



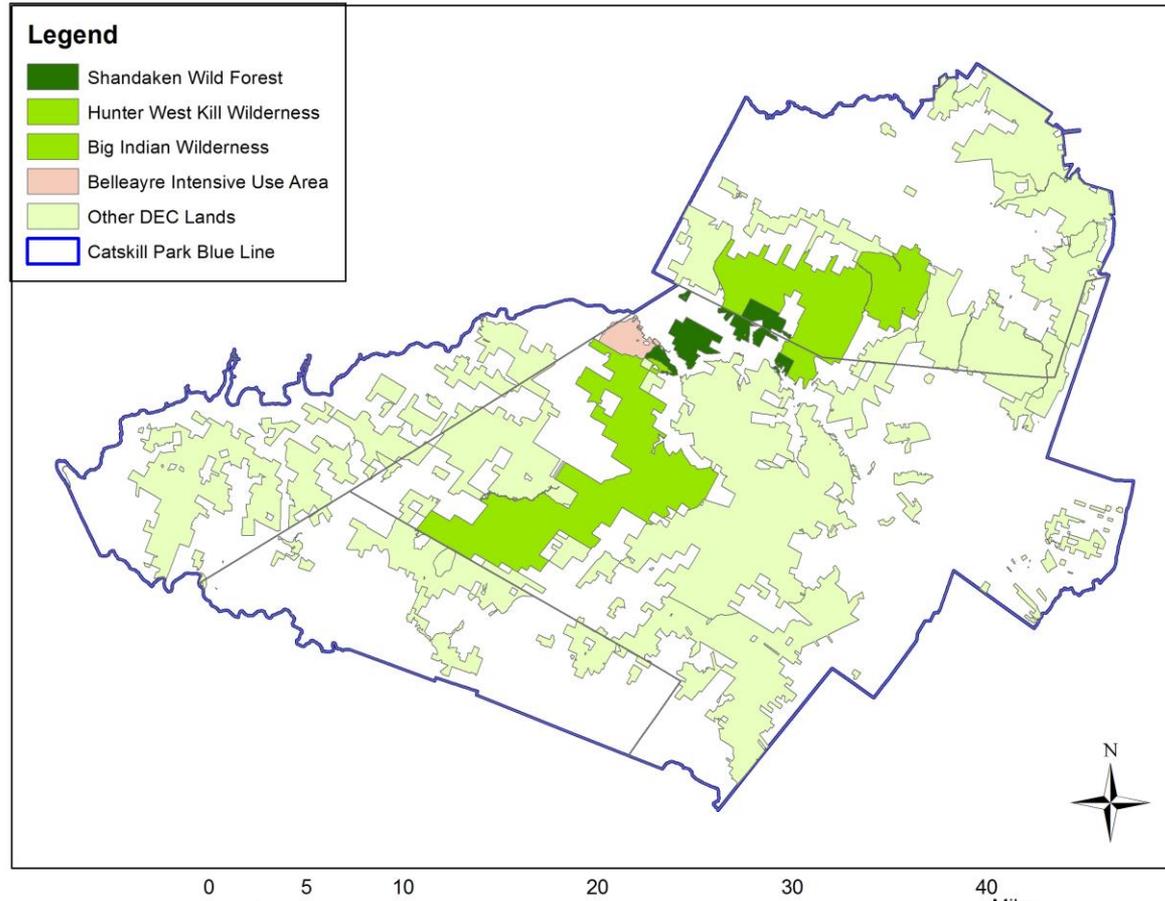
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2020 Draft Shandaken Wild Forest UMP Revision

Prepared by the NYSDEC Region 3 Division of Lands & Forests

August, 2020

Shandaken Wild Forest Location Map



History of the Unit Management Plan (UMP)

June 2005:

Final Shandaken Wild Forest UMP was adopted by Commissioner Sheehan for 5,375.6 acres of Wild Forest land that covered management, maintenance, monitoring & recreational proposals for:

- 4,184.6 acres in the Town of Shandaken- Ulster County
- 1,191 acres in the Town of Lexington- Greene County

