explanation of Heritage Ranks and Codes**

Each element has a global and state rank determined by the NY Natural Heritage Program. These ranks carry no legal weight.

#### **Global Rank:**

- G1 = Critically imperiled globally because of extreme rarity (5 or fewer occurrences, or very few remaining acres, or miles of stream) or especially vulnerable to extinction because of some factor of its biology.
- G2 = Imperiled globally because of rarity (6 - 20 occurrences, or few remaining acres, or miles of stream) or very vulnerable to extinction throughout its range because of other factors.
- G3 = Either rare and local throughout its range (21 - 100 occurrences, or few remaining acres, or miles of stream) or found locally (even abundantly at some of its

locations) in a restricted range (e.g., a physiographic region), or vulnerable to extinction throughout its range because of other factors.

- G4 = Apparently secure globally, though it might be quite rare in parts of its range, especially at its periphery.
- G5 = Demonstrably secure globally, though it may be quite rare in parts of its range, especially at its periphery.
- GH = Historically known, with the expectation that it may be rediscovered.
- GX = Species believed to be extinct.
- GU = Status unknown.

**State Rank:**

- S1 = Typically 5 or fewer occurrences, very few remaining individuals, acres, or miles of stream, or some factor of its biology making it especially vulnerable in New York.
- S2 = Typically 6 - 20 occurrences, few remaining individuals, acres, or miles of stream, or factors demonstrable making it very vulnerable in New York State.
- S3 = Typically 21 - 100 occurrences, limited acreage, or miles of stream in New York State.
- S4 = Apparently secure in New York State.
- S5 = Demonstrably secure in New York State.
- SH = Historically known from New York State, but not seen in the past 15 years.
- SX = Apparently extirpated from New York State.
- SE = Exotic, not native to New York State.
- SR = State report only, no verified specimens known from New York

State.

SU = Status unknown.

**Taxon (T) Rank:**

Defined the same way as global ranks, but the T-rank refers only to the rarity of the sub-specific taxon of the particular species.

- T1-T5 = See global rank definitions above.
- Q = A question exists whether or not the taxon is a good taxonomic entity.
- ? = A question exists about the rank.

Rare species are protected in New York through ranking and listing by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The New York State Protected Plant Law of 1974 prohibits the collection or destruction of listed protected plants without prior consent from the landowner. Violations are punishable by a \$25.00 fine per stem. A revised list of endangered, threatened, and exploitable vulnerable plants was adopted through rule-making in 1989. Criteria for assigning plants to these lists are shown in Table 2.

**Table 2. New York State Protected Native Plants**

The following categories are defined in regulation 6NYCRR part 193.3 and apply to NYS Conservation Law section 9-1503.

- U = Unprotected in New York State
- E = Endangered - Listed species are those with:
  1. 5 or fewer extant sites,
  2. Fewer than 1000 individuals,
  3. Restricted to fewer than 4 USES 7.5 minute topographical maps, or
  4. Species listed as endangered by US Department of Interior, as

enumerated in the Code of Federal Regulations 50 CFR 17.11.

- T = Threatened - Listed species are those with:
1. 6 to fewer than 20 extant sites,
  2. 1000 to fewer than 3000 individuals,
  3. Restricted to not less than 4 or more than 7 USES 7.5 minute topographical maps, or
  4. Listed as threatened by US Department of Interior, as enumerated in the Code of Federal Regulations 50 CFR 17.11.
- R = Rare - Listed species have:
1. 20 to 35 extant sites, or
  2. 3000 to 5000 individuals statewide.
- V = Exploitable Vulnerable - Listed species are likely to become threatened in the near future throughout all or a significant portion of their range within the state if causal factors continue unchecked. (This report does not identify species in this category).

Animal protection in New York is achieved by listing on the state Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern Species List. Endangered and Threatened species are protected against taking, importation, transportation, possession, or sale. Special Concern species usually have no legal protection unless protected under some other legislation. Criteria for listing animal species in New York are summarized in Table 3.

### **Table 3. New York State Animal Protection Status**

Categories of Endangered and Threatened species are defined in NYS Environmental Conservation Law section 11-0535. Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern species are listed in regulation 6NYCRR 182.5.

- E = Endangered - Any species which meet one of the following criteria:
1. native species in imminent danger of extirpation or extinction in New York, or
  2. species listed as endangered by US Department of Interior, as enumerated in the Code of Federal Regulations 500 CFR 17.11.
- T = Threatened - Any species which meet one of the following criteria:
1. native species likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future in New York.
  2. species listed as threatened by US Department of Interior, as enumerated in the Code of Federal Regulations 50 CFR 17.11.
- SC = Special Concern - Those species which are not yet recognized as endangered or threatened, but for which documented concern exists for their continued welfare in New York.
- P = Protected Wildlife (defined in Environmental Conservation Law 11-0103) - Wild game, protected wild birds, and endangered species of wildlife. (Species in this category within the unique area are not identified as such in this report.)

U = Unprotected (defined in Environmental Conservation Law section 11-0103) - The species may be taken at any time without limit; however, a license may be required. (Species in this category are not identified as such in this report.)

G = Game (defined in Environmental Conservation Law section 11-0103) - Big or small game species; may normally have an open season for at least part of the year, and are protected at other times. (Species in this category are not identified as such in this report.)

## Appendix D - Breeding Bird Atlas Information for the Area

New York State Breeding Bird Atlas

Breeding bird species of Oswego County, NY: 1980-1985 data.

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>NY Protected Status</u>	<u>State Rank</u>
Alder Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax alnorum</i>	Protected	S5
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	Game Species	S5
American Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>	Protected	S5
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	Protected	S5
American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	Protected	S5
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	Protected	S5
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Protected	S5
Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	Protected	S5
Black-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>	Protected	S5
Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Parus atricapillus</i>	Protected	S5
Barred Owl	<i>Strix varia</i>	Protected	S5
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>	Protected	S5
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	Protected	S5
Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Protected	S5
Blue Jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	Protected	S5
Blackburnian Warbler	<i>Dendroica fusca</i>	Protected	S5
Bobolink	<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	Protected	S5
Brown Creeper	<i>Certhia americana</i>	Protected	S5
Brown Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	Protected	S5
Black-throated Blue Warbler	<i>Dendroica caerulescens</i>	Protected	S5
Black-throated Green Warbler	<i>Dendroica virens</i>	Protected	S5
Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	Protected	S5

Canada Warbler	<i>Wilsonia canadensis</i>	Protected	S5
Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	Protected	S5
Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>	Protected	S5
Chimney Swift	<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	Protected	S5
Cliff Swallow	<i>Hirundo pyrrhonota</i>	Protected	S5
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	Game Species	S5
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	Protected	S5
Common Grackle	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	Protected	S5
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Game Species	S5
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	Protected	S5
Chestnut-sided Warbler	<i>Dendroica pensylvanica</i>	Protected	S5
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	Protected	S5
Eastern Bluebird	<i>Sialia sialis</i>	Protected-Special Concern	S5
Eastern Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	Protected	S5
Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>	Protected	S5
Eastern Phoebe	<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	Protected	S5
Eastern Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus virens</i>	Protected	S5
Field Sparrow	<i>Spizella pusilla</i>	Protected	S5
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	Protected	S5
Great Crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	Protected	S5
Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	Protected	S5
Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	Protected	S5
Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	Protected	S5
Green-backed Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	Protected	S5
Golden-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>	Protected	S4
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	Protected	S5

Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	Protected	S5
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Unprotected	SE
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	Protected	S5
Indigo Bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	Protected	S5
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	Protected	S5
Least Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	Protected	S5
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Game Species	S5
Magnolia Warbler	<i>Dendroica magnolia</i>	Protected	S5
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	Protected	S5
Mourning Warbler	<i>Oporornis philadelphia</i>	Protected	S5
Nashville Warbler	<i>Vermivora ruficapilla</i>	Protected	S5
Northern Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>	Protected	S5
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Threatened	S4
Ovenbird	<i>Seiurus aurocapillus</i>	Protected	S5
Purple Finch	<i>Carpodacus purpureus</i>	Protected	S5
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	Protected	S5
Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	Protected	S5
Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	Protected	S5
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	Unprotected	SE
Red-shouldered Hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	Threatened	S4
Rufous-sided Towhee	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	Protected	S5
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	Protected	S5
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	Protected	S5
Ruffed Grouse	<i>Bonasa umbellus</i>	Game Species	S5
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	Protected	S5
Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	Protected	S5
Scarlet Tanager	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	Protected	S5

Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	Protected	S5
Solitary Vireo	<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	Protected	S5
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	Protected	S4
European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Unprotected	SE
Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	Protected	S5
Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	Game Species	S5
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	Protected	S4
Veery	<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	Protected	S5
Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	Protected	S5
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	Protected	S5
Wood Thrush	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	Protected	S5
Whippoorwill	<i>Caprimulgus vociferus</i>	Protected	S4
White-throated Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	Protected	S5
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	Protected	S5
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	Protected	S5
Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	Protected	S5
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>	Protected	S5
Yellow-throated Vireo	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	Protected	S5

\* See Appendix C, page 20, for definition of these ranks.

## Appendix E - Listing of Mammals, Amphibians and Reptiles

General listing of mammals, amphibians, and reptiles known or suspected to be present on the Salmon River Falls Management Unit.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Classification *
<b>MAMMALS</b>		
Virginia opossum	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	G
Masked shrew	<i>Sorex cinereus</i>	U
Least shrew	<i>Cryptotis parva</i>	U
Shorttail shrew	<i>Blarina brevicauda</i>	U
Star-nosed mole	<i>Condylura cristata</i>	U
Eastern mole	<i>Scalopus aquaticus</i>	U
Little brown bat	<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	U
Keen's myotis	<i>Myotis keenii</i>	U
Indiana bat	<i>Myotis sodalis</i>	E
Small-footed myotis	<i>Myotis leibii</i>	U
Silver-haired bat	<i>Lasionycteris noctivagans</i>	U
Eastern pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus subflavus</i>	U
Big brown bat	<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>	U
Red bat	<i>Lasiurus borealis</i>	U
Hoary bat	<i>Lasiurus cinereus</i>	U
Raccoon	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	G
Shorttail weasel (Ermine)	<i>Mustela erminea</i>	G
Longtail weasel	<i>Mustela frenata</i>	G
Mink	<i>Mustela vison</i>	G
Striped skunk	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	G
Coyote	<i>Canis latrans</i>	G
Red fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	G
Gray fox	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	G
Bobcat	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	G
Woodchuck	<i>Marmota monax</i>	U
Eastern chipmunk	<i>Tamias striatus</i>	U
Gray squirrel	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>	G
Red squirrel	<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus</i>	U
Deer mouse	<i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i>	U
White-footed mouse	<i>Peromyscus leucopus</i>	U
So. bog lemming	<i>Synaptomys cooperi</i>	U

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Common Name	Scientific Name	Classification *
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**MAMMALS**

So. red backed vole	<i>Clethrionomys gapperi</i>	U
Meadow vole	<i>Microtus pennsylvanicus</i>	U
Pine vole	<i>Pitymys pinetorum</i>	U
Muskrat	<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>	G
Meadow jumping mouse	<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>	U
Woodland jumping mouse	<i>Napaeozapus insignis</i>	U
Varying hare	<i>Lepus americanus</i>	G
Eastern cottontail	<i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i>	G
White-tailed deer	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	G

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**AMPHIBIANS**

Marbled salamander	<i>Ambystoma opacum</i>	U
Jefferson salamander	<i>Ambystoma jeffersonianum</i>	U-SC
Blue-spotted salamander	<i>Ambystoma laterale</i>	U-SC
Spotted salamander	<i>Ambystoma maculatum</i>	U-SC
Red-spotted newt	<i>Notophthalmus viridescens</i>	U
Dusky salamander	<i>Desmognathus fuscus</i>	U
Mountain dusky salamander	<i>Desmognathus ochrophaeus</i>	U
Redback salamander	<i>Plethodon cinereus</i>	U
Slimy salamander	<i>Plethodon glutinosus</i>	U
Four-toed salamander	<i>Hemidactylium scutatum</i>	U
Spring salamander	<i>Gyrinophilus porphyriticus</i>	U
Red salamander	<i>Pseudotriton ruber</i>	U
Two-lined salamander	<i>Eurycea bislineata</i>	U
Longtail salamander	<i>Eurycea longicauda</i>	U
Eastern spadefoot	<i>Scaphiopus holbrookii</i>	U
American toad	<i>Bufo americanus</i>	U
Northern cricket frog	<i>Acris crepitans</i>	T
Spring peeper	<i>Hyla crucifer</i>	U
Gray treefrog	<i>Hyla versicolor</i>	U
Bullfrog	<i>Rana catesbeiana</i>	G
Green frog	<i>Rana clamitans</i>	G
Wood frog	<i>Rana sylvatica</i>	G
Pickerel frog	<i>Rana palustris</i>	G

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Common Name	Scientific Name	Classification *
<b>REPTILES</b>		
Common snapping turtle	<i>Chelydra serpentina</i>	U
Stinkpot	<i>Sternotherus odoratus</i>	U
Spotted turtle	<i>Clemmys guttata</i>	U-SC
Wood turtle	<i>Clemmys insculpta</i>	G-SC
Eastern box turtle	<i>Terrapene carolina</i>	G-SC
Eastern painted turtle	<i>Chrysemys picta</i>	U
Five-lined skink	<i>Eumeces fasciatus</i>	U
Northern water snake	<i>Nerodia sipedon</i>	U
Brown snake	<i>Storeria dekayi</i>	U
Redbelly snake	<i>Storeria occipitomaculata</i>	U
Common garter snake	<i>Thamnophis sirtalis</i>	U
Eastern ribbon snake	<i>Thamnophis sauritus</i>	U
Eastern hognose snake	<i>Heterodon platyrhinos</i>	U-SC
Ringneck snake	<i>Diadophis punctatus</i>	U
Worm snake	<i>Carphophis amoenus</i>	U-SC
Racer	<i>Coluber constrictor</i>	U
Smooth green snake	<i>Opheodrys vernalis</i>	U
Rat snake	<i>Elaphe obsoleta</i>	U
Milk snake	<i>Lampropeltis triangulum</i>	U
Copperhead	<i>Agkistrodon contortrix</i>	U
Timber rattlesnake	<i>Crotalus horridus</i>	T

\* See Appendix C, pages 21-22, for definition of these classifications.

## Appendix F - Fishery Evaluation of the Area

Results of USGS Tunison Laboratory Aquatic Survey of the Bypass Reach, conducted by James McKenna, July/August 2001.

