

FOREST PRESERVE DETAILED PROJECT WORK PLAN

**Fiscal Year 2023
Project # 2023-RB-21; CO-WP-325**

<u>Region</u> Five	<u>Project Title</u> Upper Saranac Lake Lean-to installation
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<u>Project Type</u> New Construction	<u>Town(s)</u> Harrieststown	<u>County</u> Franklin	<u>Management Unit</u> Saranac Lakes Wild Forest
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Description of Desired Condition(s) for Project

The desired conditions for this project are based on the desired conditions statement in the Saranac Lakes Wild Forest Unit Management Plan for primitive tent sites. The desired conditions are to provide and maintain well-designed and constructed facilities for public use that promote resource protection and will maximize long term sustainability. Choosing a suitable location ensures initial and long-term environmental protection. These facilities will include a usable fire pit and a sanitary privy. Beyond the obvious environmental benefits, these facilities add to the user's experience as much as a desirable location does. Desired conditions for the project site will be minimal expansion from the designed footprint of the built facility, no negative impacts on adjacent vegetation, minimal signs of compaction, no occurrences of human waste or litter, and providing an enjoyable user experience. Since this lean-to will be installed at an existing primitive tent site that has a large, impacted area, it is further desired that the lean-to will result in use being concentrated to a smaller area due to the prevention of tent sprawl outward from the site. This could increase the chances for successful site restoration work.

Description of Project Specifications

This project will install a new lean-to at existing primitive tent site number 17 on Upper Saranac Lake. The current primitive tent site receives significant levels of use, and the impacts from the use are spread over a large area. The lean-to will be installed more than 100 feet from the lake shore. The lean-to for this project will follow the standard Adirondack lean-to design. The Saranac Lakes Wild Forest Unit Management Plan allows for five lean-tos to be built at primitive tent sites in the unit. This will be the first lean-to built under this provision.

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

Trees to be removed: The lean-to will be located to minimize the number of trees that will need to be removed. Five trees over three inches in diameter at breast height (DBH) will need to be removed for this project.

Earthwork and disturbance: Earthwork for this project will be limited to the need to move and set foundation rocks at each of the lean-to's corners.

Impacts to streams, waterbodies, and wetlands: This project is located more than 100 feet from any stream, waterbody, or wetland; including Upper Saranac Lake. The minimal amount of earthwork and tree cutting proposed will not impact these resources.

Rare, threatened, or endangered species: There are no rare, threatened, or endangered species documented within 0.25-mile of the project site.

Analysis of Project Location and Design Alternatives

The primary alternative for this project would be to not install the lean-to. The installation of the lean-to will provide a more enjoyable user experience and concentrate environmental impacts where they can be mitigated through siting and design. This will allow for a decrease in overall impacted area. Not installing the lean-to would result in no change to the current situation.

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

Motorboats will be used to transport the materials to the site. Power tools may be used for the assembly of the lean-to. All proposed motorized use is allowable in this area.

Description of Applicable Standards for Accessibility by People with Disabilities

The primitive tent site where the lean-to will be installed does not meet accessibility standards. Since this proposal does not suggest changes to the overall site design to comply with accessibility standards, this lean-to will be built following the standard Adirondack lean-to design.

Other Relevant Considerations

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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"/>	Steve Guglielmi	adopted in 2019
	Tree Cutting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Guglielmi	part of application
	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"/>		