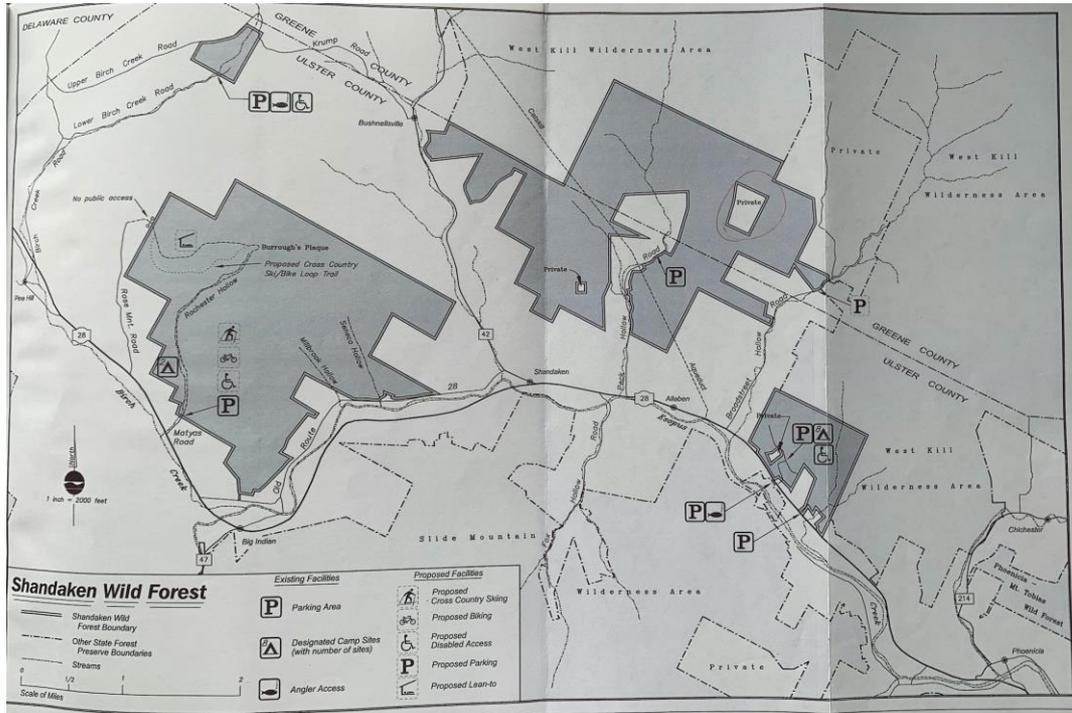
2005 UMP Included Proposals for 4 Distinct Parcels:

Rochester Hollow: 2,475 acres

Peck Hollow: 2,384 acres

Allaben Parcel: 414 acres

Lower Birch Creek Parcel:
102.6 acres



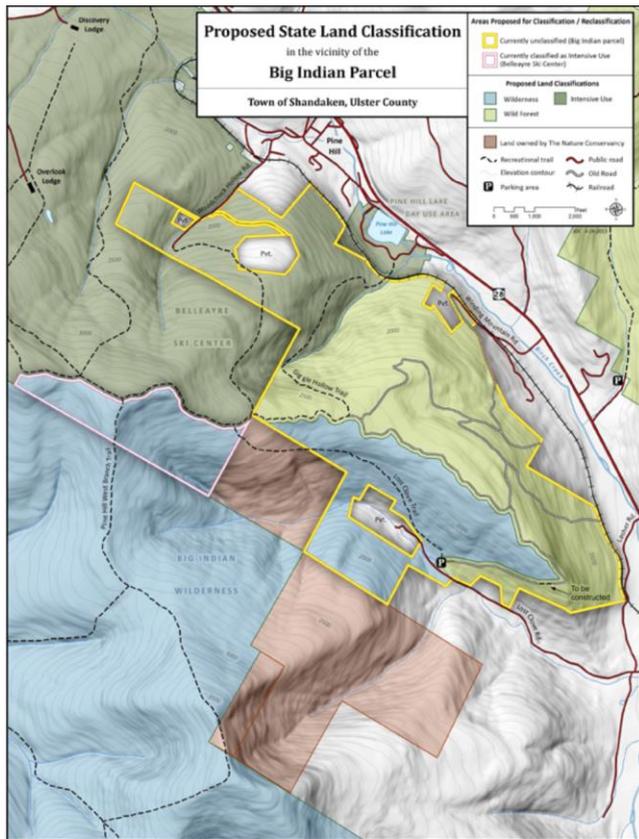
2005 Management Actions Completed

- Lower Birch Creek: Constructed an accessible path, accessible picnic area and accessible fishing facility, designated an administrative use area.
- Rochester Hollow: Constructed an accessible lean-to, developed a 2.77 mile multi-use trail and designated as a CP-3 Rt. for persons with qualifying disabilities.
- Allaben: Constructed and designated 2 accessible primitive camp sites.
- Improved and/ or constructed 5 parking areas: Lower Birch Creek, Rochester Hollow, Allaben and Sawmill Lot, Broadstreet Hollow near Peck Hollow