Mean Catch per Unit of Effort (by numbers) of Fish from Five Electro-Fishing Samples Collected from the Salmon River between the Falls and the Lighthouse Hill Reservoir

<u>Species</u>	<u>Mean Abundance</u>	<u>% of total</u>
Blacknose Dace	159.7878	30.47%
Fantail Darter	127.9088	24.39%
White Sucker	98.26672	18.74%
Cutlips Minnow	33.29033	6.35%
Common Shiner	20.58261	3.93%
Central Stoneroller	16.9478	3.23%
Longnose Dace	13.94631	2.66%
Shiner spp.	11.54639	2.20%
Creek Chub	10.64355	2.03%
Rock Bass	8.874099	1.69%
Tessellated Darter	8.322522	1.59%
Bluntnose Minnow	5.449703	1.04%
Largemouth Bass	2.588279	0.49%
Redside Dace	2.318718	0.44%
Blacknose Shiner	1.999667	0.38%
Brown Bullhead	0.796157	0.15%
Rainbow Trout 0+	0.456934	0.09%
Bluegill	0.369754	0.07%
Smallmouth Bass	0.294247	0.06%

Green frogs, salamanders, and crayfish were also found in the river sampling.

## Appendix G

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December 13, 2001

Commissioner Erin Crotty  
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway  
Albany, New York 12233-4250

Dear Commissioner Crotty:

The Town of Orwell supports DEC acquisition of much of the Niagara Mohawk land along the Salmon River in our town. This land includes holdings along the west end of the Salmon River Reservoir, lands in the vicinity of Salmon River Falls (which is already in state ownership), and lands that are on either side of the river corridor downstream past Bennett's Bridge hydroelectric plant and the lower reservoir below the plant. It would probably exclude lands Niagara Mohawk is currently trying to develop as the Overlook Heights subdivision, though this would of course be the landowner's decision.

Orwell has recently completed a plan for the future of our community. Addressing the Salmon River, it basically says that the town believes that preventing over development along the Salmon River will contribute significantly to maintaining the rural character of the town and the natural character of the river, and thereby help our local economy that depends in part on recreation and tourism.

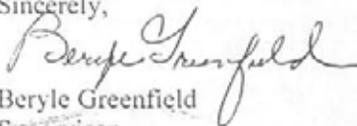
We feel state acquisition would meet Orwell's goals and would match the overall sentiments of residents along the Salmon River as has been demonstrated in the Salmon River Greenway project of the last several years, including the Salmon River quality community project now being carried out by Oswego County with state funding.

The town is concerned about property taxes on any lands the state might acquire in Orwell. To insure that property taxes are paid to the town and school district, we believe these lands should be acquired as state forest land, a category that would require the state pay taxes on these lands.

Because Niagara Mohawk is actively marketing its lands along the Salmon River at this time, we realize that there may be a new owner of these lands before the state can act. If that is the case, we encourage the state to pursue purchase of the land with new owners, or pursue conservation easements on these lands that would meet the town's goals of keeping these lands relatively undeveloped while supporting recreational use of the lands. We assume, in keeping with the state's open space plan, that any acquisitions would be on a willing seller basis. We understand that the state would pay property taxes on conservation easements on these lands since they are located in the Tug Hill region.

Attached is a town resolution supporting state purchase of Niagara Mohawk lands.

Sincerely,

  
Beryle Greenfield  
Supervisor

## **Appendix H - Laws, Rules and Regulations Governing the Management and Use of State Lands**

### **The Americans With Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG)**

The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal law which requires that programs and facilities are made accessible for individuals with disabilities. ADAAG has been developed to ensure that buildings, facilities, programs and vehicles covered by the ADA are accessible to individuals with disabilities, in terms of architecture and design, transportation and communication. A federal agency known as the Access Board has developed such guidelines and has issued the ADAAG for this purpose. Current ADAAG addresses the built environment, including buildings, ramps, sidewalks, rooms within buildings, etc. The Access Board has proposed guidelines to expand ADAAG to cover outdoor developed facilities such as trails, campgrounds, picnic areas and beaches. The proposed ADAAG is presented in the September 1999 Final Report of the Regulatory Negotiation Committee for Outdoor Developed Areas Report. Until such time as ADAAG becomes an adopted rule of the Department of Justice, we must use the best information available to comply with the ADA and ADAAG, which includes the Report.

#### **ADAAG Application:**

ADAAG applies to newly constructed structures and facilities and alterations to existing structures and facilities. Further, it applies to fixed structures or facilities, i.e., those that are attached to the earth or another structure that is attached to the earth. Therefore, when the Department is planning the construction of new recreational facilities or elements in support

of recreational facilities, or is considering an alteration of existing recreational facilities or elements supporting them, it must also consider providing access to the facilities or elements for people with disabilities, using the adopted ADAAG for buildings, the proposed ADAAG for outdoor developed areas, the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Codes and other appropriate information to accomplish that task. The standards which exist in ADAAG or are contained in the proposed ADAAG provide guidance to achieve modifications to trails, picnic areas, campgrounds (or sites) and beaches in order to obtain programmatic compliance with the ADA.

The following types of facilities or elements pertaining to those facilities are examples to which adopted and proposed ADAAG would apply: parking areas, pedestrian trails, outdoor access routes, sanitary facilities, trail registers, informational bulletin boards, kiosks, interpretive trail narratives, equestrian support elements including platforms and stalls, campgrounds or campsites including tent pads, sinks, restrooms or privies, water supply spigots, hydrants and drinking fountains, cooking surfaces including pedestal grills and fire rings with grills, picnic tables, trash containers, fire rings, lean-to's and warming huts.

#### **Universal Design:**

As those who currently enjoy state forests age and as more people discover the recreational opportunities on state forests, the fixtures and facilities available for public use must accommodate a wider range of abilities and users. Universal Design is the design of products and environments to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible. Incorporating Universal Design into recreational facilities is important because it allows people with diverse

preferences and abilities to enjoy and use the facilities.

Universal Design is based upon the following principles which are those used by the National Center on Accessibility at Indiana University and were originally established by the Center for Universal Design at North Carolina State University.

Principles of Universal Design:

1. Equitable Use - The design is useful to people with diverse abilities.
2. Flexibility in Use - The design accommodates a wide range of individual preferences and abilities.
3. Simple and Intuitive Use - Use of the design is easy to understand, regardless of the user's experience, knowledge, language skills or current concentration level.
4. Perceptible Information - The design communicates information effectively to the user, regardless of the conditions or the user's sensory abilities.
5. Tolerance for Error - The design minimizes hazards and the adverse consequences of accidental or unintended actions.
6. Low Physical Effort - The design can be used efficiently and comfortably with a minimum of fatigue.
7. Size and Space for Approach and Use - Appropriate size and space is provided for approach, reach, manipulation, and use regardless of the user's body size, posture, or mobility.

### **Environmental Conservation Law (ECL)**

Article 9	Lands and Forests
Article 11	Fish and Wildlife
Article 15	Water Resources
Article 23	Mineral Resources
Article 24	Wetlands
Article 33	Pesticides
Article 51	Implementation of

Environmental Quality Bond Act of 1972

Article 52	Implementation of EQBA of 1986
Article 71	Enforcement

### **New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR)**

Title 6 - Chapter I	Fish and Wildlife
Chapter II	Lands and Forests
Chapter III	Air Resources
Chapter IV	Quality Services
Chapter V	Resource Management Services
Chapter VII (A)	Implementation of EQBA of 1972
Chapter X	Division of Water Resources

### **Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Law**

Article 14 - Chapter 354	Cultural and Historic Resources
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### **Department Policies**

Public Use  
State Forest Master Plan  
Temporary Revocable Permits  
Inventory  
Motor Vehicle Use  
Acquisition  
Timber Management  
Road Construction  
Unit Management Planning  
Fish Species Management  
Pesticides  
Habitat Management  
Prescribed Burning  
Wild Species Management

## Appendix I

### Ice Climbing at Salmon River Falls Unique Area - Registration Form

Ice climbing within Salmon River Falls Unique Area is allowed only with daily registration. Each individual climber must fill out the form below and deposit in the registration box prior to entering the gorge.

