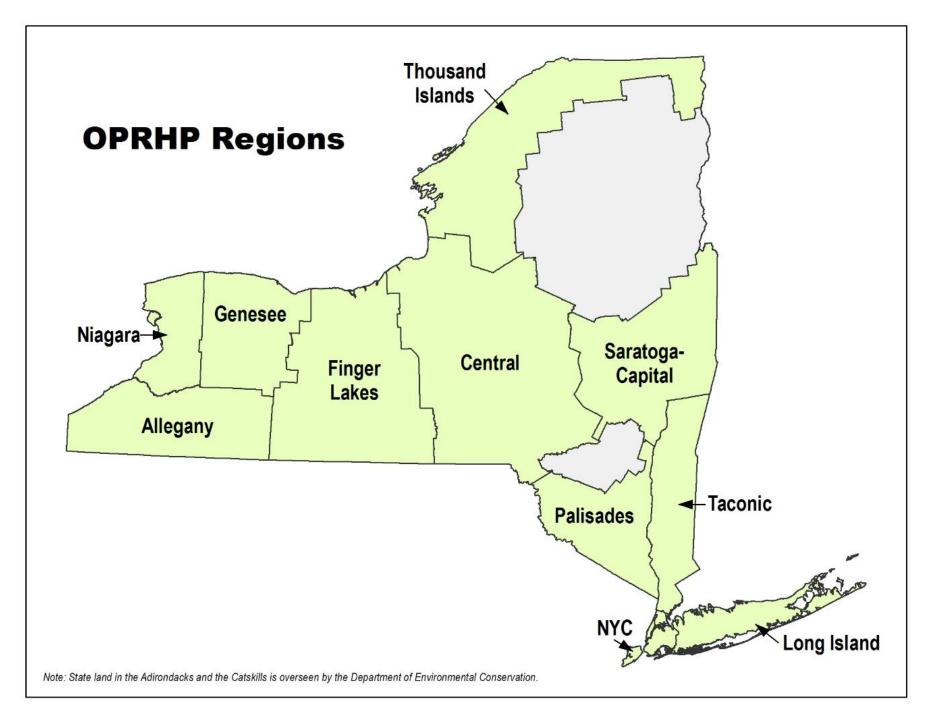


Division of Environmental Stewardship and Planning 2022 PTNY Friends Group Conferences



We Have...

Statewide:

- 11 Regions
- 180 Parks
- 35 Historic Sites
- 67 Marine Facilities & Boat Launches •
- Over 80 Beaches & Pools

- 29 Golf Courses
- Over 800 Rental Cabins
- Over 8,500 Campsites
- Over 1,650 Miles of Trails
- 24 Nature Centers
- 78 million Visitors in 2021





We Have...

Statewide:

- 180 Parks and 35 Historic Sites
- 350,000 acres
- 90% is natural
- Over 360 known rare species and natural communities





Work Locations

- Albany
 - Parks' central office
 - DESP staff work statewide
- Regions
 - Environmental staff work in the parks and sites
 - Implement stewardship projects
 - Work with regional and park staff on day to day issues
 - Work with researchers and scientists
- NY Natural Heritage Program
 - Partner with Parks to provide rare species and community inventories and guidance



DESP's Program Areas

Planning

- Planning & Programs
 - Trails, LWCF
- Environmental Analysis
- Statistics & Resource Analysis (GIS)
- Real Property

Stewardship

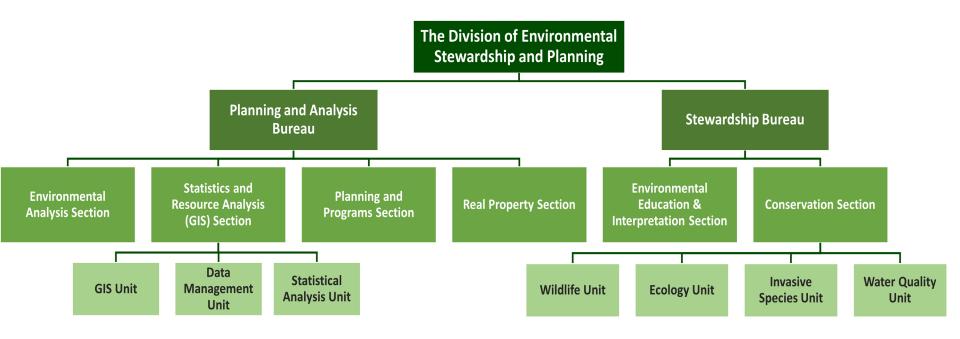
- Conservation
 - Ecology, Invasives, Water Quality, Wildlife
- Environmental Education and Interpretation
 - Park Corps, ECC, Connect Kids









