# FOREST PRESERVE DETAILED PROJECT WORK PLAN

## Fiscal Year 2023 Project # CO-WP297

Region		<u>Project Title</u>	Project Title		
5		Lake George VIC F	Lake George VIC Pathways		
Project Type Expansion of Existing Structure/Improvement	Town(s) Lake George	<u>County</u> Warren	Management Unit Lake George Beach & Battlefield Park UMP 2018 Amendment		

#### Description of Desired Condition(s) for Project

The desired conditions for this project include a new ADA accessible pathway which will increase connectivity between the Visitor Information Center and the rest of the park's historic features, especially for people with disabilities. The project also aims to include the repaving of pre-existing pathways in the park, some of which are deteriorating. The new and repaved paths would ultimately allow visitors improved access to the park's major attractions such as Father St. Jogues monument and other statues across Fort George Road. Finally, the addition of new signage with a map of the park and its history will help bring together the vision of the park.

#### **Description of Project Specifications**

The proposal is to add a new ADA accessible path which would connect the Lake George Visitor Information Center (VIC) to a network of existing paved paths immediately to the north in the park. The path would be concrete, 5 feet wide and stretch a maximum of 220 feet in length to accommodate the appropriate gradient required in the accessibility standard. Repaving of approximately 400 feet of existing paths is to be completed as well. The new signage would be placed near the VIC sidewalk and new accessible path.

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

When considering the plans for this project, staff made efforts to ensure the newly proposed pathway would not interfere with any trees. Therefore, no tree removal is necessary for this project. There may be some minor excavation (6"-12" max.) to lay out the new path and to post hole for new signage. A State Land Consultation Form was submitted to the APA for this project. They have indicated that there are no wetlands within the footprint of or within 100 feet of the proposed paved path. Any spoils will be removed from the property or, if needed, repurposed.

#### Analysis of Project Location and Design Alternatives

The project location is a mowed grass lawn with two trees and some shrubs in the immediate vicinity. There is enough space for several alternatives to be considered in this area without the removal of trees. The current path chosen for the design (see map) was done so with the accessibility standards in mind. A preliminary slope measurement of the proposed path was made by regional staff and determined to be the best location for the path. Moving forward with the chosen location will eliminate

the need for more extensive earth work and leveling which is associated with the alternatives in the area that are too steep to meet accessible pathway standards.

#### <u>Description of Use of Motorized Equipment and/or Motor Vehicles (if any)</u>

An excavator may be used for minor earthwork. Concrete mixer truck and trucks to transport various materials.

#### Description of Applicable Standards for Accessibility by People with Disabilities

This project will adopt ADA standards noted in section 403 Walking Surfaces which includes 403.3 for slopes and 403.5 for clearances.

### Other Relevant Considerations

We are currently in the process of working with SHPO to ensure there will be no issue with digging in historically sensitive areas.

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REGULATORY CLE	ARANCE CHECKLIST –	STATE	LANI	S and CONSERVATION EA	SEMENT PROJECTS
PROGRAM	PERMIT	REQUIRED		SECURED BY	COMMENTS
		YES	NO	(NAME)	
Air Resources	Restricted Burning		$\boxtimes$		
Mineral Resources	Mining		$\boxtimes$		
Materials Management	Solid Waste Mgt. Fac.		$\boxtimes$		
	Dam Safety Review		$\boxtimes$		
Water	Const. in Flood Hazard		$\boxtimes$		
	Public Water Supply		$\boxtimes$		
	SPDES		$\boxtimes$		
Spills Management	Petro. Bulk Storage		$\boxtimes$		
	Unit Management Plan	$\boxtimes$			
Lands and Forests	Tree Cutting		$\boxtimes$		
	Protected Native Plants		$\boxtimes$		
	Historic Preservation	$\boxtimes$		Mitchell Krah	In progress w/Chuck Vandrei
Fish and Wildlife	Freshwater Wetlands		$\boxtimes$		
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Compliance Services	Other Protection of Waters		$\boxtimes$		
	EAF		$\boxtimes$		
	Negative Declaration		$\boxtimes$		
	Env. Impact Statement		$\boxtimes$		
	Water Quality Cert.		$\boxtimes$		
	CP-17		$\boxtimes$		
	Commissioner (aircraft, motorized		$\boxtimes$		
DEC (other)	equipment) Flight Request		$\boxtimes$		
	Contract Clearance Sh.		$\boxtimes$		
	DOB Exemption		$\boxtimes$		
	APA MOU	$\boxtimes$		Mitchell Krah	Project cleared by consultation
	APA Wetlands Permit		$\boxtimes$		
Other Agencies	Corps. of Engineers		$\boxtimes$		
	Building Permits		$\boxtimes$		
	Local Permits		$\boxtimes$		
	Easements		$\boxtimes$		
	Highway Enter DOT		$\boxtimes$		
	Wastewater Disposal		$\boxtimes$		

Existing path to re-pave?

Faiher St. Joques Statue

≥Proposed new connector path

1757 Statu

New Building













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Commissioner

March 22, 2023

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Env. Prog. Spec. 1 - Compliance Coordinator
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Re: DEC

Lake George Visitor Information Center (LGVIC) Pathways

75 Fort George Rd, Lake George, NY 12845

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#### Dear Mitchell Krah:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the Division for Historic Preservation of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the submitted materials in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (section 14.09 of the New York Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law). These comments are those of the Division for Historic Preservation and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include potential environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project. Such impacts must be considered as part of the environmental review of the project pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8) and its implementing regulations (6NYCRR Part 617).

We note the project APE is within the Lake George Battlefield Park Historic District which is listed in the State and National Registers of Historic Places. We have reviewed the work plan dated January 4, 2023, and the project map. Based on our review, OPRHP has no above ground concerns.

Our Archaeology Unit has recommended a Phase IA/IB archaeological survey for the project area. Please contact Jessica Schreyer (<u>Jessica.Schreyer@parks.ny.gov</u>) with any archaeology related questions.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to reach out via email.

Sincerely,

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January 31, 2023

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**RE: State Land Consultation Determination SL2023-0001** 

Dear Mitchell:

Agency staff reviewed the above referenced consultation pursuant to the "MOU Between the Adirondack Park Agency and the Department of Environmental Conservation Concerning Implementation of the State Land Master Plan for the Adirondack Park". Accessible path construction and new signage at the Lake George Battlefield Park is consistent with the June 2018 Amendment to the 1981 Lake George Beach and Battlefield Park Unit Management Plan and therefore does not require an amendment to the unit management plan before it may be undertaken.

Agency staff have also determined that the project, as proposed, does not involve wetlands.

Thank you for consulting with us on the details of this important project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Agency.

Sincerely,

### /s/Megan Phillips

Megan Phillips Deputy Director, Planning

Enclosure: Consultation

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