The purpose of this registration is to have up-to-date information of climbers within the gorge in case of an emergency. The registration information may also be used in future planning for the area.

One mode of access to the base of the gorge is by way of the Gorge Trail. This trail is closed seasonally from November 15<sup>th</sup> thru May 1<sup>st</sup> due to the potential for high water or icy conditions. **This trail is open to registered ice climbers.**

Please be advised that this area is not regularly patrolled. It is recommended that all climbers climb in pairs in case of an emergency or accident.

#### **Area Concerns for Climbers:**

Fast Rising Water: The Salmon River Reservoir Dam is located 1 mile upstream of the falls. In the event of a high water release, there is very little notice of fast rising water. If you notice the water rising, move to higher ground and do not try and cross the river.

Threatened Plant Species: The Birds-Eye Primrose and the Yellow Mountain Saxifrage are two State listed threatened plant species which grow on the steep cliffs and rock ledges within the gorge. These plants live in very vulnerable soils which can be easily disturbed. Ice climbing has been considered not detrimental to the plants' habitat since climbing is done on thick formations of ice. It is important for ice climbers to be aware of the concern for these plants and their habitat and that they only climb in areas fully covered by ice to minimize disturbance. Plant populations within the gorge will be monitored and steps will be taken to ensure their survival.

#### Ice Climbing Guidelines and Area Restrictions

- Climbing is not allowed without registering. To register, fill out the attached form and place in the registration box prior to each day's entry into the gorge.
- No climbing is allowed within the designated restricted area or on the face of the falls.
- Climbers must be equipped with conventional ice climbing gear such as helmet, ice axe, crampons, etc.
- Climbing in areas without ice and conventional rock climbing are prohibited.
- Ice climbing on this property is at your own risk.
- No open fires.
- No possession of glass containers or alcoholic beverages.
- No motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles, on the property.
- The area is closed from sunset to sunrise.

-----Tear here and place in registration box-----

#### Ice Climbing Registration Form

Please fill out this form and place in the registration box if ice climbing on the Salmon River Falls Unique Area.

Date Climbing: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Departure Time: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

License Plate #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliated Group (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form you are agreeing to abide by the areas guidelines and restrictions. All information will be kept confidential and used for emergencies and management planning only.

## **Appendix J - Public Comments and Responses**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Comments on the draft plan were received at the public meeting on April 10, 2003. Comments were accepted in written form until May 10, 2003. The following represents a summary of the comments on major issues that were received, followed by the Department response.

1.     Comment:     Would like to keep the area open to ice climbing.  
       Response:    Based upon the numerous comments requesting to climb in the gorge area from ice climbing enthusiasts the Department has decided to allow ice climbing outside of the restricted area and by mandatory registration.
  
2.     Comment:     Develop a loop trail from Wooliver Road and joining the Falls Trail and Upper Falls Trail.  
       Response:    A new trail has been proposed from the parking area to Bennetts Bridge which would connect to the Falls Trail and incorporate Wooliver Road. An additional loop trail is also proposed to the west of the Wooliver Road.
  
3.     Comment:     Develop overlooks, trails and picnic facilities to encourage people to stay on rim and away from lower gorge.  
       Response:    The Falls Trail and two new overlooks have been developed to provide better access and allow better views of the gorge in safer areas. A restricted area has been designated to restrict people from ecologically sensitive and potentially dangerous areas in the gorge.
  
4.     Comment        Encourage local user groups to help with maintenance of the trails.  
       Response:    As the need arises and local groups show interest, volunteers will be utilized to help maintain the trails.
  
5.     Comment:     Would like to propose to not have set dates for trail closings.  
       Response:    The closure of trails has been set during times in which hazardous conditions from icing are occurring. During this same time the trails are closed, the DEC's staffing is limited and the ability to check to see if the trails should be closed on a daily basis is limited. The gorge trail will be open to registered ice climbers during these seasonal closures.
  
6.     Comment:     Consider a permit system for ice climbing to make sure users have proper equipment and experience.  
       Response:    A mandatory registration has been designed for ice climbing which requires climbers to use the proper equipment needed and what areas are available to climb at. Each climber will have to sign a registration form every time they climb agreeing to follow all the guidelines on the form.
  
7.     Comment:     The plan improperly associates ice climbing with rock climbing and sport rappelling.

- Response: Since being in contact with ice climbers and getting better informed on what is involved with ice climbing during the comment period, it is agreed that ice climbing, rappelling and rock climbing are not all the same. Due to this differentiation between the types of climbing, specific restrictions have been developed to address each type.
8. Comment: The Salmon River gorge is a truly unique ice climbing resource.  
Response: Prior to the public presentation of the plan and the comment period, there was little known information by the DEC that the area was so unique for ice climbing. Since then, the DEC is changing the plan to accommodate ice climbing while still maintaining protection on the areas most sensitive to use.
9. Comment: If the DEC is unwilling to allow ice climbing on the main falls at this time, we urge that the plan contain a moratorium rather than an outright bar so that following two or three years of experience appropriate managers can reassess whether ice climbing on the falls presents a bonafide concern. If it does not, ice climbing can be allowed on the main falls without having to reopen the plan.  
Response:
10. Comment Do not restrict winter access to the Gorge Trail. Instead provide ample signage regarding “rough and hazardous terrain” and recommendations that proper equipment be required to enter the gorge.  
Response: Due to safety concerns and the inability to monitor usage the trail closure will remain. The trail is however open for those who register as an ice climber with proper equipment required.
11. Comment: Restrict ice climbing to those areas that have ice. The information board at the parking area should include information about the rare and threatened plants and clearly state the “stay on the ice” policy that could be practiced to protect them.  
Response: Ice climbing is allowed out side of the designated restricted area. Climbers are also directed to only climb in areas with adequate ice. There will also be information posted near the ice climbing registration box and on the registration form. It will explain the concerns for the threatened plant species and potential high water risks for ice climbers.
12. Comment: Install a sign-in register so that the ice climbing activity can be monitored and adjustments made to the plan according to actual use.  
Response: A mandatory ice climbing registration sign in has been installed. This will help monitor usage and is effects as well as facilitate emergency measures if needed.
13. Comment: Produce an education brochure to raise awareness on special access issues of the area, such as the rare and threatened plants, proper access points, proper gear, and so on.

- Response: An area brochure will be developed after the initiation of the final plan and information on main management concerns will be included.
14. Comment: The DEC and local ice climbers work together with local Search and Rescue to enhance their preparedness for dealing with wintertime rescues.  
Response: The Department will continue to support the local Volunteer Fire Department and other interested parties in providing adequate search and rescue resources.
15. Comment: All ice climbing advocates agreed that the gorge is an inappropriate place for rock climbing and sport rappelling because of the loose rock and rare and threatened plant species.  
Response: The Department agrees with this assessment of rock climbing and rappelling and will restrict these activities on the Unit.
16. Comment: Due to the lack of training in ice climbing for the local firemen, the area should remain closed to ice climbing.  
Response:
17. Comment: All ATV traffic should remain restricted from this area.  
Response: There are no motorized vehicles allowed, including ATV's, on the area.
18. Comment: References in the plan to Reliant Power Corporation and Reliant Energy Corporation should be changed to Reliant Energy.  
Response: Since this comment was made another ownership change has occurred with the new name being Brascan Power Corporation. This change will be made to the document.
19. Comment: While the UMP acknowledges the potential for rapid flow fluctuations in the river, the UMP does not address how the DEC intends to actively manage it proposed uses with respect to this obvious hazard.  
Response: The plan calls for the installation of an early warning system for high water releases to be operated in conjunction with the power company and their hydroelectric facilities.
20. Comment: The UMP subjects Brascan Power to undue liability and attempts to formalize Reliant's informal effort to notify recreationists and should be removed from the UMP.  
Response: This section of the first draft has been removed and steps proposed to formalize a notification of recreationist by the Departments personnel.
21. Comment: Brascan Power is opposed to unrestricted public access or activity in any section of the riverbed of this area that may be impacted by high water flow fluctuation, especially above the falls.

