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To: Persons interested in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

This Notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

OPRHP, as lead agency, has determined that the proposed action described below (Draft 2025-2030 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan) may have a significant impact on the environment, and has prepared a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS).

Brief Project Description: The Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) is prepared periodically by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) to provide statewide policy direction and to fulfill the agency's recreation and preservation mandate. The updated SCORP serves as a status report and as an overall guidance document for recreation, resource preservation, planning, and development from 2025 through 2030. The document is also used to guide the allocation of state and federal funds for recreation and open space projects. The direction for recreation in New York State is guided by several priorities, with associated goals and recommendations. OPRHP seeks to broaden and improve the visitor experience by cultivating an outdoor recreation system that is welcoming, safe, inclusive, affordable, and accessible. OPRHP seeks to restore, enhance, and transform its facilities with an emphasis on conservation, restoration, and resiliency of natural and historic resources. OPRHP can fulfill its obligation to provide the public with quality and equitable access to outdoor recreation and education opportunities, while celebrating diverse backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. Potential environmental impacts associated with adoption and implementation of the plan, as well as mitigation measures that could be taken to reduce potential impacts, are included as a part of the Plan which, in its entirety, constitutes a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement.

Public Comments: Persons may provide comments in writing no later than the **end of the comment period – October 26, 2025**. All comments should be forwarded to the agency contact person.

OPRHP will hold two public webinars to provide information on SCORP and offer the public an opportunity to comment on the Draft SCORP/DGEIS. The webinars will be held on **Thursday, October 2, 2025, at 1:00 PM and 6:30 PM**. People wishing to attend a webinar should send an email requesting registration to SCORP2025.Plan@parks.ny.gov with their name, title, and organization (if applicable) and which webinar they plan to attend. A registration confirmation email will be sent. The webinar link and information on how to join the event will be sent three working days prior to the webinar. **The deadline to register is Monday September 29, 2025, at 5:00 PM.**

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AVAILABILITY OF DGEIS: Copies of the Draft SCORP/DGEIS are available for review at the office of the agency contact and the document can also be reviewed on OPRHP's website at: <https://parks.ny.gov/inside-our-agency/master-plans.aspx>.