State Land Tree Tally

Project: Installing a Lean-to on Upper Saranac Lake

State Land Unit: Saranac Lakes Wild Forest

County: Franklin

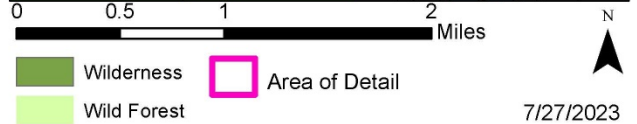
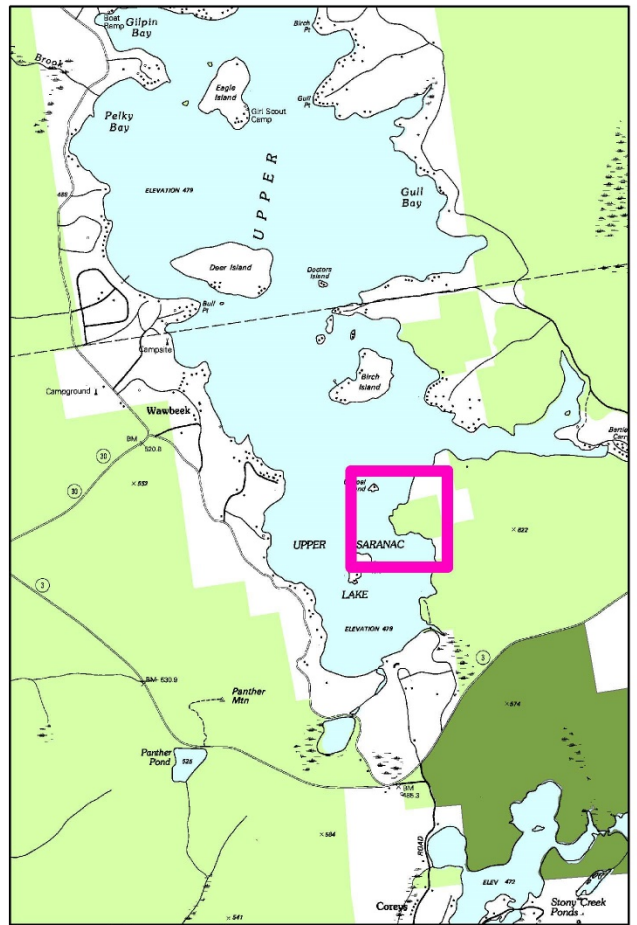
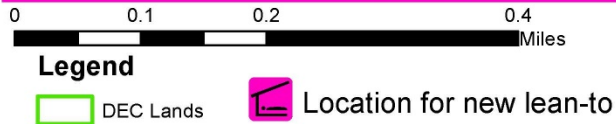
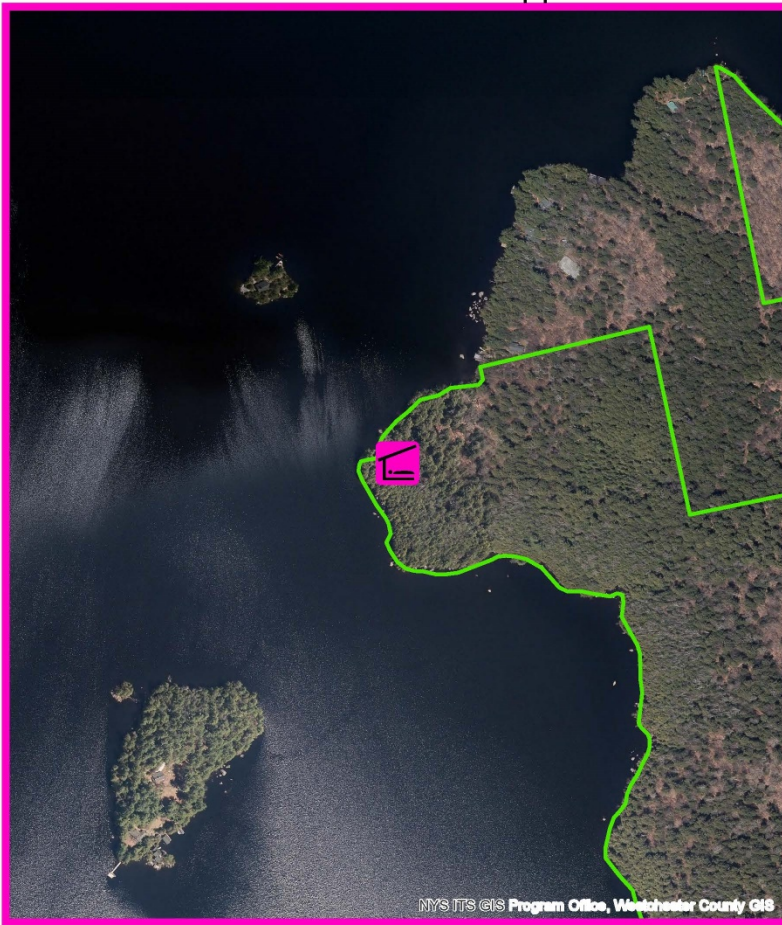
Town: Harrietstow

Date Tallied: 5/17/2023

Tallied By: Steven Guglielmi

Species	Diameter Class (inches)														Total
	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	
birch, paper						1									1
hemlock			2	2											4
Total	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5

Upper Saranac Lake Lean-to





Department of
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Conservation

SARANAC LAKES WILD FOREST

and

Lake Placid Boat Launch

Lake Flower Boat Launch

Upper Saranac Lake Boat Launch

Raquette River Boat Launches

Unit Management Plan

River Area Management Plans

Saranac River, Ausable River, and Raquette River

Final Environmental Impact Statement

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IV. Proposed Management Actions

to accessibility standards may exceed the minimum standards. Accessible primitive tent sites will not be designated as reserved for exclusive use by persons with disabilities, but information may be posted at the sites informing users that it has been built to accessibility standards and to encourage that persons with disabilities be accommodated at the site.

- A reduction in the number of primitive tent sites on some ponds could greatly increase the demand for the remaining sites. To increase site availability, the length of time that a party can camp on a pond may be limited to one week. Initially this will apply to Follensby Clear Pond and Polliwog Pond. This restriction may be ended or expanded to additional areas as deemed necessary. This restriction may be rescinded during the big game hunting season, so that the long-term camping permits could still be issued for duration of the big game hunting season.
- To accommodate a variety of campers, some tent sites may be reserved for campers not needing a length of stay permit.
- All new or relocated primitive tent sites will comply with APSLMP requirements.
- The lean-to on Follensby Clear Pond is too close to the water and the island it is on is not large enough to allow a privy to be built with the required set back distance. This lean-to will be removed, and camping will not be allowed at this site (see map 2).
- When the lean-tos on Lake Placid need major repair work they will be moved farther from the water but will remain at the same general location.
- Five new lean-tos may be built at designated primitive tent sites in the unit. New lean-tos will be set back 100 feet from the mean high-water mark of lakes, ponds, rivers, or major streams. New lean-tos will not be built at roadside campsites or on islands that are less than 15 acres in size.
- Primitive tent sites will be numbered where there are more than two sites along the same feature (such as road, pond, or river). This numbering will extend to adjacent units when necessary, for example the Raquette River, Moose Pond, and Coreys Road.
- The campsite closures will occur as the new sites are built.
- All temporarily or permanently closed primitive tent sites will be restored toward a natural condition. Fire rings and other evidence of past use will be removed. Erosion will be controlled and vegetation (nursery stock or transplanting of native plants) will be planted.
- At fire sensitive areas, the Department has the discretion to place sand, a cement slab, or similar material under fire rings.