- Response: This plan has taken these concerns into consideration and has proposed closing trails in the event of high water flows. Warning signs are planned as well as an alarm system to be installed for the purpose warning the public of high water flow fluctuations.
22. Comment: The UMP does not reference warning signage related to water releases. Brascan Power suggests water release warning signage be provided and maintained at several areas along the existing and proposed trails.
- Response: This has been addressed within the plan to install and maintain these type of signs.
23. Comment: Brascan Power does not operate or currently have licensed any public swimming areas at Lighthouse Hill and Salmon River Reservoirs and any references of such should be removed from this plan.
- Response: Reference to these areas has been removed from the plan.
24. Comment: Reference in UMP to a trail from Bennetts Bridge Powerhouse from the plan area should be limited to a proposal only as no definitive arrangement has been agreed to where the trail has to cross Brascan Power property.
- Response: The discussion of this trail has been reworded to present it as a proposal only in light approval from land owners the trail would have to cross.
25. Comment: Paint ball/splat ball should be restricted from this area.
- Response: Due to the problems with graffiti, all forms of paint including paint balls are prohibited on the Unit.
26. Comment: The Salmon River Falls gorge is the best and closest area for ice climbing in Central New York.
- Response: After gaining more information about the availability of this recreational resource the plan calls for the continuation of ice climbing under a controlled registration system.
27. Comment: To meet the needs of the ice climbers and the local Volunteer Firemen, suggest a permit system for allowing ice climbing.
- Response: A mandatory registration system for ice climbing has been put in place to help meet the concerns of all interested parties.
28. Comment: Ice climbing statistics show a low occurrence of accidents and doesn't believe that numbers of ice climbers will increase using the area.
- Response: The registration system proposed for ice climbing will monitor use to help guide future management decisions.
29. Comment: The ice climbing community would like to help support the training needs of the local Volunteer Firemen responsible for rescues on the area.
- Response: The Department will continue to support the local Volunteer Fire Department and other interested parties in providing adequate search and

- rescue resources for the Unit.
30. Comment: While the plan acknowledges many of the aspects of the Salmon River Watershed, Rivers United believes there is a need to link a more comprehensive planning process to the overall corridor.  
Response: Due heavy use of the Unit and the safety concerns involved with the Falls and gorge the Department felt it a priority to address this site specifically.
31. Comment: Has the state acquired a large wetland complex in the area and is it addressed in another plan?  
Response: The Department has acquired other lands within the Salmon River Watershed which include wetlands. All lands managed by the Department will be included in a Unit Management Plan as planning initiatives move forward.
32. Comment: The relationship of this area to its headwaters on Tug Hill should be expanded.  
Response: This plan is focused primarily on the goals, objectives and actions which will take place on this Unit.
33. Comment: A more detailed reporting of water flows should be required and information available on the internet should be mentioned in the plan.  
Response:
34. Comment: Securing a biological flow by increasing flow rates for the bypass reach should be addressed in this plan to improve the fishery in this area.  
Response:
35. Comment: New York Rivers United strongly supports the protection of the area through increased state acquisition.  
Response: The Department is currently pursuing acquisition efforts for parcels adjoining the Unit as well as others along the Salmon River.
36. Comment: The Salmon River gorge provides for multiple users; the plan should address all of those needs.  
Response: The plan addresses and provides actions for the projected demands by users in a way that protects the ecological integrity of the area while allowing for specific recreational uses.

**State Environmental Quality Review  
FULL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM**

**Purpose:** The full EAF is designed to help applicants and agencies determine, in an orderly manner, whether a project or action may be significant. The question of whether an action may be significant is not always easy to answer. Frequently, there are aspects of a project that are subjective or unmeasurable. It is also understood that those who determine significance may have little or no formal knowledge of the environment or may not be technically expert in environmental analysis. In addition, many who have knowledge in one particular area may not be aware of the broader concerns affecting the question of significance.

The full EAF is intended to provide a method whereby applicants and agencies can be assured that the determination process has been orderly, comprehensive in nature, yet flexible enough to allow introduction of information to fit a project or action.

**Full EAF Components:** The full EAF is comprised of three parts:

- Part 1:** Provides objective data and information about a given project and its site. By identifying basic project data, it assists a reviewer in the analysis that takes place in Parts 2 and 3.
- Part 2:** Focuses on identifying the range of possible impacts that may occur from a project or action. It provides guidance as to whether an impact is likely to be considered small to moderate or whether it is a potentially-large impact. The form also identifies whether an impact can be mitigated or reduced.
- Part 3:** If any impact in Part 2 is identified as potentially-large, then Part 3 is used to evaluate whether or not the impact is actually important.

**DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE -- Type 1 and Unlisted Actions**

**Identify the Portions of EAF completed for this project:**     Part 1             Part 2             Part 3

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF (Parts 1 and 2 and 3 if appropriate), and any other supporting information, and considering both the magnitude and importance of each impact, it is reasonably determined by the lead agency that:

- A. The project will not result in any large and important impact(s) and, therefore, is one which **will not** have a significant impact on the environment, therefore **a negative declaration will be prepared.**
- B. Although the project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect for this Unlisted Action because the mitigation measures described in PART 3 have been required, therefore **a CONDITIONED negative declaration will be prepared.\***
- C. The project may result in one or more large and important impacts that may have a significant impact on the environment, therefore **a positive declaration will be prepared.**

\*A Conditioned Negative Declaration is only valid for Unlisted Actions

**Preparation of Salmon River Falls Unique Area Draft Management Plan**

Name of Action

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation**

Name of Lead Agency

**Daniel J. Sawchuck**

**Senior Forester**

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Title of Responsible Officer

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Signature of Preparer (If different from responsible officer)

Date

**PART 1--PROJECT INFORMATION**  
**Prepared by Project Sponsor**

NOTICE: This document is designed to assist in determining whether the action proposed may have a significant effect on the environment. Please complete the entire form, Parts A through E. Answers to these questions will be considered as part of the application for approval and may be subject to further verification and public review. Provide any additional information you believe will be needed to complete Parts 2 and 3.

It is expected that completion of the full EAF will be dependent on information currently available and will not involve new studies, research or investigation. If information requiring such additional work is unavailable, so indicate and specify each instance.

NAME OF ACTION <b>Preparation and review of the Salmon River Fall Unique Area Unit Management Plan.</b>		
LOCATION OF ACTION (INCLUDE STREET ADDRESS, MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY) <b>Falls Road, Town of Orwell , Oswego County</b>		
NAME OF APPLICANT/SPONSOR <b>NYS Department of Environmental Conservation</b>		BUSINESS TELEPHONE <b>(607) 753-3095</b>
ADDRESS <b>1285 Fisher Ave.</b>		
CITY/PO <b>Cortland</b>	STATE <b>NY</b>	ZIP CODE <b>13045-1090</b>
NAME OF OWNER (IF DIFFERENT)		BUSINESS TELEPHONE <b>( )</b>
ADDRESS		
CITY/PO	STATE	ZIP CODE
DESCRIPTION OF ACTION <b>This plan outlines management objectives and actions necessary in protecting the area while allowing recreational opportunities such as hiking, hunting , fishing, ice climbing and site seeing.</b>  <b>Plan Highlights: The plan calls for the construction of two new foot trails and improvements to two existing trails for recreational hiking use.</b>  <b>This plan will direct all management activities for a 10-year period dating from the time of adoption. Authority to construct and adopt the plan is derived from Section 9 of the Environmental Conservation Law.</b>		

**Please Complete Each Question--Indicate N.A. if not applicable**

**A. SITE DESCRIPTION**

Physical setting of overall project, both developed and undeveloped areas.

