

**NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**ADOPT-A-NATURAL RESOURCE
STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM**

AGREEMENT

Stewardship No: _____
Project: Lakeview Wildlife Management Area Skinner Road Project
Acres: 3,461

This agreement, made between The Development Authority of the North Country, residing at Dulles State Office Building, 317 Washington St, Watertown, NY 13601, (315)785-2593, Email: info@danc.org, hereinafter called the "Steward"; and the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, hereinafter called the "Department".

WHEREAS, Section 9-0113 of the Environmental Conservation Law authorizes a stewardship program between the Commissioner and an individual, group or organization for the purpose of preserving, maintaining or enhancing a state-owned natural resource or portion thereof in accordance with the policies of the Department; and,

WHEREAS, there is need for the services and support of volunteers provided through this new stewardship opportunity to aid the preservation, maintenance and enhancement of state-owned natural resources at minimum cost to the state:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed that this Stewardship Agreement for a period of 20 years from the date hereof, shall provide that the natural resource named in this agreement be preserved and maintained in its natural state or managed to enhance or restore the natural resource values it provides, involving the activities specified in this agreement and consistent with the policies of the Department.

This natural resource is located on that certain tract(s) of land known as The Lakeview Wildlife Management Area, and situated in the Township(s) of Ellisburg, County of Jefferson, and the State of New York containing 3,461 acres more or less.

IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED THAT:

1) **Activities**

Activities of the Steward permitted on this natural resource are:
Provide habitat improvement, management and maintenance activities on up to 30 acres of the Lakeview Wildlife Management Area at the Skinner Road Site as needed in accordance with the Skinner Road Wetland and Stream Mitigation Plan. Activities will include grading, planting, invasive species management, mowing, development of public use infrastructure, etc. Activities will also include regular monitoring to ensure the protection and maintenance of habitat

improvements and confirm that NYSDEC management and public use activities are compatible with wetland and stream mitigation goals.

2) **Technical Services**

Assistance provided by the Department shall consist of:

None

3) **Responsibilities**

The Steward is responsible for:

- a) Completing the activities in the matter agreed upon with the Department.
- b) Collecting the name, address and phone number of each volunteer, in advance of the performance of activities. This information is needed to afford the participants liability and workers' compensation protection. Completed participant forms must be provided to the DEC contact person as soon as possible after new participants have been added. (The participant list shall be kept current and attached as part of the agreement).
- c) Complying with the Child Labor Law, as it pertains to under-aged volunteers; parent signature is required for volunteers under the age of 18 and volunteers under 16 may only participate in yard/household type work activities (no machinery) as part of an organization.
- d) Reporting to the Department annually, on work accomplished and number of volunteer hours spent on activities.
- e) Discussing with the Department's contact person any problems, disagreements, questions of interpretation regarding the agreement or other concerns as soon as possible.

The Department is responsible for:

- a) Sending a copy of all completed Participant Lists to Barb Gunther in the Division of Management and Budget, Bureau of Personnel in Albany at mail code 5060 .
- b) Evaluating stewardship activities annually to determine their merit for continuation.
- c) Discussing with the Steward's contact person any problems, disagreements, questions of interpretation regarding the agreement or other concerns as soon as possible.

4) **Contacts**

The contact person for the Steward is Development Authority of the North Country Executive Director, who may be reached at the following address and telephone number Dulles State Office Building, 317 Washington St, Watertown, NY 13601, (315)785-2593

The contact person for the Department is the Region 6 Wildlife Manager, who may be reached at the following address and telephone number Dulles State Office Building, 317

5) **Recognition**

The Department shall provide recognition of the stewardship activities by appropriate signage on or near the adopted natural resource and may provide recognition by such other measures as it may determine appropriate.

6) **Land Use**

Nothing contained herein shall prevent or hinder the Department from carrying out its regular activities on, nor alter or change the traditional access to and public use of the lands covered by this agreement.

7) **Agreement and Renewal**

This agreement may be modified in scope or altered in any other manner, upon mutual agreement by the Department and the Steward. The Steward shall have the option of renewing the agreement with the approval of the Department and subject to the continuation by the Department of the Adopt-A-Natural Resource Stewardship program.

8) **Termination**

The Department may terminate this agreement and remove signs upon thirty (30) days written notice, if in its sole judgment it finds and determines that the Steward or anyone working thereunder are not meeting the terms and conditions of this agreement. The Steward shall provide the Department thirty (30) days written notice prior to terminating this agreement.

9) **Liability Protection**

As volunteers, participants in the program are accorded the same liability and workers' compensation protection as salaried state employees, provided they are acting within the scope of the agreement.

10) **Motorized Saws**

Motorized saws (chainsaws or brush saws) can only be used if the operator can provide proof that he/she has the following equipment and training:

T First Aid, CPR and Blood Borne Pathogens Training

T Steel-toed safety boots with kevlar sides

T Gloves, chaps and a hard-hat with hearing protection and a protective face shield.

T Game of Logging Level 1 course, **or** an approved chainsaw safety video with an approved instructor present.

11) **Special Conditions**

NONE

Date of Agreement _____

THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY

By: _____
(Print)

Address: Dulles State Office Building, 317 Washington St, Watertown, NY 13601

Signature: _____
(Individual or Authorized Representative)

Date: _____

COMMISSIONER OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

By: _____
(Print)

Signature _____
(Authorized Representative)

Title _____

Date: _____