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MAINE TO GEORGIA

LOCAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

ORANGE & ROCKLAND COUNTIES, NEW YORK

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## I. INTRODUCTION

### 1. Purpose of the Plan

To develop a local approach to, and a division of responsibilities for, the continuing management of Appalachian Trail lands, which preserves the lead role of the volunteer and fosters the cooperation and assistance of the local community and local and state governmental bodies.

### 2. Implementation of the Plan

The Orange & Rockland County Appalachian Trail Management Committee, sanctioned by the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, will continue to manage the Appalachian Trail within the counties in an overseer capacity and is composed of a representative from each of the following groups or agencies:

- a) New York-New Jersey Trail Conference Orange & Rockland County Overseer.
- b) New York-New Jersey Trail Conference Orange & Rockland County Corridor Monitors
- c) Each AT maintaining club or individual working independently in Orange and Rockland counties
- d) Palisades Interstate Park Commission
- e) Members-at-large - Not more than 3, selected from trail maintainers, monitors, club officers or others who provide consistently dedicated service to the Trail and regularly attend Committee meetings
- f) One for each shelter on or available to hikers on the Appalachian Trail in Orange and Rockland Counties

In addition, the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference president is an ex-officio member, and the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference Executive Director will be kept informed through meeting minutes.

### 3. Areas Included within this Plan

This plan is intended to cover the length of the Trail from the Bear Mountain Bridge to the New York-New Jersey state line. In Bear Mountain-Harriman State Park it crosses parts of both Rockland and Orange counties where no "corridor" is necessary, but the whole section is included within this management plan. In addition, this section of the AT will be included in the Palisades Interstate Park Commission Master Plan.

## II. Trail Description

### 2. Trail Mileage (North to South from Bear Mountain Bridge)

<u>Camping and Shelters</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Cumulative Distance</u>
West Mountain shelter ..... (0.6 mi. on TT Trail)	5.8 miles .....	5.8 miles
William Brien shelter .....	3.3 " .....	9.1 "
Fingerboard shelter .....	5.2 " .....	14.3 "
Cat Rocks <sup>shelter</sup> <del>campsite and pump</del> .....	16.3 " .....	30.6 "
Wawayanda campsite .....	12.1 " .....	42.7 "

### Parking Areas

Bear Mountain Bridge to Route 17 (parking at Elk Pen, east of Route 17 and Thruway) .....	20.8 miles .....	20.8 miles
Route 17 to Orange Turnpike .....	1.8 " .....	22.6 "
Orange Turnpike to East Mombasha Road (parking) .....	1.4 " .....	24.0 "
East Mombasha Road to West Mombasha Road <sup>(parking)</sup> .....	1.7 " .....	25.7 "
West Mombasha Road to Lakes Road (daytime parking only) .....	3.4 " .....	29.1 "
Lakes Road to Rte 17A (parking) .....	3.6 " .....	32.7 "
Rte 17A to State Line Trail (New Jersey-no road) .....	5.9 " .....	38.6 "
State Line Trail to Wawayanda Road .....	4.2 " .....	42.8 "

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II. Trail Description-Parking

2. Distances (North to South from Bear Mountain Bridge)

Camping and Shelters

	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Cumulative Distance</u>
West Mountain shelter ..... (0.6 mi. on TT Trail)	6.1 miles	6.1 miles
William Brien shelter .....	2.7 "	8.8 "
Fingerboard shelter .....	5.2 "	14.0 "
Wawayanda campsite .....	28.4 "	42.4 "

Between Roads - Parking

Bear Mountain Bridge to Route 17 (parking at Elk Pen, east of Route 17 and Thruway) ...	20.5 miles	20.5 miles
Route 17 to Orange Turnpike ...	1.8 "	22.3 "
Orange Turnpike to East Mombasha Road (parking) .....	1.4 "	23.7 "
East Mombasha Road to West Mombasha Road .....	1.7 "	25.4 "
West Mombasha Road to Lakes Road (daytime parking only) .....	3.4 "	28.8 "
Lakes Road to Rte 17A (parking) .....	3.6 "	32.4 "
Rte 17A to State Line Trail (New Jersey-no road) .....	5.9 "	38.3 "
State Line Trail to Wawayanda Road .....	4.1 "	42.4 "

### III. TRAIL MANAGEMENT

#### III.1. Trail Maintenance/Management

##### Management Principle

The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, through the County Overseer, assigns trail segments to member clubs and individuals working independently. Maintenance and rehabilitation of the AT in their segments becomes their responsibility. All trail work will be in accordance with the ATC Stewardship series:

"Trail Design, Construction and Maintenance"

An on-going Committee consisting of a representative from each maintaining club or group, or the individual, plus a representative of the Bear Mountain-Harriman State Park, has overall responsibility for Trail and Corridor, under the direction of the County Corridor Manager or County Overseer.

