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Watercraft Decontamination Facilities Amendment to 1990 Campground GEIS

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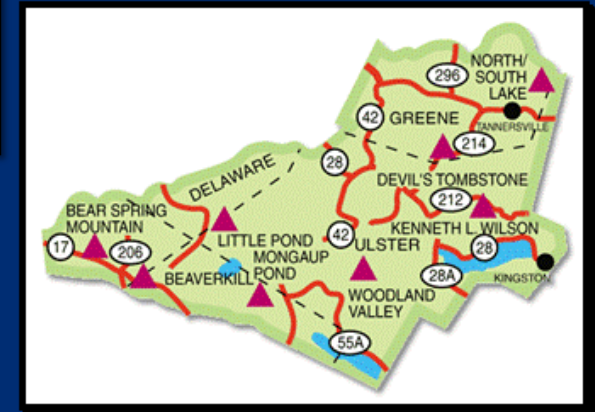
Campground GEIS- Facility Overview

52 campgrounds/day-use areas

Over 1 million camper nights per season

Over 350,000 day-use visitors per season

Over 9 million in revenue collected per season



Campground GEIS Overview (1990)

Generic UMP/GEIS is broken into three volumes.

Volume I- Generic EIS, contains overview, environmental setting, goals, policy and mgt. criteria universally common to all IUAs

Volume II- Site specific document containing biological, physical, and built infrastructure inventories along with site specific mgt. objectives for each IUA. The “UMP”.

Volume III- Contains reference material and support data to Volumes I & II



Campground GEIS (1990)

Volume I- Management Objectives

- Tree Cutting
- Facility & Site Rehabilitation & Reclamation
- Land Acquisition
- Water
- Sewage
- Trailer Dump Stations & Toilets
- Showers
- Accessibility
- Road & Parking
- Refuse
- Play & Sports
- Boat Launch & Fishing/Waterway Access Sites
- Firewood Buildings (2010 Amendment)
- EV Charging Stations (2018 Amendment)



Overall Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Concerns

- Recreational watercraft are the greatest vector for transport and introduction of AIS throughout the United States.
- New York has close to half a million motorized boats and hundreds of thousands more non-motorized watercraft.
- Recreational watercraft users visit New York from many states and Canadian provinces, including locations with infestations of aquatic invasive plants and animals.
- Aquatic invasive plants and animals can greatly impact native ecosystems.
- Aquatic invasive plants can create dense beds of vegetation that impair swimming, fishing, navigation, and impact aquatic animals.



Proposal for Watercraft Decontamination Facilities

- Decontamination (Decon) Units are used to decrease the risk of AIS spread.
- Watercraft inspection stewards provide education, outreach, inspections and boat washing with special decon units.
- Decon units are currently housed in temporary sheds. Moving the sheds results in damage, is logistically difficult and time consuming.
- The proposal's FEAF under SEQRA shows no significant adverse environmental impacts resulting from the plan's implementation.
- As existing temporary sheds no longer fulfill the intended purpose, permanent watercraft decon facilities will be constructed.
- All new installations will be undertaken pursuant to a DEC work plan. Any modifications to the siting criteria discussed below will include consultation with the APA.





Watercraft Decon facility Siting Criteria

- Located in a IUA campground or day use area.
- Avoid wetlands, minimize extensive topographic alterations, limit vegetative clearing, and preserve the scenic, natural and open space resources of the Intensive Use Area.
- Set back a minimum of 150 feet from the mean high watermark and be reasonably screened from the waterbody.
- Distances of less than 150 feet may be considered on a site-specific basis via a State Land Consultation with the APA.



Watercraft Decon Facility Cont.

- Single story building. Max 320 sf, max height of 15' above existing grade.
- Exterior walls made of natural materials or wood siding to the greatest extent possible. Painted surfaces and roof shall be a natural shade of green, grey or brown.
- Decon Pads should be on a level surface, constructed to the minimum dimensions possible.
- At locations that employ water recycling, the pad includes a mountable six-inch berm to contain wash water.
- The pads needs to be orientated for ease of access by the patron.
- Modifications may be considered on a site-specific basis via a State Land Consultation with the APA.





Public Comment Periods

Amendment is posted on the NYS DEC web page at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/camping.html>

DEC

The Dept will be accepting public comments on the Campground GEIS amendment through April 2nd.

Public comments can be submitted by mail or email to:

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APA

The Agency will be accepting public comments on Master Plan conformance of the UMP amendment from March 11th - April 11th.

Public comments can be submitted by mail or email to:

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