2011 Big Indian Acquisition

1,180 acres acquired by NYS in the Town of Shandaken known as the Big Indian Acquisition of which 610 acres were added to Shandaken Wild Forest



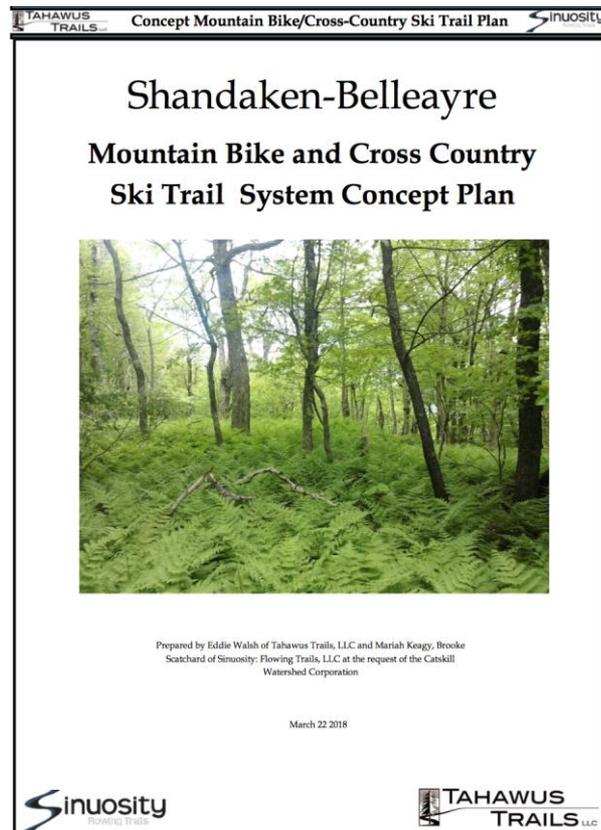
SUMMARY OF CLASSIFICATION PROPOSALS:

Summary of Classification proposals for newly acquired Forest Preserve lands described herein:

Management Unit	Current Size	Change	Proposed Size
Belleayre Mtn Ski Center Intensive Use Area (See Section 2 of Draft Revision to UMP)	2,211 acres	+ 120 acres	2,331 acres
Shandaken Wild Forest: (See Draft Master Plan Amendment)	5,375 acres	+ 610 acres	5,985 acres
Big Indian Wilderness: (See Draft Master Plan Amendment)	33,500 acres	+ 450 acres	33,950 acres



In 2018 with funding from the Catskill Watershed Corporation, a contractor Tahawus Trails, was hired to develop a conceptual trail plan for the Big Indian acquisition lands that were added to the Shandaken WF and Belleayre Mtn. Ski Center Intensive Use Area