1. Present Land Use:  Urban  Industrial  Commercial  Residential (suburban)  Rural (non-farm)  
 Forest  Agriculture  Other 110 ' Water Falls

2. Total acreage of project area: <u>112</u> acres.	PRESENTLY	AFTER COMPLETION
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE	_____ acres	_____ acres
Meadow or Brushland (Non-agricultural)	_____ acres	_____ acres
Forested	<u>101</u> acres	<u>101</u> acres
Agricultural (Includes orchards, cropland, pasture, etc.)	_____ acres	_____ acres
Wetland(Freshwater or tidal as per Articles 24,25 of ECL)	<u>0.3</u> acres	<u>0.3</u> acres
Water Surface Area	<u>10</u> acres	<u>10</u> acres
Unvegetated (Rock, earth or fill)	_____ acres	_____ acres
Roads, buildings and other paved surfaces	_____ acres	_____ acres

- Other (Indicate type) \_\_\_\_\_ acres \_\_\_\_\_ acres
3. What is predominant soil type(s) on project site? Colton-Hinckley & Worth-Empeville
- a. Soil drainage:  Well drained 60 % of site  Moderately well drained 33 % of site.  
 Poorly drained 7 % of site
- b. If any agricultural land is involved, how many acres of soil are classified within soil group 1 through 4 of the NYS Land Classification System? \_\_\_\_\_ Acres (see 1NYCRR 370).
4. Are there bedrock outcroppings on project site?  YES  NO
- a. What is depth to bedrock? (in feet) 5+
5. Approximate percentage of proposed project site with slopes:  0-10% 28 %  10-15% 15 %  
 15% or greater 60 %
6. Is project substantially contiguous to, or contain a building, site, or district, listed on the State or National Registers of Historic Places?  YES  NO
7. Is project substantially contiguous to a site listed on the Register of National Natural Landmarks?  YES  NO
8. What is the depth of the water table? 5+ (in feet)
9. Is site located over a primary, principal, or sole source aquifer?  YES  NO
10. Do hunting, fishing or shell fishing opportunities presently exist in the project area?  YES  NO
11. Does project site contain any species of plant or animal life that is identified as threatened or endangered?  YES  NO
- According to: Natural Heritage Program
- Identify each species: Birds-eye primrose (Primula mistassinica) Yellow mountain saxafrage (Saxifrage aizoides)
12. Are there any unique or unusual land forms on the project site? (i.e., cliffs, dunes, other geological formations)?  YES  NO
- Describe: Site includes the Salmon River which flows over a 110 - foot water fall and through a gorge which continues off the property.
13. Is the project site presently used by the community or neighborhood as an open space or recreation area?  YES  NO
- If yes, explain: This site is visited by large numbers of people coming to view the water falls and gorge and hike along the river.
14. Does the present site include scenic views known to be important to the community?  YES  NO
15. Streams within or contiguous to project area: Salmon River
- a. Name of Stream and name of River to which it is tributary Lake Ontario
16. Lakes, ponds, wetland areas within or contiguous to project area:
- a. Name: A portion of DEC Class 2 Freshwater Wetland designated OR-19
- b. Size (in acres): 0.3 acres within site 23.9 total acres of wetland
17. Is the site served by existing public utilities?  YES  NO
- a. If YES, does sufficient capacity exist to allow connection?  YES  NO
- b. If YES, will improvements be necessary to allow connection?  YES  NO
18. Is the site located in an agricultural district certified pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-AA, Section 303 and 304?  YES  NO
19. Is the site located in or substantially contiguous to a Critical Environmental Area designated pursuant to Article 8 of the ECL, and 6 NYCRR 617?  YES  NO
20. Has the site ever been used for the disposal of solid or hazardous wastes?  YES  NO

## B. Project Description

1. Physical dimensions and scale of project (fill in dimensions as appropriate).
- a. Total contiguous acreage owned or controlled by project sponsor 112 acres.
- b. Project acreage to be developed: 0 acres initially; 0 acres ultimately.

- c. Project acreage to remain undeveloped 112 acres.
- d. Length of project, in miles: N/A (if appropriate)
- e. If the project is an expansion, indicate percent of expansion proposed N/A %
- f. Number of off-street parking spaces existing 25; proposed \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Maximum vehicular trips generated per hour N/A (upon completion of project)?

h. If residential: Number and type of housing units:

	One Family	Two Family	Multiple Family	Condominium
Initially	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Ultimately	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

i. Dimensions (in feet) of largest proposed structure \_\_\_\_\_ height; \_\_\_\_\_ width; \_\_\_\_\_ length.

J. Linear feet of frontage along a public thoroughfare project will occupy is? \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

- 2. How much natural material (i.e. rock, earth, etc.) will be removed from the site? 0 tons/cubic yards.
- 3. Will disturbed areas be reclaimed?  N/A  YES  NO
  - a. If yes, for what intended purpose is the site being reclaimed? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Will topsoil be stockpiled for reclamation?  YES  NO
  - c. Will upper subsoil be stockpiled for reclamation?  YES  NO
- 4. How many acres of vegetation (trees, shrubs, ground covers) will be removed from site? 0 acres.
- 5. Will any mature forest (over 100 years old) or other locally-important vegetation be removed by this project?  YES  NO
- 6. If single phase project: Anticipated period of construction N/A months, (including demolition)
- 7. If multi-phased:
  - a. Total number of phases anticipated 10 (number)
  - b. Anticipated date of commencement phase 1 6 month 2004 year, (including demolition)
  - c. Approximate completion date of final phase 12 month 2014 year.
  - d. Is phase 1 functionally dependent on subsequent phases?  YES  NO
- 8. Will blasting occur during construction?  YES  NO
- 9. Number of jobs generated: during construction 0; after project is complete 0
- 10. Number of jobs eliminated by this project 0
- 11. Will project require relocation of any projects or facilities?  YES  NO  
If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Is surface liquid waste disposal involved?  YES  NO
  - a. If yes, indicate type of waste (sewage, industrial, etc) and amount \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Name of water body into which effluent will be discharged \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. Is subsurface liquid waste disposal involved? Type \_\_\_\_\_  YES  NO
- 14. Will surface area of an existing water body increase or decrease by proposal?  YES  NO  
If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Is project or any portion of project located in a 100 year flood plain?  YES  NO
- 16. Will the project generate solid waste?  YES  NO
  - a. If yes, what is the amount per month \_\_\_\_\_ tons
  - b. If yes, will an existing solid waste facility be used?  YES  NO
  - c. If yes, give name \_\_\_\_\_; location \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Will any wastes not go into a sewage disposal system or into a sanitary landfill?  YES  NO
  - e. If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. Will the project involve the disposal of solid waste?  YES  NO
  - a. If yes, what is the anticipated rate of disposal? \_\_\_\_\_ tons/month.

b. If yes, what is the anticipated site life? \_\_\_\_\_ years.

