

**Appendix M**  
State Environmental Quality Review



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**Improve Public Access:**

A new two car parking area will be constructed on the Gowanda-Zoar road and the parking area at Ross Pond access will be expanded to hold 10 cars. Both projects will include parking spaces for individuals with disabilities. Access at Forty road will be improved to accommodate individuals with disabilities.

**Boundary Line Surveys and Maintenance:**

Boundary line surveys will be carried out when new properties are acquired in order to allow posting and painting. Maintenance on a recurring basis is warranted in order to facilitate administrative and public use as well as discourage trespass.

**Forest Inventory:**

An inventory is needed on a 20 year cycle in order to monitor vegetative conditions and provide necessary data to guide decision making for ecosystem management.

**Acquisition of Private Parcels through Fee Simple Title:**

The plan proposes the acquisition, through fee simple title, of parcels within or adjacent to the Cattaraugus Creek gorges. These purchases will facilitate public and administrative access to the gorges yet protect the gorges from development. All purchases will be made from willing sellers only and must be approved through local Town government.

**Public Information on the Unit:**

Informational signs at kiosks will be installed at eight locations across the unit. A brochure will also be developed to describe the unit's features, recreational opportunities and rules and regulations to the public.

**Maintenance:**

Periodic maintenance will be conducted on roads, trails and parking areas.

**Location: (Include street address and the name of the municipality/county. A location map of appropriate scale is also recommended.)**

The unit consists of three parcels of land which include the main Multiple Use Area, a Cattaraugus Creek Waterway Access and a detached parcel of Multiple Use Area. It is located in the Town of Collins in Erie County and the Towns of Persia and Otto in Cattaraugus County

**Reasons Supporting This Determination:**

(See 617.7(a)-(c) for requirements of this determination; see 617.7(d) for Conditioned Negative Declaration) Activities planned for this unit will be covered by the following Generic Environmental Impact Statements: State Forest Commercial Product Sales Program, Wildlife Management Program, Oil and Gas Drilling, Red Pine Plantation Program, Plan and Final GEIS for Conserving Open Space in New York State and the State Forest Recreation Management Program.

Activities which would require a site specific environmental review include: site preparation with herbicide and clearcuts larger than 40 acres. 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 by this negative declaration or cited under the Generic Environmental Impact Statements, the Department will undertake a site specific environmental review for such activities. Oil and gas well pad developments will require additional impact studies.

Activities in the plan will be performed in accordance with the standards and policies set forth in the following documents: Continuous Forest Inventory Handbook, State Forest Multiple Use Management Handbook, Unpaved Forest Roads Handbook and the Timber Management Handbook. In addition, activities in the plan will be guided by the Environmental Conservation Law, Best Management Practices, the expertise of the Department's foresters and biologists and the views expressed by the participating public.

Parking area designation and relocation projects will incorporate the use of Best Management Practices, including but not limited to such considerations as:

- Locating parking areas to minimize necessary cut and fill;
- Locating parking areas away from streams, wetlands, and unstable slopes wherever possible;
- Locating parking areas on flat, stable, well-drained sites;
- Locating parking areas in areas that require a minimum amount of tree cutting;
- Limiting construction to periods of low or normal rainfall;
- Wherever possible, using wooded buffers to screen parking areas from roads;
- Limiting the size of the parking area to the minimum necessary to address the intended use

**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)**

**For Further Information:**

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**Chief Executive Officer, Town/City/Village of**

**Other involved agencies (if any)**

**Applicant (if any)**

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