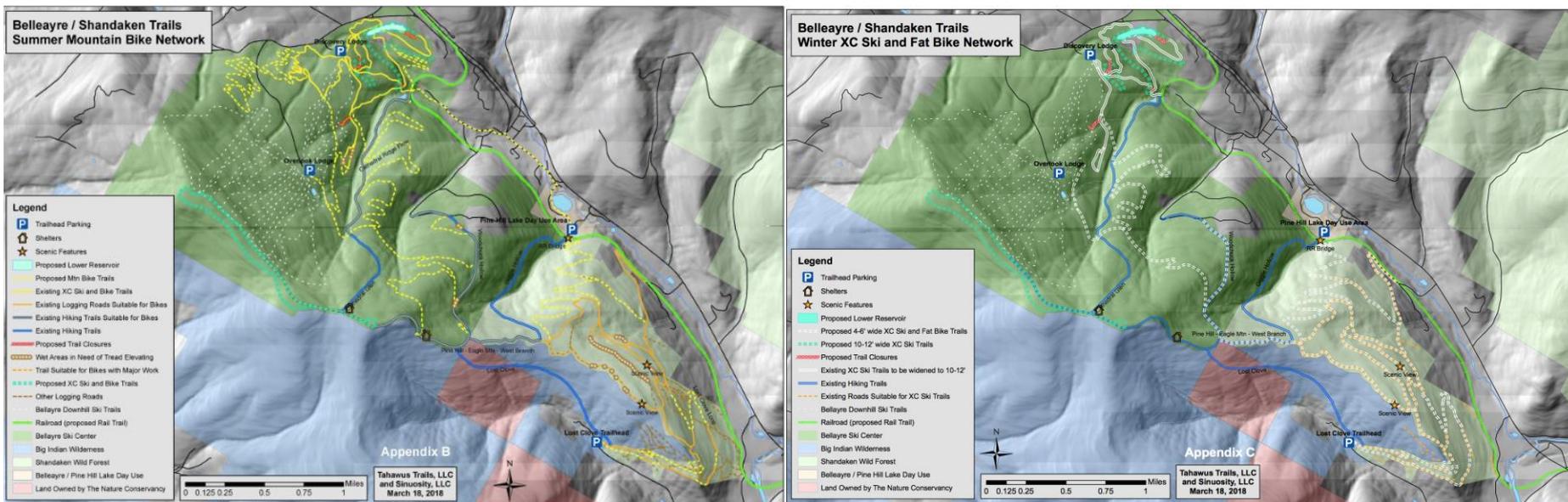
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Existing Regional Mtn. Biking & Cross Country Skiing Opportunities

- Belleayre Mountain Ski Center
- Rochester Hollow
- Frost Valley YMCA
- Bluestone Wild Forest
- Windham Mtn. Resort
- Elm Ridge Wild Forest
- Lippman Park
- Kenneth Wilson Campground & Day Use Area
- North South Lake Campground