- 18. Will project use herbicides or pesticides?  YES  NO
- 19. Will project routinely produce odors (more than one hour per day)?  YES  NO
- 20. Will project produce operating noise exceeding the local ambient noise levels?  YES  NO
- 21. Will project result in an increase in energy use?  
If yes, indicate type(s) \_\_\_\_\_

22. If water supply is from wells, indicate pumping capacity N/A gallons/minute.

23. Total anticipated water usage per day N/A gallons/day.

24. Does project involve Local, State or Federal funding?  YES  NO

If yes, explain: **The Plan calls for trail construction and improvements which will require capital funding to accomplish.**

**25. Approvals Required:**

	YES	NO	TYPE	SUBMITTAL DATE
City, Town, Village Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
City, Town, Village Planning Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
City, Town Zoning Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
City, County Health Department	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Other Local Agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Other Regional Agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
State Agencies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Federal Agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

**C. Zoning and Planning Information**

1. Does proposed action involve a planning or zoning decision?  YES  NO

If Yes, indicate decision required:

- Zoning amendment  Zoning variance  New/revision of master plan  Subdivision
- Site plan  Special use permit  Resource management plan  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the zoning classification(s) of the site? N/A

3. What is the maximum potential development of the site if developed as permitted by the present zoning?

N/A

4. What is the proposed zoning of the site? N/A

5. What is the maximum potential development of the site if developed as permitted by the proposed zoning?

N/A

6. Is the proposed action consistent with the recommended uses in adopted local land use plans?  YES  NO

7. What are the predominant land use(s) and zoning classifications within a ¼ mile radius of proposed action?

N/A

8. Is the proposed action compatible with adjoining/surrounding land uses with a ¼ mile?  YES  NO

9. If the proposed action is the subdivision of land, how many lots are proposed? N/A

a. What is the minimum lot size proposed? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Will proposed action require any authorization(s) for the formation of sewer or water districts?  YES  NO

11. Will the proposed action create a demand for any community provided services (recreation, education, police, fire protection)?  YES  NO

a. If yes, is existing capacity sufficient to handle projected demand?  YES  NO

12. Will the proposed action result in the generation of traffic significantly above present levels?  YES  NO

a. If yes, is the existing road network adequate to handle the additional traffic.

YES  NO

**D. Informational Details**

Attach any additional information as may be needed to clarify your project. If there are or may be any adverse impacts associated with your proposal, please discuss such impacts and the measures which you propose to mitigate or avoid them.

**E. Verification**

I certify that the information provided above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant/Sponsor Name  Daniel J. Sawchuck  Date  2/03/2004

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title  Senior Forester

**If the action is in the Coastal Area, and you are a state agency, complete the Coastal Assessment Form before proceeding with this assessment.**

## PART 2 - PROJECT IMPACTS AND THEIR MAGNITUDE

### Responsibility of Lead Agency

**General Information** (Read Carefully)

- ! In completing the form the reviewer should be guided by the question: Have my responses and determinations been **reasonable**? The reviewer is not expected to be an expert environmental analyst.
- ! The **Examples** provided are to assist the reviewer by showing types of impacts and wherever possible the threshold of magnitude that would trigger a response in column 2. The examples are generally applicable throughout the State and for most situations. But, for any specific project or site other examples and/or lower thresholds may be appropriate for a Potential Large Impact response, thus requiring evaluation in Part 3.
- ! The impacts of each project, on each site, in each locality, will vary. Therefore, the examples are illustrative and have been offered as guidance. They do not constitute an exhaustive list of impacts and thresholds to answer each question.
- ! The number of examples per question does not indicate the importance of each question.
- ! In identifying impacts, consider long term, short term and cumulative effects.

**Instructions** (Read carefully)

- a. Answer each of the 20 questions in PART 2. Answer **Yes** if there will be **any** impact.
- b. **Maybe** answers should be considered as **Yes** answers.
- c. If answering **Yes** to a question then check the appropriate box(column 1 or 2)to indicate the potential size of the impact. If impact threshold equals or exceeds any example provided, check column 2. If impact will occur but threshold is lower than example, check column 1.
- d. Identifying that an Impact will be potentially large (column 2) does not mean that it is also necessarily **significant**. Any large impact must be evaluated in PART 3 to determine significance. Identifying an impact in column 2 simply asks that it be looked at further.
- e. If reviewer has doubt about size of the impact then consider the impact as potentially large and proceed to PART 3.
- f. If a potentially large impact checked in column 2 can be mitigated by change(s) in the project to a small to moderate impact, also check the **Yes** box in column 3. A **No** response indicates that such a reduction is not possible. This must be explained in Part 3.

### IMPACT ON LAND

1. Will the Proposed Action result in a physical  NO  YES  
change to the project site?

**Examples** that would apply to column 2

- Any construction on slopes of 15% or greater, (15 foot rise per 100 foot of length), or where the general slopes in the project area exceed 10%.
- Construction on land where the depth to the water table is less than 3 feet.
- Construction of paved parking area for 1,000 or more vehicles.
- Construction on land where bedrock is exposed or generally within 3 feet of existing ground surface.
- Construction that will continue for more than 1 year or involve more than one phase or stage.
- Excavation for mining purposes that would remove more than 1,000 tons of natural material (i.e., rock or soil) per year.
- Construction or expansion of a sanitary landfill.
- Construction in a designated floodway.
- Other impacts \_\_\_\_\_

2. Will there be an effect to any unique or unusual land forms found on the site? (i.e., cliffs, dunes, geological)  NO  YES

• Specific land forms: \_\_\_\_\_

	1 Small to Moderate Impact	2 Potential Large Impact	3 Can Impact be Mitigated by Project Change	
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**IMPACT ON WATER**

3. Will Proposed Action affect any water body designated as protected? (Under Articles 15, 24, 25 of the Environmental Conservation Law, ECL)

NO  YES

**Examples** that would apply to column 2

- Developable area of site contains a protected water body.
- Dredging more than 100 cubic yards of material from channel of a protected stream.
- Extension of utility distribution facilities through a protected water body.
- Construction in a designated freshwater or tidal wetland.
- Other impacts

4. Will Proposed Action affect any non-protected existing or new body of water?

NO  YES

**Examples** that would apply to column 2

- A 10% increase or decrease in the surface area of any body of water or more than a 10 acre increase or decrease.
- Construction of a body of water that exceeds 10 acres of surface area.
- Other impacts

5. Will Proposed Action affect surface or groundwater quality or quantity?

NO  YES

**Examples** that would apply to column 2

- Proposed Action will require a discharge permit.
- Proposed Action requires use of a source of water that does not have approval to serve proposed (project) action.
- Proposed Action requires water supply from wells with greater than 45 gallons per minute pumping capacity.
- Construction or operation causing any contamination of a water supply system.
- Proposed Action will adversely affect groundwater.
- Liquid effluent will be conveyed off the site to facilities which presently do not exist or have inadequate capacity.
- Proposed Action would use water in excess of 20,000 gallons per day.
- Proposed Action will likely cause siltation or other discharge into an existing body of water to the extent that there will be an obvious visual contrast to natural conditions.
- Proposed Action will require the storage of petroleum or chemical products greater than 1,100 gallons.
- Proposed Action will allow residential uses in areas without water and/or sewer services.
- Proposed Action locates commercial and/or industrial uses which may require new or expansion of existing waste treatment and/or storage facilities.
- Other impacts