Corridor management in the field is the responsibility of the Corridor Monitors, appointed and directed by the AT Corridor Manager.

See: Appendix 1 for Trail Maintenance Assignments  
Appendix 2 for Trail Maintenance Reporting Procedure  
Appendix 3 for Volunteers-in-the-Parks (AT)  
Appendix 4 for Volunteers on New York State Park Lands

##### On-going Actions

Require all AT-maintaining organizations to participate in the Orange & Rockland County Management Committee.

Maintain appropriate contacts with local services and towns at least once a year.

If appropriate, amend sections of the Stewardship series specifically for Orange or Rockland County (for example: offsetting the upper of the two blazes to indicate a turn in the trail).

### III. 2. Trail Corridor Monitoring

#### Management Principle

On National Park Service lands in Orange County, volunteer monitors will inspect and watch over their segments of the corridor lands. As stewards for the property, they will report any potential or existing impacts, unauthorized activities or encroachments to the Orange County Corridor Manager.

For segments assigned, see Appendix 5

#### Priority for Monitoring

Of the 50 tracts covered, 17 are of high priority and 33 moderate; none is of low priority. All monitors are required to make 2 reports a year, and are urged to walk their sections 3 or 4 times a year.

See Appendix 6 for detail.

#### On-going Actions

Develop and maintain an appropriate response network for minor and major impacts, unauthorized activities or encroachments of the Trail corridor.

Monitors whose segments include National Park Service Easements or Rights-of-Way (rather than acquisitions "in fee") are required to observe and report to the Corridor Manager if they are being used, changed or built upon by their owners.

The Appalachian Trail Conference will develop a system for corridor boundary maintenance and establish the date for the annual report on monitoring.

### 111.3. Signs

#### Management Principle

Signs will be used sparingly on the AT and will be primarily for information/education. The Committee will work with the NY-NJ Trail Conference Sign Committee in an attempt to coordinate AT signs throughout the state (New Jersey has its own signs.)

#### On-going Actions

At state road crossings, replace large AT signs with National Scenic Trail triangles and Hiker Crossing signs. The National Park Service triangles will also be placed on County and Town roads where parking is available.

Replace existing trail signs with pictorial signs where possible (i.e. camp site, water source, etc.)

Maintain a list of all trail and corridor signs within the county (see Appendix 7.)

Delegate responsibility for signs: (a) to the Corridor Manager for information/education and for problem areas (b) to the Trail Overseer for pictorial signs on the trail.

Devise and post signs for specific management areas, as needed.



### III. 4. Overnight Use

#### Management Principle

Provide designated overnight use areas at intervals not exceeding a day's hike (12-15 miles).

#### Criteria

Concentrate use at designated sites to minimize environmental impacts. The Board of Managers of the Appalachian Trail Conference has established 10 as the maximum number for overnight use. Orange County Health Department limits to 9 the maximum number overnight at campsite at Bellvale Mountain.

Ensure the availability of a year-round source of water within 1/4 mile of camp site or shelter.

See Appendix 8 for Water Sources

Locate sites as far from roads and private residences as possible  
- minimum 2 miles.

Avoid environmentally sensitive areas.

Provide adequate sanitary facilities for the level of use.

Minimize potential fire dangers (provide fireplace).

See Appendix 9 for Camping Regulations.

#### Future Actions

Keep in touch with Palisade Interstate Park Commission for maintenance of shelters in Bear Mountain-Harriman State Park.

Designate new overnight use areas - possible sites

Relocate Trail Register boxes and Pressure Plates where necessary for optimum usefulness.

Construct permanent fireplaces at campsites/shelters to minimize fire hazard.

Use signs to reinforce proper trail etiquette on the Trail and at overnight areas (except in Bear Mountain-Harriman State Park). See Appendix 7 for list of signs now in place.