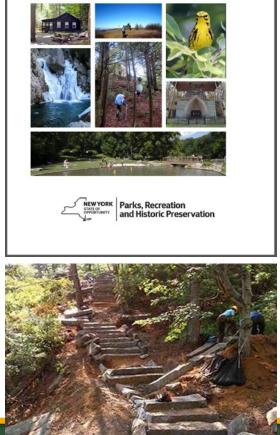




Planning & Programs

Taconic State Park Draft Master Plan

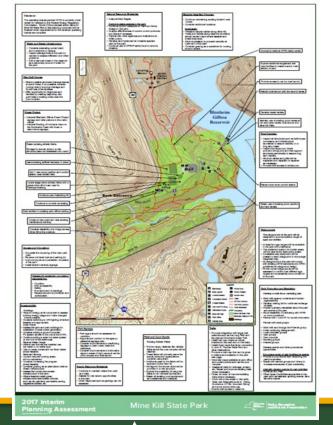
Draft Master Plan for Taconic State Park Columbia and Dutchess Counties Towns of Copake, Ancram, and Northeast, NY August 2, 2017







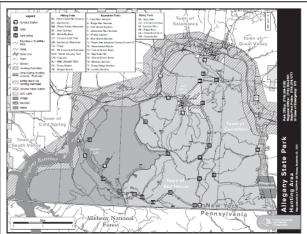


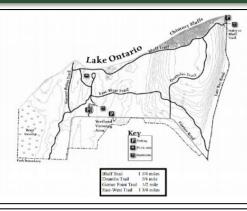




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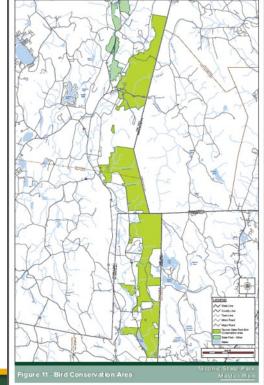




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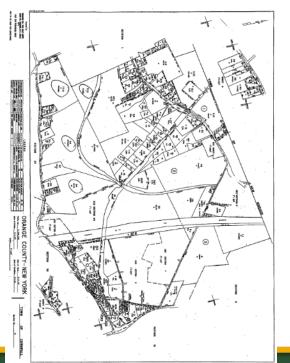


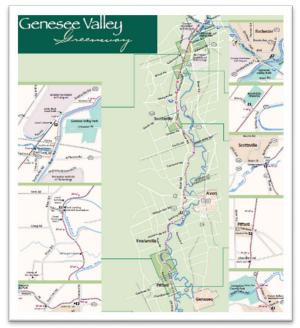




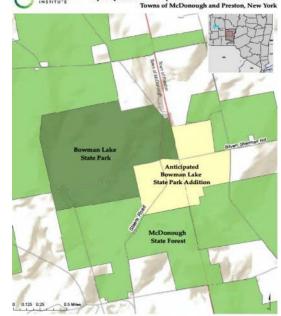
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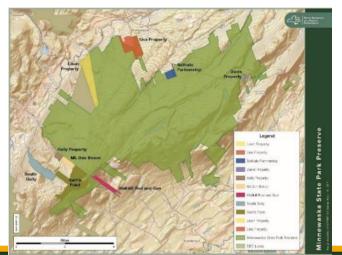








OPEN SPACE Open Space Institute Acquisiton for Bowman Lake State Park:



Environmental Analysis











Niagara Gorge Corridor Robert Moses Parkway Removal Main Street to Findiay Drive Niagara Falls, NY

Final Design Report/ Environmental Assessment



Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

PIN 5761.90

November 2016









What is SEQR?

- State Environmental Quality Review Act
- Incorporate the consideration of environmental factors into an agency's decision making process at the earliest possible time









Considerations

- Extent of physical disturbance
- Timing
- Wetlands and waterbodies
- Rare, threatened, or endangered species and associated habitats
- Erosion, flooding, or drainage
- Hazards to human health
- Historic resources
- Much more!





