

## **Appendix E.**

# Bird Conservation Area Program

ECL §11-2001

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Legislation establishing the Bird Conservation Area (BCA) program was enacted by the New York State Legislature, and signed into law by Governor Pataki on September 5, 1997. The features of it are as follows:

Creates the Bird Conservation Area Program on state-owned lands and waters to "safeguard and enhance populations of wild birds native to New York State and the habitats therein that birds are dependent upon for breeding, migration, shelter, and sustenance."

Designated properties are to be mapped, and copies of all pertinent documents forwarded to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) "for inventory, research, and reference purposes for the general public."

A master inventory list and maps of BCAs shall be kept on file by DEC, with duplicates at the New York State Museum and Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology.

Defines BCAs: waterfowl concentration site, pelagic seabird site, shorebird concentration site, wading bird concentration site, migratory concentration site, diverse species concentration site, individual species concentration site, species at risk site, and bird research site.

BCAs to be designated by DEC Commissioner, Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) Commissioner, or Secretary of State, for appropriate properties under their jurisdictions and consistent with their respective missions.

Establishes an Advisory Committee - no pay, meet at least two times annually.

States the purpose of the BCA Program: to advise as to the designation, management, educational research and utilization of those sites that are individually designated as part of and collectively comprise the New York State Bird Conservation Area Program. Provided, however, the utilization of such sites shall be consistent with the respective missions of the Department, the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and the Department of State.

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## Criteria

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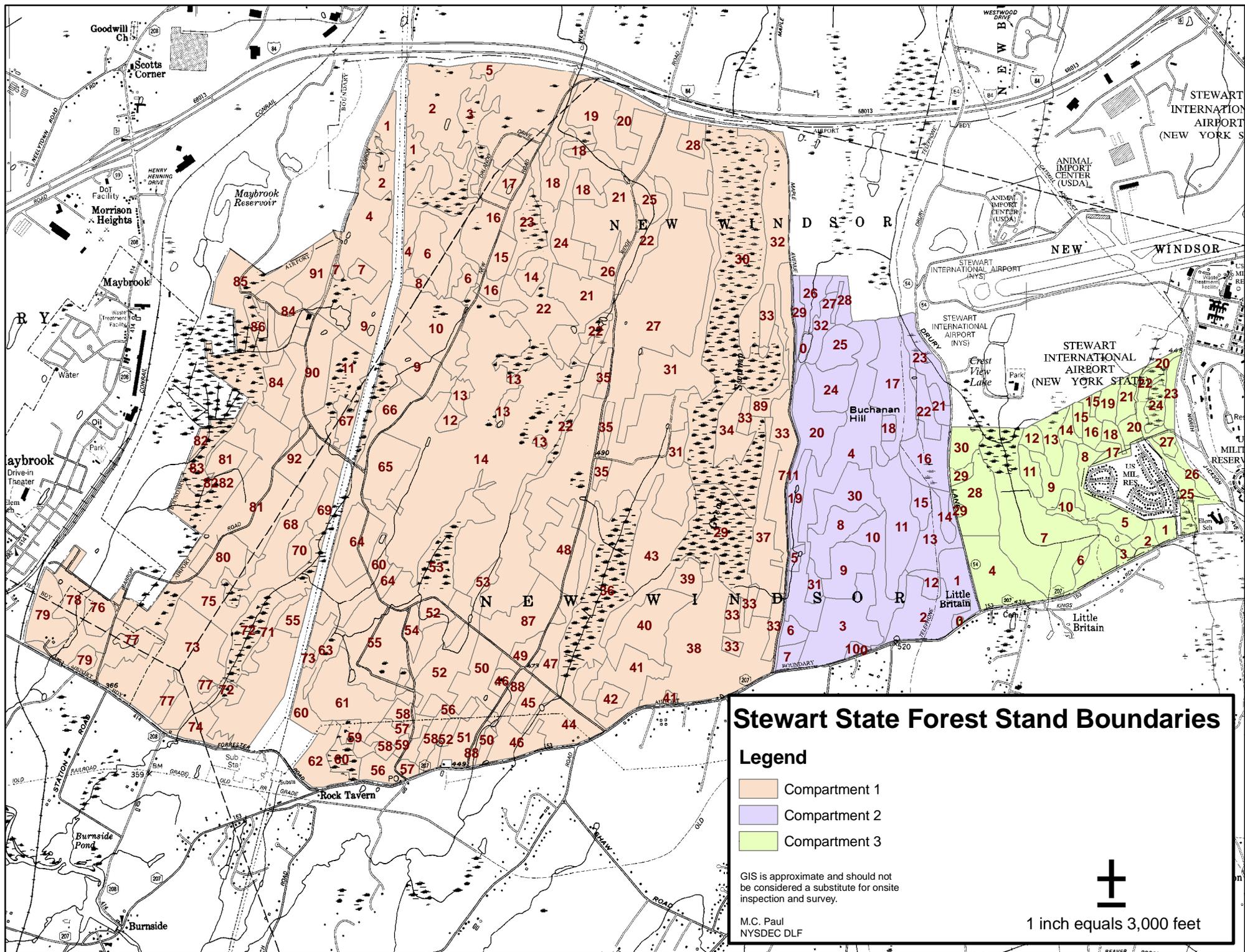
According to ECL §11-2001, a site must meet one or more of the following criteria to be designated as a Bird Conservation Area:

