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LAKE GEORGE, NEW YORK 12845

PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT

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**Economic Growth and Development Committee
Meeting Agenda
February 1, 2012**

A. Referrals from the Clerk of the Board: (There are no referrals for action.)

B. Committee Actions:

- 1.) Resolution requesting funding for flood mitigation from NYS Agencies. Attachments. Discussion as necessary.
- 2.) Resolution requesting travels as required to attend meetings with the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership in Grand Isle, Vermont. Attachments .Discussion as necessary.

C. Discussion on Planning and Community Development Issues:

- 1.) If requested by Committee Members.....

RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 5

Request to Apply for a Grant Application and Grant Agreement

DEPARTMENT NAME: Planning

DATE: January 31, 2012

- (a) Purpose of Grant: Authorizing Submission of an Application for Funding Assistance from NYS for Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storms Lee Flood Mitigation
- (b) Name of Grantor: NYS Empire State Development, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and other Cognizant NYS Agencies
- (c) Address of Contractor: NYS DEC, 625 Broadway, 4th Floor, Albany, N.Y., 12233-1040
- (d) Grantor's Contact Person and Telephone Number: Thomas R.Snow, Jr. (518) 402-9395
- (e) Has or Will the Grant Application or Grant Agreement be provided, if so, Please Attach? Upon completion
- (f) Effective Date of Grant: February 17, 2012
- (g) Termination Date of Grant: August 1, 2013
- (h) Total Dollar Amount Involved (not to exceed):
- (i) Deadline to Submit Grant Application and/or Grant Agreement: April 2, 2012
- (j) Is a Budget amendment required? No If yes, also complete and submit Form No. 7.
- (k) Are the funds to go into a Capital Project or Capital Reserve Project? Town project If yes, also complete and submit Form No. 8 or Form No. 9, as applicable.
- (i) Is a Local Share Required? No If Yes, Where are the Funds? List Budget Code, Object Code, Full Title* and Amount **OR** Capital Project **OR** Capital Reserve Project Number and Title and Amount:

RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 15

Requesting Approval for Out-of-State Travel*

****If the conference announcement or details are available in writing, please attach.***

DEPARTMENT NAME: Economic Growth and Development

DATE: 1 Feb 2012

- (a) Dates of Travel: as needed to attend meetings
- (b) Purpose (include complete name of any conference, school, etc.): provide liason to National Heritage Area Program
- (c) City/Town & State: Grand Isle, VT
- (d) Employee(s) Traveling (include title(s): Wayne E LaMothe, Assistant Director of Planning
- (e) Is County paying the costs or is another Agency? Expenses to be charged to First Wilderness Program accounts.
- (f) Mode of Transportation to be Use: County vehicle or POV as situation determines.
(County Vehicle or Mass Transportation)

Please note: If County vehicle use is requested, upon resolution approval, please provide Fleet Manager Frank Morehouse with vehicle request form properly completed.

UNIVERSAL DESIGN STRATEGIES

“Create a home where anyone can live
or visit throughout all stages of their lives.”

FREE Workshop

Date: February 29, 8:00-10:00 am

Registration 7:30 - 8:00 am

Farm House Breakfast Buffet

Why Universal Design for **BUILDERS?**

Universal design fits every lifestyle and is marketable to a wide range of home-buyers and remodeling clients. Learn how you can expand your business while making a difference in people's lives.

Why Universal Design for **CONSUMERS?**

Universal design meets a range of needs, enabling people to live in their own homes across the life span. Come and learn how your home can meet your needs.

Target audience: Builders, planners, health and human service professionals, real estate agents, interested community members.

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RSVP required by February 16, 2012

Call Melissa @ 926-5967 or
mchicago@glensfallshosp.org

Location:

Holiday Inn

2223 Canada Street

Lake George, NY

Keynote: 8:15-9:00 am

Esther Greenhouse, M.S., CAPS,
National expert on Universal Design
and Aging in Place

<http://www.estergreenhouse.com/>

Panel Discussion: 9:00-10:00 am

Builders

Code Enforcement

Planning

Office of the Aging

And much more!!