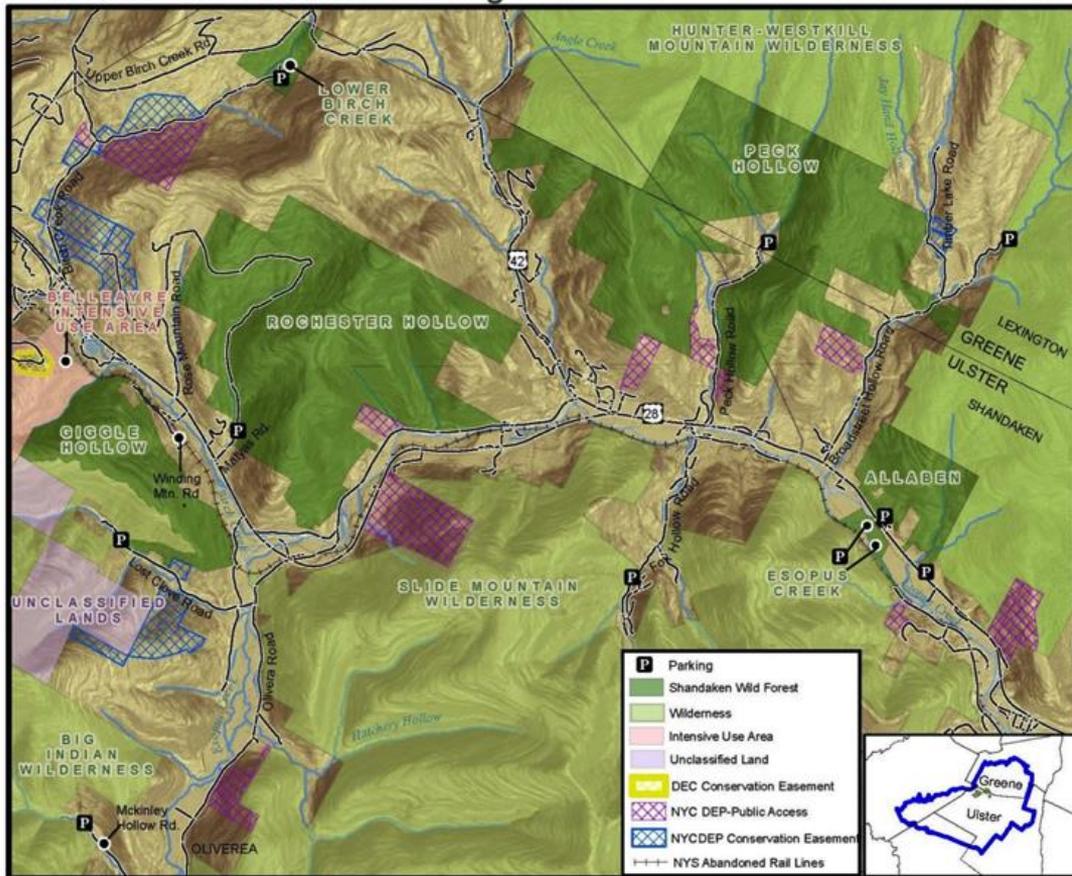


2018 Tahawus Trails Conceptual Maps



Shandaken Wild Forest Unit Management Plan

Location and Access



2020 Revised UMP

- Includes the management proposals for an 610 acre Giggie Hollow parcel based on recommendations from the Tahawus Trails Conceptual Plan
- Formally classifies the 46-acre Esopus Creek parcel as Shandaken Wild Forest land.



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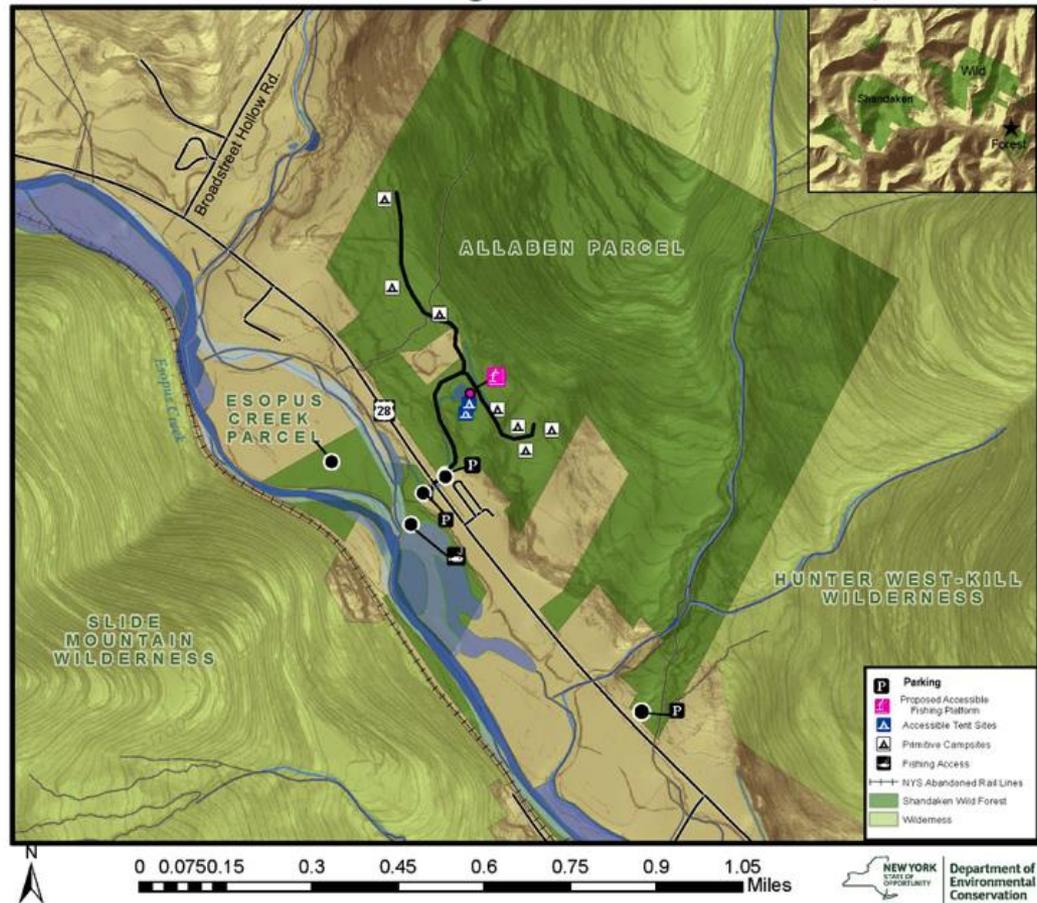
Significant Proposals in 2020 Plan