### III.5. Law Enforcement

#### Management Principle

The Appalachian Trail corridor land will be managed under proprietary jurisdiction which allows local and state law enforcement officials to enforce local and state laws on federal property. Federal regulations prohibit motor vehicle, bicycle or equestrian use of the footpath.

#### On-going Actions

Primarily utilize hiker education techniques rather than prosecution to eliminate undesirable activities on the AT.

Encourage state and local law enforcement agencies to vigorously uphold local laws in identified problem areas.

Periodically meet with representatives of local, county and state law enforcement agencies to discuss ongoing problems and work out feasible solutions.

See Appendix 10 for law enforcement resources.

### III.6. Fire Prevention and Suppression

#### Management Principle

Existing state and local fire suppression procedures and organizations will continue to operate on National Park Service lands. The trail community will encourage fire prevention through their existing publications. See Appendix 11 for Fire Departments.

#### On-going Actions

Meet with fire department officials in order to provide them with accurate maps of Trail lands and access points.

Limit campfires to overnight use areas. Campsite on Bellvale Mt. has an established fire-ring which must be used.

Encourage maintainers and monitors to dismantle and brush in any fire rings found on Trail lands.

Monitor conditions during periods of extreme fire danger and consider temporary closings.

In publications, recommend that camp (portable) stoves be used in place of campfires.

### III.7. Search and Rescue

#### Management Principle

Existing organizations and networks will continue to perform search and rescue activities on National Park Service lands.

See Appendices 10 and 11 for names and phone numbers.

#### Future Actions

Continue to encourage safe hiking practices through all publications and public relations efforts.

When the AT is completed, with all relocations finished, the Orange & Rockland County AT Management Committee will ask the National Park Service for final Segment Maps, and prepare a grid on each, which will help the agencies to identify the location of a hiker in trouble.

Periodically, consult with the state, county and local agencies responsible for search and rescue activities. These include:

1. New York State Police
2. Local police departments, town and village
3. NY State Department of Environmental Protection Conservation
4. Local fire departments, as appropriate

### III.8. Trail Encroachment/Adjacent Development

#### Management Principle

The responsibility for corridor protection from encroachment or development will be shared by the five cooperating partners: New York-New Jersey Trail Conference; New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; Palisades Interstate Park Commission; Appalachian Trail Conference; National Park Service. However, the local partners - the first three named above - will assume the leadership role, as appropriate.

Two different areas of corridor protection are recognized:

1. Within State Parks and Forests - development is restricted in a corridor 100 feet wide on either side of the Trail, or up to the Park boundary if less than 100 feet. In addition, consultation must take place when a proposed development or other use is proposed within 500 feet on either side of the Trail.

2. Areas adjacent to State Parks, Forests or new AT lands - as the Trail managers, NY/NJ T.C., PIPC and NY-OPRHP should review and comment on proposed development to mitigate conditions adversely affecting the quality of the hiking experience (i.e., visual, auditory, etc.)

The AT Orange & Rockland County Management Committee supports the establishment of enabling Special Regulations for the management of the Appalachian Trail Corridor.

#### On-going Actions

Orange & Rockland County Management Committee participation in PIPC master planning.

Participation and support by the PIPC, the NY-OPRHP and NPS in discussions with local town boards, planning boards, zoning boards, public utilities, etc. concerning any proposed actions which adversely affect the hiking experience.

Participation by appropriate state and federal agencies regarding proposals that may affect the AT experience, put forth by other state agencies and quasi-public agencies.

See Appendix 12 for ATC Timber Harvesting Policy

### III.9. Recreational/Multiple Use

#### Management Principle

1. The Appalachian Trail and its surrounding lands will be managed for the purposes for which they were protected: increased isolation of the footpath, enhancement of scenic quality and preservation of open space for the Trail community. Uses other than hiking must be compatible with these purposes as well as the criteria listed below.
2. The Board of Managers of the Appalachian Trail Conference has established 25 as the maximum for day hiking and 10 for overnight use.
3. See Appendix 14 for National Park Service and Appalachian Trail Conference policies.