NY Natural Heritage Program

• State Parks have a very significant role in protecting statewide biodiversity

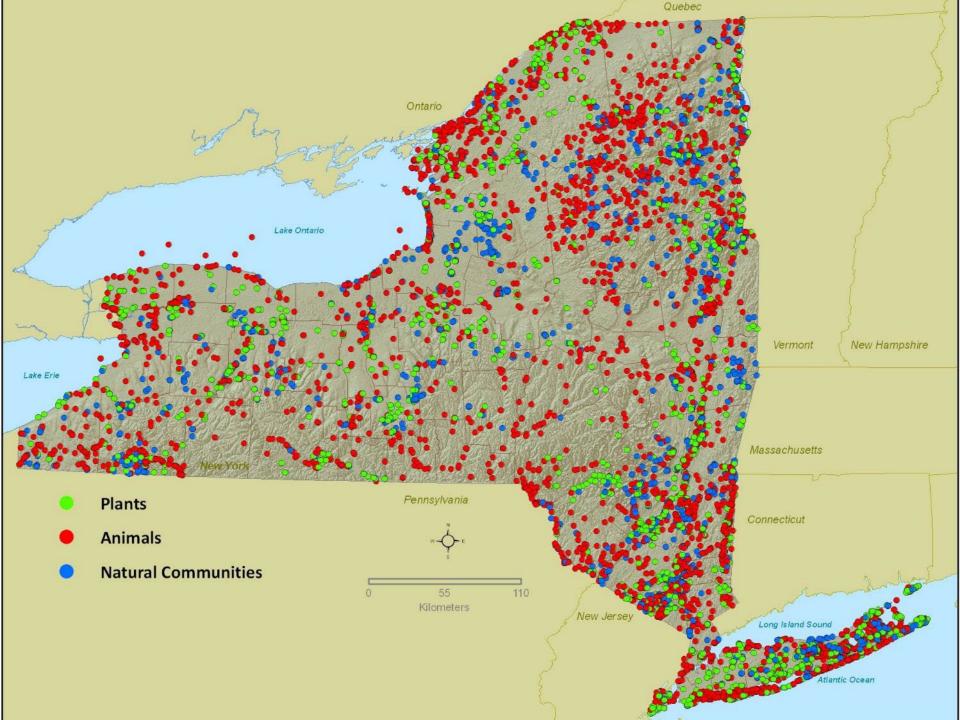






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OPRHP Policies

- Pesticide Reduction Policy adopted in 2009
- Native Plant Policy adopted in 2010
- Tropical Hardwood Purchase and Use – adopted in 2020
- Reduced Mowing Standard Operation Procedure – adopted in 2021

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

POLICY ON PESTICIDE REDUCTION IN STATE PARKS AND HISTORIC SITES

Introduction

The mission of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) is "to provide safe and enjoyable recreational and interpretive opportunities for all New York State residents and visions and to be responsible stawards of our valuable natural, historic and cultural resources." An important component of keeping employees, visitors, and natural resources safe is the long-term control of unwanted pests within State Parks and Historic sites.

However, the use of pesticides can cause potential environmental and human health risks, even when pesticides are used in compliance with regulatory requirements and manufacturer recommendations. Pesticides have been implicated in negative effects on human health, particularly children and sensitive individuals, as well as moetality to non-target plants and animals and the decime of various bird species.

Purpose

As part of the agency's sustainability initiative and our commitment to protecting the health of agency staff, the public, and ecological resources, OPRHP will promote environmentally sensitive pest management by minimizing the use of pesticides in New York State Parks and Historic Sites. Our goal is to eliminate pesticide uses wherever possible. In special instances where pesticide use is required, we will limit our use to least toxic alternatives.

Policy

All agency facilities and operations, including concessions and other contracted services, will eliminate or minimize the use of periticides through Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles in the design and maintenance of Vauldings, grounds, Inadicapes, and water Yodies under OPRHP's jurisdiction. As used in this policy, "pesticides" means periticides, insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, rodenticides, and any other chemicals or substances intended to prevent or eradicate unwanted pests or weeds.

Integrated Pest Management is a comprehensive approach to reduce or eliminate pests from buildings or the natural environment while enhancing health and safety. IPM is a decision making process or program for fong term pest suppression or eliminaton. The process is based on detailed surveillance (and periodic re-inspection) and data interpretation to estimate the nature of the pest population in a given area. This monitoring allows accurate decisions to be made regarding when and where interventions are needed, the type of interventions selected, and the

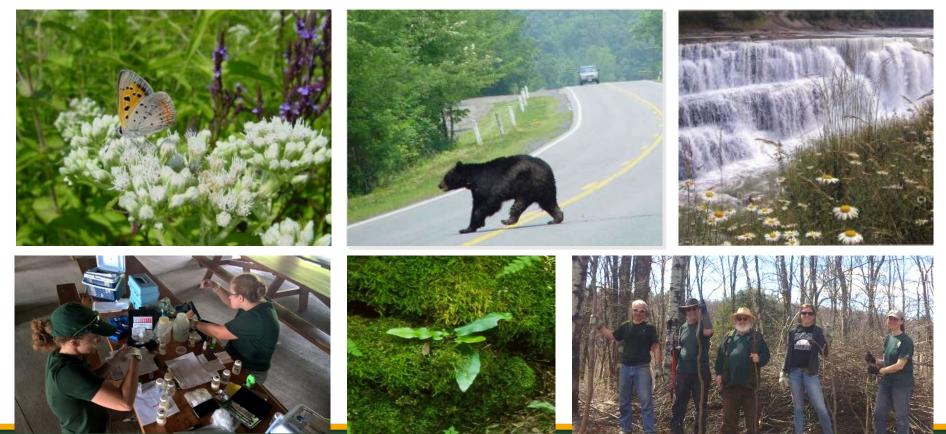
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Conservation









Environmental Education and Interpretation