	1 Small to Moderate Impact	2 Potential Large Impact	3 Can Impact be Mitigated by Project Change	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES				
<b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Proposed Action would sever, cross or limit access to agricultural land (includes cropland, hayfields, pasture, vineyard, orchard, etc.)</li> <li>• Construction activity would excavate or compact the soil profile of agricultural land.</li> <li>• The Proposed Action would irreversibly convert more than 10 acres of agricultural land or, if located in an Agricultural District, more than 2.5 acres of agricultural land.</li> <li>• The Proposed Action would disrupt or prevent installation of agricultural land management systems (e.g., subsurface drain lines, outlet ditches, strip cropping); or create a need for such measures (e.g. cause a farm field to drain poorly due to increased runoff).</li> <li>• Other impacts _____</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>IMPACT ON AESTHETIC RESOURCES</b>				
<b>11.</b> Will Proposed Action affect aesthetic resources? (If necessary, use the Visual EAF Addendum in Section 617.20, Appendix B.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES				
<b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed land uses, or project components obviously different from or in sharp contrast to current surrounding land use patterns, whether man-made or natural.</li> <li>• Proposed land uses, or project components visible to users of aesthetic resources which will eliminate or significantly reduce their enjoyment of the aesthetic qualities of that resource.</li> <li>• Project components that will result in the elimination or significant screening of scenic views known to be important to the area.</li> <li>• Other impacts _____</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>IMPACT ON HISTORIC AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES</b>				
<b>12.</b> Will Proposed Action impact any site or structure of historic, prehistoric or paleontological importance?				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES				
<b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed Action occurring wholly or partially within or substantially contiguous to any facility or site listed on the State or National Register of historic places.</li> <li>• Any impact to an archaeological site or fossil bed located within the project site.</li> <li>• Proposed Action will occur in an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NYS Site Inventory.</li> <li>• Other impacts _____</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>IMPACT ON OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION</b>				
<b>13.</b> Will Proposed Action affect the quantity or quality of existing or future open spaces or recreational opportunities?				

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The permanent foreclosure of a future recreational opportunity.</li> <li>• A major reduction of an open space important to the community.</li> <li>• Other impacts _____</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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<b>IMPACT ON CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS</b>				
<b>14.</b> Will Proposed Action impact the exceptional or unique characteristics of a critical environmental area (CEA) established pursuant to subdivision 6NYCRR 617.14(g)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES				
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_____				
_____				
<b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed Action to locate within the CEA?</li> <li>• Proposed Action will result in a reduction in the quantity of the resource?</li> <li>• Proposed Action will result in a reduction in the quality of the resource?</li> <li>• Proposed Action will impact the use, function or enjoyment of the resource?</li> <li>• Other impacts _____</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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<b>IMPACT ON TRANSPORTATION</b>				
<b>15.</b> Will there be an effect to existing transportation systems? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES				
<b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alteration of present patterns of movement of people and/or goods.</li> <li>• Proposed Action will result in major traffic problems.</li> <li>• Other impacts _____</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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<b>IMPACT ON ENERGY</b>				
<b>16.</b> Will Proposed Action affect the community's sources of fuel or energy supply? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES				
<b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed Action will cause a greater than 5% increase in the use of any form of energy in the municipality.</li> <li>• Proposed Action will require the creation or extension of an energy transmission or supply system to serve more than 50 single or two family residences or to serve a major commercial or industrial use.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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<b>NOISE AND ODOR IMPACT</b>				
<b>17.</b> Will there be objectionable odors, noise, or vibration as a result of the Proposed Action? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blasting within 1,500 feet of a hospital, school or other sensitive facility.</li> <li>Odors will occur routinely (more than one hour per day).</li> <li>Proposed Action will produce operating noise exceeding the local ambient noise levels for noise outside of structures.</li> <li>Proposed Action will remove natural barriers that would act as a noise screen.</li> <li>Other impacts _____</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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<b>IMPACT ON PUBLIC HEALTH</b>				
<b>18.</b> Will Proposed Action affect public health and safety? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed Action may cause a risk of explosion or release of hazardous substances (i.e. oil, pesticides, chemicals, radiation, etc.) in the event of accident or upset conditions, or there may be a chronic low level discharge or emission.</li> <li>Proposed Action may result in the burial of "hazardous wastes" in any form (i.e. toxic, poisonous, highly reactive, radioactive, irritating, infectious, etc.)</li> <li>Storage facilities for one million or more gallons of liquefied natural gas or other flammable liquids.</li> <li>Proposed Action may result in the excavation or other disturbance within 2,000 feet of a site used for the disposal of solid or hazardous waste.</li> <li>Other impacts _____</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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<b>IMPACT ON GROWTH AND CHARACTER OF COMMUNITY OR NEIGHBORHOOD</b>				
<b>19.</b> Will Proposed Action affect the character of the existing community? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The permanent population of the city, town or village in which the project is located is likely to grow by more than 5%.</li> <li>The municipal budget for capital expenditures or operating services will increase by more than 5% per year as a result of this project.</li> <li>Proposed Action will conflict with officially adopted plans or goals.</li> <li>Proposed Action will cause a change in the density of land use.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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- Proposed Action will replace or eliminate existing facilities, structures or areas of historic importance to the community.
- Development will create a demand for additional community services (e.g. schools, police and fire, etc.)
- Proposed Action will set an important precedent for future projects.
- Proposed Action will create or eliminate employment.
- Other impacts \_\_\_\_\_

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20. Is there, or is there likely to be, public controversy related to potential adverse environment impacts?

NO  YES

**If Any Action in Part 2 Is Identified as a Potential Large Impact or If you Cannot Determine the Magnitude of Impact, Proceed to Part 3**

## Part 3 - EVALUATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPACTS

### Responsibility of Lead Agency

Part 3 must be prepared if one or more impact(s) is considered to be potentially large, even if the impact(s) may be mitigated.

#### Instructions

Discuss the following for each impact identified in Column 2 of Part 2:

1. Briefly describe the impact.
2. Describe (if applicable) how the impact could be mitigated or reduced to a small to moderate impact by project change(s).
3. Based on the information available, decide if it is reasonable to conclude that this impact is **important**.

To answer the question of importance, consider:

- ! The probability of the impact occurring
- ! The duration of the impact
- ! Its irreversibility, including permanently lost resources of value
- ! Whether the impact can or will be controlled
- ! The regional consequence of the impact
- ! Its potential divergence from local needs and goals
- ! Whether known objections to the project relate to this impact.



## SEQR NEGATIVE DECLARATION

### Reasons Supporting This Determination:

(See 617.7(a)-(c) for requirements of this determination; see 617.7(d) for Conditioned Negative Declaration)

The Salmon River Falls Unique Area plan proposes, for the first time, stewardship management actions with an emphasis on protecting the areas natural resources.

None of the proposed management actions will cause adverse environmental impacts to the site. Rather, the proposed management actions will protect and maintain the areas ecological and aesthetic uniqueness while allowing for recreational opportunities to exist. The surrounding forest will be left to develop into a old growth forest with no major activities occurring except the development of foot trails. A restricted area has been delineated to provide a safety buffer for recreational users and also help to protect two threatened plant species and their habitat.

No change in existing land use will occur during the implementation of this plan. Activities planned for this Unit will be covered by the following Generic Environmental Impact Statements (GEIS): Plan and Final Plan GEIS for Conserving Open in New York State, and the DEC Region 7 Recreation Master Plan for State Forests. If, after the final approval of the plan, activities are added to the plan to provide better management of the Unit and are not covered under this Negative Declaration or cited under the Generic Environmental Impact Statements, the Department will undertake a site specific environmental review.

**If Conditioned Negative Declaration, provide on attachment the specific mitigation measures imposed, and identify comment period (not less than 30 days from date of publication in the ENB)**

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Chief Executive Officer, Town/City/Village of

Other involved agencies (if any)

Applicant (if any)

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