
FOREST PRESERVE DETAILED PROJECT WORK PLAN

Fiscal Year 2023
Project # 2023-WB-002:CO-WP299

<u>Region</u> 5	<u>Project Title</u> Essex Chain Fifth Lake Parking
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<u>Project Type</u> New Construction	<u>Town(s)</u> Newcomb	<u>County</u> Essex	<u>Management Unit</u> Essex Chain Lakes Management Complex
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Description of Desired Condition(s) for Project

One of the management objectives from the 2016 Essex Chain Lakes Management Complex Unit Management Plan is to “provide an adequate configuration of access points to the Complex Area for people of all ages and abilities, with adequate parking areas and facilities that accommodate visitor needs while protecting the natural resources.” In line with this objective, the UMP proposes parking near the “Tube” adjacent to Fourth and Fifth Lake as follows:

“Designate a six-car, universal access parking area approximately 250 feet west of the “Tube.” This parking will be for day or overnight use (with a camping permit for a designated site), and will include two spots for people with disabilities, and four spots for the public by permit.”

Description of Project Specifications

A two-car parking area for people with disabilities has already been constructed in this general area. This work plan is for an additional four-car parking area located approximately 500 feet west of this existing two-car parking lot; at the intersection of the Fifth Lake Access Road and the Sixth Lake Trail. This area was selected due to its proximity to Fifth lake and because this area is an already open roadside area. No tree cutting or earth work is required to construct this lot. Placing fabric and gravel, and installing parking location signs are all that is necessary to construct this four-car parking lot. The parking lot dimensions will be approximately 50 feet by 30 feet.

The proposed parking area is located at a horse trail (Sixth Lake Trail) intersection with the Fifth Lake Motorized Access Route and is depicted on the attached map. The parking area will be designed and posted to ensure that the Sixth Lake Trail is not blocked by vehicles.

Description of Measures Taken to Avoid, Mitigate and Minimize Impacts to Natural Resources

The location for this parking area is relatively flat. No tree cutting or earthwork will be necessary to prepare the site for the parking area. Fabric and gravel will be applied to existing ground in the footprint of the parking area. The site is also screened from Fifth Lake and keeps parked vehicles directly adjacent to the existing road.

A search of available data layers confirmed there are no known occurrences of rare, threatened, or endangered species, habitats, or communities within a quarter mile of the project area.

Analysis of Project Location and Design Alternatives

Potential parking lot locations were looked at between the existing CP-3 parking lot and the selected location (see attached map). Utilizing other sites would have been possible, however, they would have required tree cutting and more extensive earthwork. The proposed location was chosen to minimize these impacts while also minimizing construction time, utilize existing opportunities, and provide acceptable parking within close proximity of Fifth Lake.

Description of Use of Motorized Equipment and/or Motor Vehicles (if any)

Heavy equipment such as Dump trucks, a small excavator, loader, etc. will be used to haul and spread gravel to construct this parking lot and install the signposts necessary to delineate parking spaces that will be used through a permit system.

Description of Applicable Standards for Accessibility by People with Disabilities

The four-car parking area being built under this work plan, in conjunction with the two-car parking area for people with disabilities that was previously built, will complete the proposal from the 2016 Essex Chain Lakes Management Complex Unit Management Plan for a six-car, universal access parking area in the vicinity of the "Tube."

Other Relevant Considerations

The Town of Newcomb has agreed to assist with the construction of this parking lot and will likely carry out this work plan under DEC supervision.

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REGULATORY CLEARANCE CHECKLIST – STATE LANDS and CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROJECTS

PROGRAM	PERMIT	REQUIRED		SECURED BY	COMMENTS
		YES	NO	(NAME)	
Air Resources	Restricted Burning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Mineral Resources	Mining	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Materials Management	Solid Waste Mgt. Fac.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Water	Dam Safety Review	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Const. in Flood Hazard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Public Water Supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	SPDES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Spills Management	Petro. Bulk Storage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Lands and Forests	Unit Management Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Project approved in 2016 UMP
	Tree Cutting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Protected Native Plants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Historic Preservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Fish and Wildlife	Freshwater Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Wild Scenic & Rec. River	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Compliance Services	Other Protection of Waters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	EAF	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Negative Declaration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Env. Impact Statement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Water Quality Cert.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
DEC (other)	CP-17	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Commissioner (aircraft,motorized equipment)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Flight Request	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Contract Clearance Sh.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	DOB Exemption	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Other Agencies	APA MOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	APA Wetlands Permit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Corps. of Engineers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Building Permits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Local Permits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Easements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Highway Enter DOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Wastewater Disposal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