#### Criteria

Consider the possible physical damage to the resource

Consider the health and safety of the hiking community

Consider the long-term detrimental effects on the sensory perceptions of the hiker

Consider the enabling legislation and future management position papers

#### Decision-making Actions

Review the positive and/or negative impacts of a specific use with respect to the criteria listed above. Use the Decision-Making Matrix in Appendix 13

Determine if the proposed use will require further study

Determine if one use may prohibit the implementation of any other use

Recommend appropriate mitigating measures and/or restrictions

#### Future Actions

Informational bulletin boards may be installed where appropriate, such as shelter or camp site. Contents should include the following, with other items added as needed:

1. A map of the Trail, showing the location of the bulletin board and other prominent features.
2. AT identification, such as logo in the form of decal or marker.

### III.10. Measurement of Trail Use

#### Management Principle

The amount of use a trail receives affects the amount of maintenance it will need.

2 — Knowledge of use patterns is necessary to avoid overuse of particular trail sections.

The ability to accurately document the level of trail use is useful in obtaining financial support.

#### On-going policy

1. Pressure plates will be used whenever available and placed about one mile from the nearest road. The plates will be provided by the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference and the counts read by monitors every two weeks during the season (June 1 - October 31). Batteries and counters must be taken up and put indoors from November 1 to May 31.

2. Trail Register Books will provide space for name, address, type and size of group, direction of travel, and length of time on trail. Books will be provided by New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, collected and maintained by monitors or individual volunteers. For comparison with pressure plate counts, Registers should be placed within a reasonable distance.

3. All data collected from both sources will be sent to the AT Corridor Manager and the information summarized on an annual basis. The yearly summary will be forwarded to the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference and the Appalachian Trail Conference by May 1 for the previous calendar year.

4. In its publications, New York-New Jersey Trail Conference will encourage trail users to sign the Register books.

#### Comments

The key to meaningful information from both sources is careful placement of the units. A full book or unnoticed malfunction of pressure plate counter yield nothing.

A description of the uses of this information in re-directing use of the trail system, assistance in search and rescue, and the like should be published periodically.

#### IV. REVIEW AND REVISION OF THE MANAGEMENT PLAN

##### Management Principle

To maintain a viable, useful plan in the years to come, its principles should be reviewed annually in light of current conditions, as well as of National Park Service regulations.

##### On-going Action

1. Each year at the January meeting of this Management Committee, all sections should be reviewed in light of current activities and conditions:
  - a) to confirm that established policies are being followed, and
  - b) to determine if any revisions are necessary.

It is urgent that established policies should not lightly be disregarded or changed. This plan has been prepared with thoughtful care for maintenance and protection of the Appalachian Trail and its corridor in perpetuity, and in its present form has been approved by the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference. Any proposed changes in the plan must be reviewed by the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference.

2. In this reviewing process the Committee must also decide on their goals for the coming year.
3. Requests for funds for repair, construction or other major expenses should be made to the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference by February 1, to be considered by the Appalachian Trail Conference at its April meeting. Such projects must be carefully and fully described and documented.



APPENDIX 1.

Trail Maintenance Assignments

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Maintainer</u>	<u>Miles</u>
Bear Mt. Bridge .....	RD/AT junction-East .....	WTW .....	6.3
RD/AT junction .....	William Brien Shelter ....	Individual .....	2.8
William Brien Shelter ..	Seven Lakes Drive.....	Individual .....	2.0
Seven Lakes Drive .....	Arden Valley Rd.....	Individual .....	2.2
Arden Valley Rd .....	Rte 17, Arden.....	GMC .....	7.5
Rte 17, Arden .....	East Mombasha Rd .....	ADK - NY .....	3.2
East Mombasha Rd .....	Mombasha High Point ..	ADK, Ramapo ....	2.8
Mombasha High Point .....	Cascade Brook .....	UCHC .....	8.8
Cascade Brook.....	State Line Trail .....	NY Ramblers .....	<u>3.0</u>
		Total	38.6

Maintainers

WTW - Woodland Trail Walkers

3 Individual Maintainers

GMC - Green Mountain Club, NY Section

ADK - NY - Adirondack Mountain Club, NY Chapter

ADK, Ramapo - Adirondack Mountain Club, Ramapo Chapter

UCHC - Union County Hiking Club

NY Ramblers

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APPENDIX 2.

New York-New Jersey Trail Conference  
TRAIL MAINTENANCE REPORTING PROCEDURE

In accordance with the procedure outlined below, covering the use of Trail Maintenance Report and Summary Trail Report, trail maintenance reports will be requested and submitted twice annually for all trails, with summary reports to the Conference office.