- 10.1 miles of new and improved multi-use trails are proposed for construction on the Giggle Hollow parcel.
 - 3.7 miles- Lost Clove Multiple Use Trail
 - 3.7 Winding Mountain Multiple Use Trail
 - 2.7 Pine Hill Multiple Use Trail
- An accessible fishing platform to expand existing accessible opportunities on the Allaben parcel.
- Removal of six buildings that pose a public safety hazard on the Lower Birch Creek parcel.
- Establishment of a scenic vista on Giggle Hollow
- Improvements to the impoundment on Lower Birch Creek Pond



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Allaben and Esopus Creek Parcels



Allaben Parcel

Existing and Proposed Recreational Facilities Map

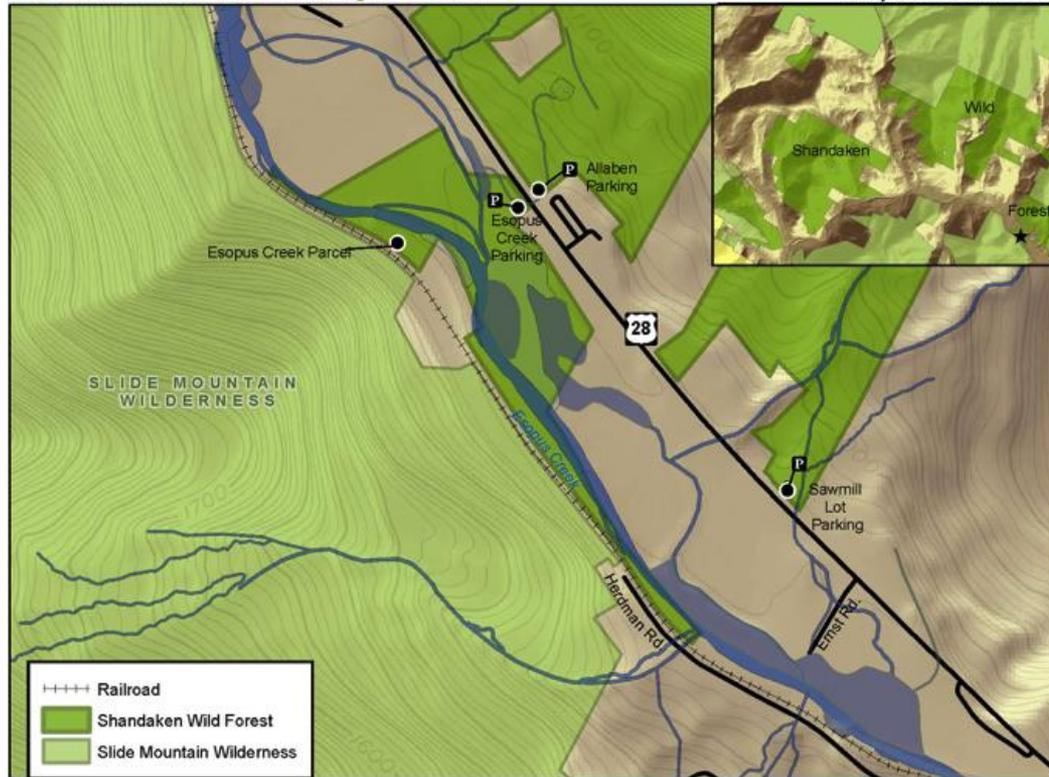
414 acres



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Esopus Creek Parcel



Esopus Creek Parcel

Existing and Proposed Recreational Facilities Map

46 acres



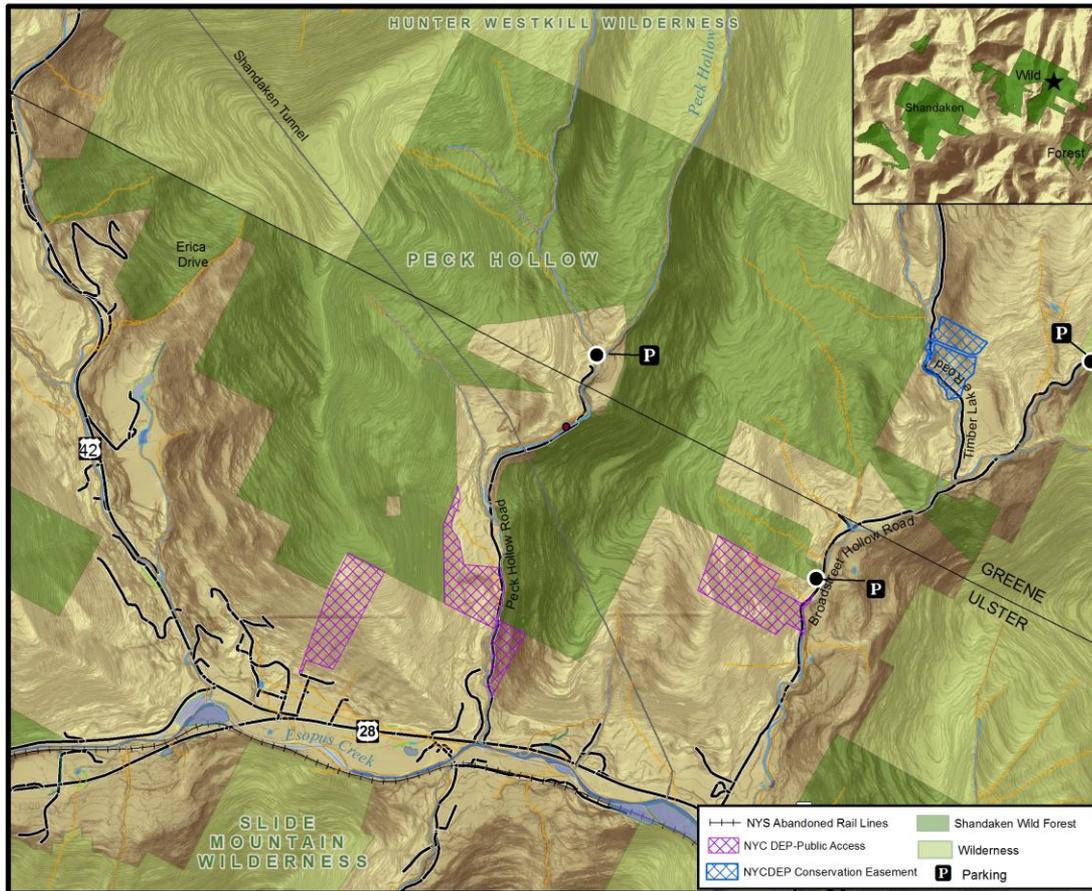
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Peck Hollow Parcel



Peck Hollow Parcel

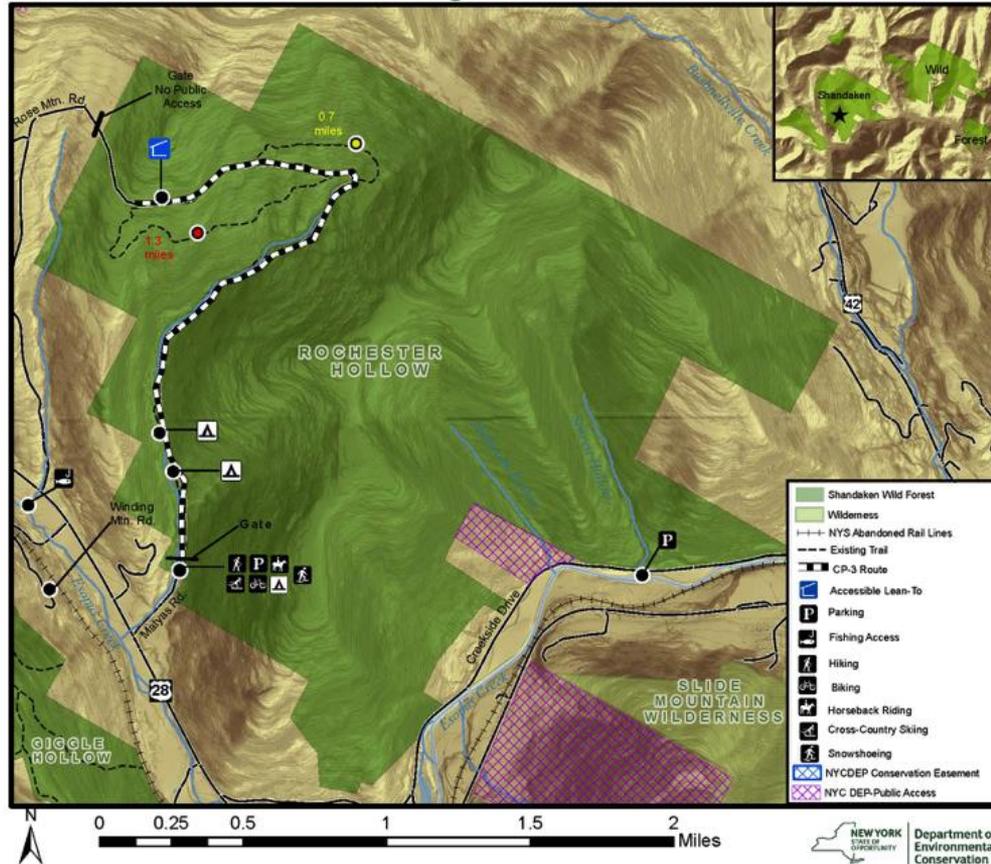
Existing and Proposed Recreational Facilities Map

