

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

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

The primary reason that supports this Negative Declaration is the method that is proposed for the application of the glyphosate. The chemical will be applied directly to the target species using a stem injection method (Hack and Squirt). This drastically minimizes any chance that the herbicide will come in contact with non-target vegetation, wildlife, or people.

At this time the presence of this species is very limited and, with the exception of a few areas, is found scattered throughout the forest. If this species is not treated and allowed to propagate uninhibited, future forest and wildlife management objectives outlined in the Unit Management Plan could be jeopardized. The Unit Management Plan specifically states under the forest management section that "native plant communities should be encouraged while non-native plants are discouraged". The systematic eradication of this species from Turkey Point State Forest will be a step in achieving this objective.

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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Appropriate Regional Office of the Department of Environmental Conservation

Chief Executive Officer, Town/City/Village of

Other involved agencies (if any)

Applicant (if any)

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**Turkey Point State Forest
Unit Management Plan Amendment
February 2008**

This is an amendment to the Turkey Point State Forest Unit Management Plan (UMP). The UMP provides the area description and history; information on the inventory, use and capacity to withstand use; management and policy; projected use and management proposed and a schedule for implementation and budget.

This amendment addresses the addition of an 8.2 acre parcel known formerly as the Turkey Point Light Multimission Building. It was transferred to NYSDEC in September, 2003 from the National Park Service via the Federal Lands to Parks Program. Prior to its acquisition by the US Coast Guard in 1930, the property was owned by the Knickerbocker Ice Company and still bears the remnants of an old foundation from that era.

The parcel provides access to the Hudson River along the north-eastern most edge of the property. An old road leads from the parking area at Flatbush Camp Road to the new parcel.

A Program of Utilization (POU) was adopted by the NYSDEC and the US Department of the Interior within the "Application for Federal Surplus Property for Public Park for Recreation Purposes". The POU contains a Schedule of Development (SOD) which outlines specific projects that are necessary for optimizing the recreational opportunities on the property. The adoption of this amendment to the Turkey Point State Forest UMP is a necessary step toward implementing the projects outlined in the POU.

Projects will be organized in four distinct phases.

These phases will include:

- 1) Improving the woods road to provide vehicular access for persons with disabilities.**
- 2) Demolition of the storage building.**
- 3) Rehabilitate the wharf according to ADA specifications.**
- 4) Implement the remaining covenants agreed upon between the NYSDEC and the US Department of Interior.**

The property contains wetlands. Activities contemplated for the property by the NYSDEC will be subject to any and all Federal, State and Local laws, rules, ordinances, and regulations governing land use in a wetland area. NYSDEC Forest Management Staff is working with the Army Corps of Engineers to designate these wetlands and ensure that POU projects do not negatively impact these Special Management Zones (SMZ).

Phase 1

Objective: Improve road to provide vehicular access for persons with disabilities.

The Department is continuously striving to expand recreational opportunities for people with disabilities. Under Commissioners Policy 3 (CP3) guidelines, persons who are disabled can use motorized vehicles on NYSDEC managed properties on specified roadways for recreational purposes via permit. Permits can be acquired at the regional office. Medical proof of disability will be required for the issuance of a CP3 permit.

In addition to providing access for persons with disabilities, an improved road will be instrumental toward the completion of the subsequent phases of this project and providing enhanced administrative access to the new parcel.

Road access will be restricted during periods of the year when there is a high potential for erosion to occur.

Improvements will include resurfacing, guard rails, and erosion control measures.

Approximate Cost: \$95,000

No significant adverse environmental impact will result from the implementation of this project.

Phase 2

Objective: Demolish Storage Building

The Department proposes the demolition and removal of the storage building located on the newly acquired parcel. The demolition of the building is a requirement under a transfer agreement with the previous owner. This building is dilapidated beyond repair and is considered an attractive nuisance. The footprint of the building will serve as parking for persons with disabilities who have a CP3 permit.

Approximate Cost: \$55,000.

No significant adverse environmental impact will result from the implementation of this project.

Phase 3

Objective: Rehabilitate the wharf in compliance with ADA specifications.

As stated previously, the Department is looking to expand recreational opportunities for persons with disabilities. It is for this reason that the Department proposes improving the concrete wharf along the western shore of the Hudson according to ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) guidelines. Although this phase is not included in the Program of Utilization and Schedule of Development, it is recognized that the wharf will serve as a unique recreational opportunity for the public and should be rehabilitated in accordance with universal design standards. NYSDEC Division of Operations will evaluate the wharf as to what needs to be done to make it universally accessible for recreation. Any work that is necessary below the waterline will be subject to review by the Army Corps of Engineers.

In addition to the rehabilitation of the wharf, a hardened path will be constructed to offer universal access from the parking area to the wharf. The new path will avoid disturbing the former ice house foundation.

Approximate Cost: Pending a review by NYSDEC Division of Operations.

Phase 4

Objective: Implement the remaining covenants agreed upon between the NYSDEC and the US Department of Interior

This phase includes the implementation of the remaining covenants agreed upon Deed of Conveyance.

Remaining covenants include:	Estimated Cost
1) Installation of two(2) picnic tables and two(2) benches	\$2,200.00
2) Fence navigation Tower	\$3,000.00
3) Develop a kiosk/Signage/Display with Town of Saugerties/Ulster County and US Coast Guard	\$5,000.00
4) Annually maintain the Road	\$1000.00/yr

All projects covenants will be implemented in accordance with universal accessibility guidelines.

No significant adverse environmental impact will result from the implementation of this project.

Turkey Point State Forest

1 inch equals 660 feet



**State Environmental Quality Review
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Notice of Determination of Non-Significance**

Identifying # _____

Date June 29, 2007

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation as lead agency, has determined that the proposed action described below will not have a significant environmental impact and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

Name of Action: *Herbicidal Treatment of invasive species Tree of Heaven (Ailanthus altissima) on Turkey Point State Forest*

SEQR Status: Type 1 X
 Unlisted

Conditioned Negative Declaration: Yes
 X No

Description of Action:

Glyphosate herbicide will be applied directly to the main stem of the target tree species (Tree of Heaven) using the "Hack and Squirt" method. A hatchet will be used to create a wound on the main stem. (1 strike for every 2 inches of diameter) The Glyphosate would then be applied directly to the wound. The application would be preformed in early fall to ensure that the glyphosate is transported into the root system. It is the intention of Lands and Forest staff to treat all occurrences of this invasive plant on the property. Although infestations are heavy in certain areas, many occurrences are small and scattered. For this reason, the entire state forest is listed as the project area. This provides lands and forest staff the ability to apply a stem treatment of glyphosate if and when a new occurrence is discovered. It is estimated that **less** than five percent of the forest (approximately 7 acres) of Turkey Point State Forest (140 acres) is comprised of Tree of Heaven (Ailanthus altissima).

Location: (Include street address and the name of the municipality/county. A location map of appropriate scale is also recommended.) Turkey Point State Forest, Town of Saugerties, Ulster County near Ulster Landing Road just north of Ulster Landing Park.