1. **Waterfowl Concentration Site;** a location that regularly supports at least 2,000 birds such as loons, grebes, cormorants, geese, ducks, coots and moorhens.
2. **Pelagic Seabird Site;** a location that regularly supports at least 100 birds of open water such as shearwaters, storm-petrels, terns, fulmars, gannets, jaegers, alcids and other like birds and/or 10,000 gulls at one time during some part of the year so long as the primary food source for such birds is not anthropogenic (created by humans, e.g. garbage dumps).
3. **Shorebird Concentration Site;** a location that supports at least 300 birds such as plovers, sandpipers, and other like birds during some part of the year.
4. **Wading Bird Concentration Site;** a location that supports at least 100 birds such as bitterns, herons, egrets, ibises and other like birds during some part of the year.
5. **Migratory Concentration Site;** a location that is a flight corridor stopover site for an exceptional number or diversity of migratory songbirds during either spring or fall seasons.
6. **Diverse Species Concentration Site;** a location that supports a distinctive group of indigenous bird species that is the consequence of local habitats which result from unique vegetational, geological, geographical, topographical, or microclimatological circumstances.
7. **Individual Species Concentration Site;** a location that supports at least one bird species during one or more seasons of the year as a regionally unique, dense (for the species) population.
8. **Species at Risk Site;** (1) a location that supports a significant population of a species that is listed either federally or by New York as endangered, threatened, or of special concern, or (2) which supports a species that is verified by either the commissioner or the state ornithologist as being rare or declining within New York state, or (3) an exceptional, rare, or remnant native habitat, vegetative community, or landscape segment that supports one or more significant habitat dependent populations of wild bird species.
9. **Bird Research Site;** a location where a wild bird population research and/or monitoring project of at least five consecutive years' duration is conducted and contributes to the science of ornithology

## Appendix F.

SEQR review for this unit management plan (UMP) has been initiated with the preparation of the Long Environmental Assessment Form (LEAF), the preparation of this document and the public review process. Non-significant impacts will be addressed in a Negative Declaration that will be included as a appendix in the final UMP

## **Appendix G.**



Goodwill Ch  
Scotts Corner

Maybrook Reservoir  
Morrison Heights

Maybrook  
Water Treatment Facility

Maybrook  
Drive-In Theater

Maybrook  
Station

Burnside Pond  
Burnside

Rock Tavern

NEW WINDSOR

NEW WINDSOR

Buchanan Hill

STEWART INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (NYS)

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STEWART INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (NEW YORK STATE)

Little Britain

STEWART INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (NEW YORK STATE)

ANIMAL IMPORT CENTER (USDA)

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STEWART INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (NYS)

STEWART INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (NYS)

Little Britain

US MILITARY RESERVE

Little Britain