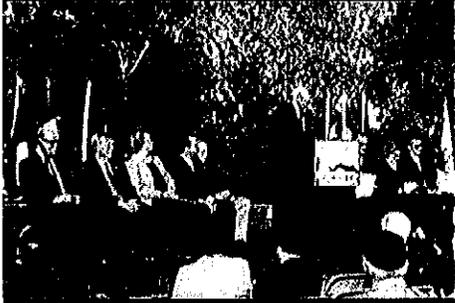
Support from: Housing Task Force - a collaboration of
community partners

Sponsored by: Tri-County United Way, Adirondack Rural Health
Network and Creating Healthy Places of Glens Falls Hospital
<http://creatinghealthyplaces.wordpress.com/>

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Champlain Valley

National Heritage Partnership



Draft Management Plan/ Environmental Assessment

Spring 2010

Lake Champlain
Basin Program

Executive Summary

About this draft plan

The Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership (CVNHP) Management Plan is a document about choices.

The national heritage areas (NHA) program of the United States National Park Service encourages each heritage area to manage itself in a manner that best suits the cultural values of its region. The Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP) has led efforts to clean up Lake Champlain for almost 20 years—work that is not mandated by laws and regulations, but conducted through coordinated partnership efforts based on science, technical assistance, and grant funding. Support for all of these efforts is tied to the strategic actions described in *Opportunities for Action: An Evolving Plan for the Future of the Lake Champlain Basin (OFA)*.

The LCBP will manage the CVNHP using this well-tested approach. Partners can implement components of the management plan for the CVNHP that best suit their individual missions, goals and objectives. The proposed management plan is not a document developed for compliance, but rather is a catalyst for cooperation. The Strategic Issues section identifies actions that communities, organizations and individuals can undertake to help improve, conserve, interpret, promote, and strengthen the many cultural, natural and recreational resources within the CVNHP region.

This draft plan provides choices on the management of the CVNHP: should the NHA be implemented by the LCBP, or should no action be taken? If the former is chosen, should the LCBP concentrate only on interpreting the commercial and nation-building history of the region, providing coordination, technical assistance, and grant funding to carry out the goals, objectives

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Verry Merry Theatre Players,
courtesy Burlington City Arts.

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Ausable Chasm, Ausable, NY.

and actions involved? Or, should the region's natural heritage and modern conservation efforts also be interpreted, along with promoting environmental sustainability, when considering those commercial and nation-building historical themes?

This executive summary describes these alternatives below; more detail on these choices can be found in the document's CVNHP Management Alternatives section. Public input on the draft management plan is essential to help chart the best course for the CVNHP. The LCBP welcomes all opinions and suggestions for the *Draft CVNHP Management Plan/Environmental Assessment*. Public input will be recorded and evaluated, with appropriate comments and management responses to those comments attached to the final plan.

National Heritage Areas Act of 2006

The authorization legislation of the CVNHP, the *National Heritage Areas Act of 2006* (Public Law 109-338), established the new heritage area to recognize the importance of the historical, cultural, and recreational resources of the Champlain Valley; to preserve, protect, and interpret those resources; to enhance the tourism economy; and to encourage partnerships among state/provincial and local governments; and non-profit organizations in New York, Quebec and Vermont to carry out the purposes of the legislation.

The aim of the authorizing legislation is to assist interested local governments and non-governmental organizations in conserving, protecting, and interpreting the heritage resources of the CVNHP. From local historical societies to regional byway organizations, the CVNHP is fortunate to have an impressive array of non-profit organizations working in support of heritage tourism. These groups form an organizational resource for the successful implementation of the CVNHP.