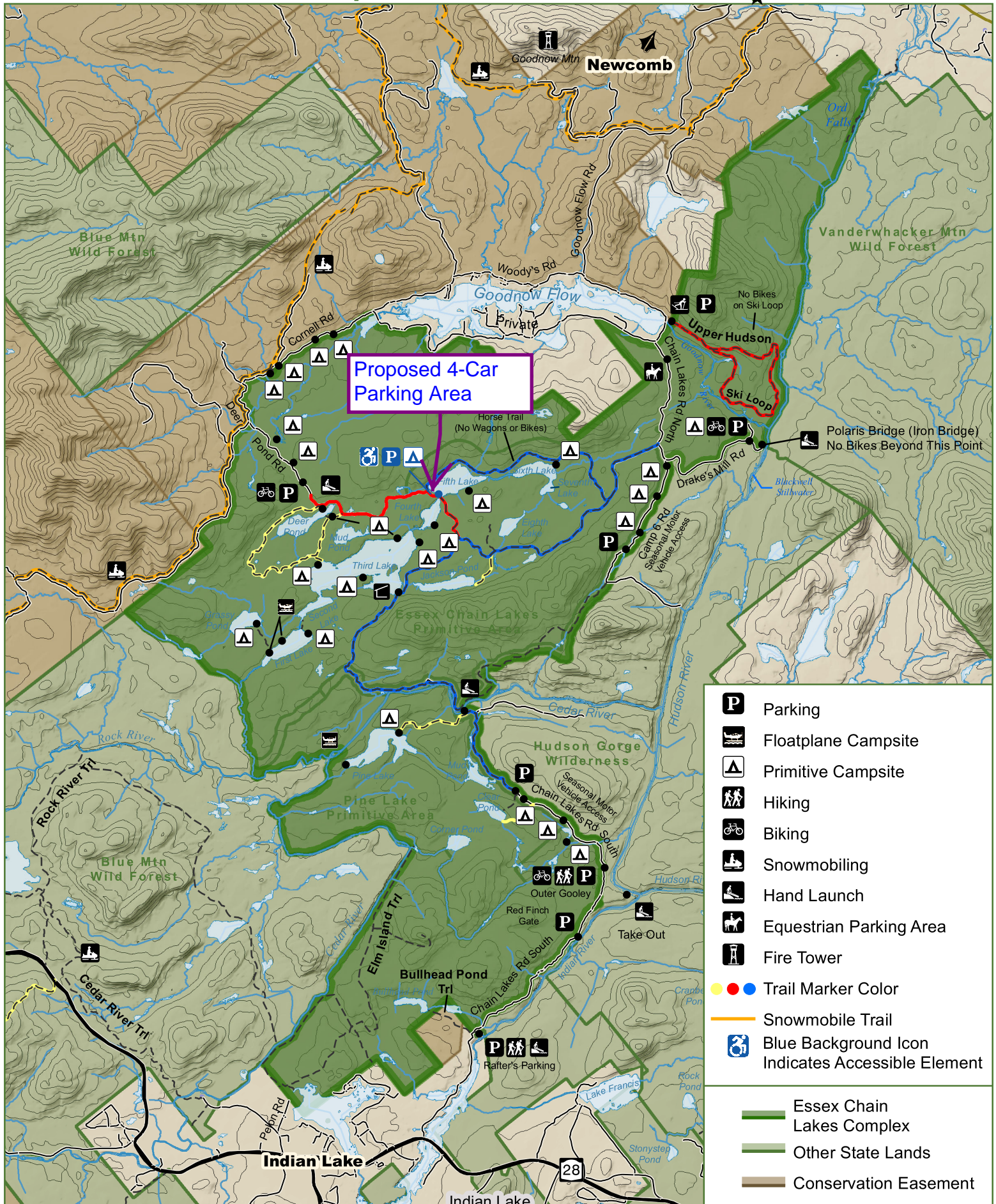
Essex Chain
Four Vehicle Permitted Parking



NYS ITS Geospatial Services, Westchester County GIS



Essex Chain Lakes Complex



**Proposed 4-Car
Parking Area**

	Parking
	Floatplane Campsite
	Primitive Campsite
	Hiking
	Biking
	Snowmobiling
	Hand Launch
	Equestrian Parking Area
	Fire Tower
	Trail Marker Color
	Snowmobile Trail
	Blue Background Icon Indicates Accessible Element
	Essex Chain Lakes Complex
	Other State Lands
	Conservation Easement