2,384 acres



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Rochester Hollow Parcel



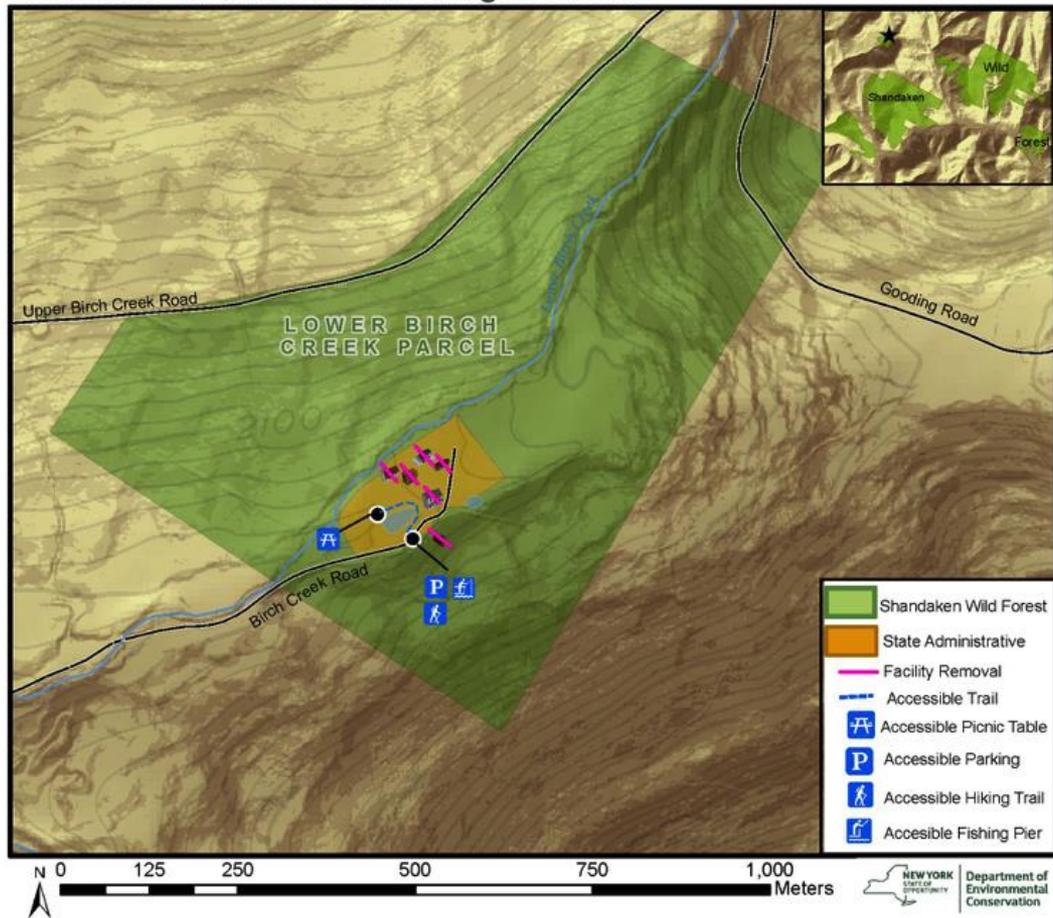
Rochester Hollow Parcel

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2,475 acres

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Lower Birch Creek Parcel



Lower Birch Creek

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Lower Birch Creek Building Demo & Debris Removal Project

Buildings and debris pile are located on the Lower Birch Creek parcel



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Thank You

Public comments on the management and recreation proposals contained in this draft plan will be accepted until Monday, September 28th.

Please submit comments by email to:

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