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1 **The Managing Entity: the Lake Champlain**
2 **Basin Program**
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4 The LCBP traditionally has focused on stewardship of the landscape in
5 the watershed that drains into Lake Champlain. The organization works
6 with partners to improve both the environment and the economy of the
7 Lake Champlain region through many initiatives, including reducing
8 nutrient runoff to the lake, working to prevent aquatic nuisance species
9 from entering the watershed, and promoting and interpreting our natural
10 and cultural treasures to build appreciation and improved stewardship of
11 all of the basin's resources. Most of the CVNHP is located within the
12 Lake Champlain Basin, but the partnership area also includes
13 Bennington and Saratoga counties, outside the Basin to the south.
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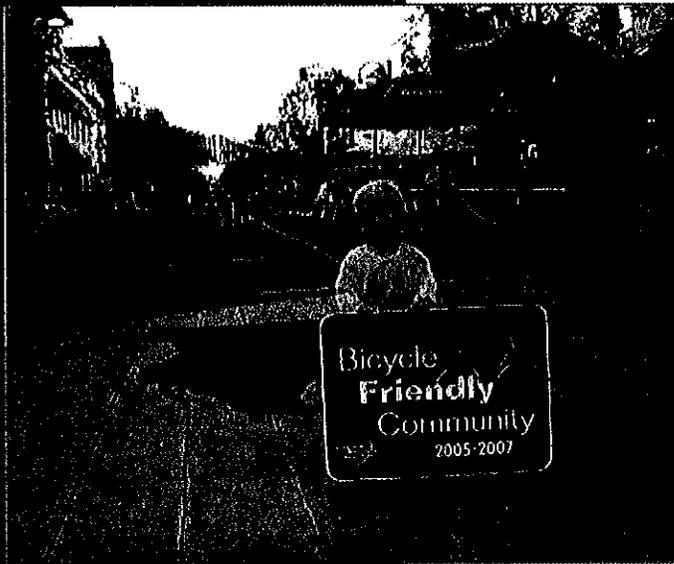
15 The LCBP supported a wide array of heritage and recreation initiatives
16 for several years prior to the 1999 NPS special resource study. The
17 organization has provided almost 350 grants, totaling more than \$1
18 million in funding, to communities and organizations to implement the
19 proposed actions listed in the Recreation & Cultural Heritage chapter of
20 *Opportunities for Action: An Evolving Plan for the Lake Champlain Basin*
21 (OFA) since 1992. The LCBP-funded projects range in scope from simple
22 architectural assessments of historic buildings to a detailed underwater
23 archeological survey of the entire lake.
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Duct tape boat race, North Hero, VT, 2009.

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Bicycle friendly community, Burlington, VT, courtesy Local Motion.

The authorizing legislation of the CVNHP—and the goals, objectives and actions of OFA—prioritizes partnership-building among governments, organizations and individuals in New York, Quebec and Vermont. Many longstanding and successful partnerships are already in place. Recently, the LCBP facilitated planning efforts for the Quadricentennial of Samuel de Champlain’s 1609 voyage up the Richelieu River to Lake Champlain. Vermonters and New Yorkers worked with their neighbors in Quebec to implement the goals of OFA, which identified the Quadricentennial as an important economic and cultural opportunity for the Champlain Valley. Early in their work, both the New York and Vermont Quadricentennial Commissions identified OFA as a guiding document for their planning and implementation efforts.

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CVNHP is the only NHA with “partnership” as a descriptor in its title; it is a title the LCBP interprets literally. The region has many effective local, regional, and state groups that work to highlight and conserve our cultural and natural heritage resources and to link them regionally. The intention of the CVNHP plan is to support the efforts of these organizations through funding, technical support, and coordination among willing partners, and to significantly broaden the geographical scope of heritage networking, collaboration, and stewardship.

Policy and management actions of the CVNHP are guided by the Lake Champlain Steering Committee and staff with advisement from its thematic advisory committees, as well as from the Citizens Advisory Committees in New York, Quebec, and Vermont.

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1 **Coordination with the National**
2 **Park Service and other NHAs**
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4 The LCBP coordinates its work on the CVNHP
5 with its official liaison to the National Park Service
6 (NPS), the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National
7 Historical Park (MBRNHP) in Woodstock,
8 Vermont. A Cooperative Agreement signed in
9 September 2007, between NPS and the New
10 England Interstate Water Pollution Control
11 Commission (NEIWPCC)—the fiduciary and
12 business agent of the LCBP—establishes the terms of this relationship.
13 The LCBP also coordinates activities with other NHAs, including the
14 Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and the Hudson River Valley
15 National Heritage Area in New York. These NHAs connect and overlap
16 just north of Albany, where the Mohawk River flows into the Hudson.
17 This confluence of the three NHAs also is the hub of three great
18 transportation corridors on which extraordinary historical events
19 occurred and where social movements began, reflecting the common
20 interest and shared heritage of the three regions.
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22 **Partnerships with State, Regional and**
23 **Local Organizations**
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25 The CVNHP area intersects with several New York State Heritage Area
26 units, including the Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor, the Whitehall,
27 Saratoga Springs and Hudson-Mohawk (RiverSpark) heritage areas.
28 These corridors and areas are state and local partnerships established to
29 preserve and develop significant historical communities.
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31 The 60-mile Champlain Canal, which operates as part of the NYS Canal
32 System, is an integral part of the history and modern recreation
33 opportunities within the CVNHP. Other state-owned resources,
34 including parks and historic sites in New York and Vermont represent
35 and interpret important aspects of the region's cultural heritage.
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Canada geese traveling the
Lake Champlain flyway.

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The Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership encourages and facilitates cooperation among the people of New York, Vermont, and Québec to conserve, interpret, and support the irreplaceable cultural, recreational, and natural resources of the region, in order to enrich the lives of those who live and visit here.



Reenactors at Fort Ticonderoga, courtesy Fort Ticonderoga.

Within the CVNHP, many well-established heritage organizations have developed high-profile destinations, such as Fort Ticonderoga, the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, Saratoga National Historical Park, ECHO at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, Shelburne Farms, Shelburne Museum and the Lake Champlain Underwater Historic Preserve. These organizations represent key parts of the CVNHP physical heritage infrastructure, have well-developed professional staff resources, have established curriculum development and outreach traditions, and have earned bi-state or national reputations for excellence. Scores of other non-profit and public museums, historic sites, parks and natural areas similarly play important roles in representing local heritage in a regional context. Collectively, these sites and organizations comprise a remarkable pool of potential partners within the CVNHP.

Partnerships for the CVNHP are designed to be flexible. Organizations and communities may enter partnerships of varying degrees, ranging from formalized agreements for broad cooperative efforts to simple agreements to accomplish singular tasks. The Partnerships section of this plan identifies the various levels of participation proposed for implementing the CVNHP.

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1 **The Quebec Connection**

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3 The impressive array of heritage resources includes many prospective
4 partners north of the U.S. border. Lake Champlain drains northward into
5 the Richelieu River, which joins the St. Lawrence River at Sorel,
6 Quebec, 75 miles (121 kilometers) to the north. This waterway was an
7 important international transportation corridor for Native Americans
8 and First Nations (Canadian Native American groups) long before the
9 European arrival. The subsequent nation-building campaigns of the
10 French, English and Americans underscore the importance of this
11 corridor on a worldwide scale. The geographic and cultural links between
12 the people, historic sites and communities of the Richelieu River Valley
13 and those of the CVNHP call for continued growth of cross-border
14 collaborations that highlight this shared history.

15 **Funding and Sustainability**

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18 The authorizing legislation of the CVNHP enables the LCBP to receive
19 a total of \$10 million in NHA funding, with no more than \$1 million
20 made available for any fiscal year. The authorization expires in 2021. The
21 LCBP has received \$309,000 in NHA funding since 2007, which have
22 been directed to developing the management plan, providing technical
23 support, and issuing \$100,000 in a local grants
24 program. The distribution of these resources
25 illustrates how the CVNHP will operate by
26 providing coordination, technical assistance,
27 and grant funding.

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29 Unlike most managing entities of NHAs, the
30 management of the CVNHP will not include
31 fundraising or membership components. The
32 LCBP has been successful for almost 20 years
33 in supporting communities, organizations, and
34 agencies with their efforts to implement the
35 actions described in OFA. The LCBP chooses not to compete with its
36 own partners for funding to fulfill the goals and objectives of the

The geographic and cultural links between the people, historic sites and communities of the Richelieu River Valley and those of the CVNHP call for continued growth of cross-border collaborations that highlight this shared history.



Fort Lennox National Historic Site,
Saint-Paul-de-l'Île-aux-Noix, Québec,
courtesy Auberge Harrls.

CVNHP Management Plan. Rather, the LCBP will support its partners in their efforts to fulfill the elements of the plan that suits their individual missions.

Sustainability of the CVNHP will be measured by the success of its partners. When an organization achieves a goal or objective of the management plan, the entire partnership benefits and becomes stronger. When partners increase their programming or build their capacity through support provided by the CVNHP, the network grows and becomes more sustainable. If the authorization for the CVNHP expires in 2021 and leaves a legacy of robust non-profit organizations working in concert to further their shared goals, the sustainability aspirations of the CVNHP will have been fully met.

Alternatives for Implementation

The CVNHP Draft Management Plan/Environmental Assessment has been developed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which requires that a balance between use and preservation of natural and cultural resources be determined in decision making prior to the expenditures of federal funds. The law requires an assessment of impacts to cultural and environmental resources from “major federal actions” prior to implementation of those actions. NEPA also requires that the public be involved in the process.

Work on the CVNHP Draft Management Plan/Environmental Assessment began with an initial public scoping process in summer and fall of 2008, which invited the public to give input on the development of the new national heritage area. The comments and suggestions garnered from these discussions, which involved an estimated 721 people in attendance, helped formulate the vision and mission for the CVNHP, along with goals, objectives, and implementation strategies.



Apple orchards in Clinton County, NY, courtesy Shaun Heffernan.