1. Conference Trails Chairmen will remind Conference Supervisors during each reporting period to request Trail Maintenance Reports (Schedule A) from their maintainers, either through Club Trails Chairmen or individual maintainers, and will supply report forms as needed.\*

AT Overseers will remind maintainers directly, following the responsibility of Supervisors described below.

2. Conference Supervisors and AT Overseers will complete the top portion of the form (all information up to #1). Twice a year requests are made for Trail Maintenance Reports to be returned by June 15 and December 15. (Report Period, for example, would be 12/15/84 to 6/15/85.) Report forms should be sent to club/individual maintainers at least one (1) month prior to the due date.
3. Upon receipt of completed reports, the Supervisor will forward them to the Conference Trails Chairman within (1) week after the end of the reporting period. (Period ending June 15 - send reports by June 22.) Supervisors may wish to keep copies or take notes.
4. Conference Trails Chairmen, upon receipt of maintenance reports for the period, will complete a Summary Trail Report (Schedule B) and submit this within two (2) weeks to the Trail Conference office.
5. AT Overseers, upon receipt of completed reports from maintainers, will complete Summary Trail Report (Exhibit B) and submit to Trail Conference office.
6. All Summary Trail Reports should arrive at the Trail Conference office no later than July 15 and January 15 respectively.
7. Conference Trails Chairmen and AT Overseers should keep maintainer's reports for one (1) year, after which time they should be forwarded to the Conference office.

Adherence to the time allowances indicated above is important to efficient functioning of the procedure. Everyone involved will benefit by having their paperwork confined to a week or so for each reporting period.

- \* Conference Trails Chairmen and AT Overseers should request the number of forms needed from the Trail Conference office.

**TRAIL MAINTENANCE REPORT**



The Trail Conference requires that maintainers submit trail maintenance report forms to their Conference supervisor twice annually. Reports are due by May 31st for trail work done in the winter and in the spring and reports are again due by November 30th for trail work done in the summer and in the fall.

Please complete & return by \_\_\_\_\_ Report from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
(dates)

Return this form to your  
Trail Conference  
Supervisor or AT  
Overseer listed to  
right: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Trail \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Maintainer \_\_\_\_\_  
(group or individual)

Trail section from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Mileage \_\_\_\_\_

1. Trail Work Done and Dates: Blazing, clipping, clearing water bars, removing downed trees/branches, removing litter/fire rings, improving shelters/campsites, etc. Please be specific.

(date) \_\_\_\_\_

(date) \_\_\_\_\_

(date) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Present Trail Problems: (if None, so state) Erosion problems, hazards, wet areas, serious litter areas, downed trees, heavily overgrown sections, missing/damaged signs (specify sign location & type), repairs needed to shelters or campsite, etc.

3. Is help needed with any problem area? If so, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Work planned for next season: (circle) Winter/Spring Summer/Fall Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Remarks and/or Suggestions \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Number of volunteer workers: \_\_\_\_\_ Total hours worked \_\_\_\_\_

Report Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) day: \_\_\_\_\_ eve: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you!**



**NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY TRAIL CONFERENCE**





**SUMMARY TRAIL MAINTENANCE REPORT**

NY-NJ Trail Conference Trails Chairmen and A.T. Overseers:

Please fill out and return to Conference office this Trail Summary based on the maintainers' reports which are submitted to you twice a year. This summary report is due into the Conference office no later than January 1 for the summer-fall period and July 1 for the winter-spring period.

Name of Chairman/Overseer \_\_\_\_\_

Period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ Total hours worked \_\_\_\_\_

1. Specific problems to be solved:

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2. Major projects accomplished:

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Use Reverse Side When Necessary

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## APPENDIX 3.

### Appalachian Trail Volunteers-in-the-Parks

Under a recently signed agreement between the National Park Service and the Appalachian Trail Conference, member clubs may choose to participate in the NPS Volunteers-in-the-Parks program to provide its members with the protection and benefits summarized below. The basic requirements for club participation are spelled out under "Club Responsibilities". Trail maintainers working with national forest lands are covered under separate Volunteers-in-the-Forests agreements with the United States Forest Service. Trail workers who may not be members of any club are also eligible for this coverage.

#### Benefits and Protection

Volunteers-in-the-Parks (VIPs) receive benefits and protection under the Federal Tort Claims Act and the Federal Employee Compensation Act as if they were federal employees, in connection with maintenance, monitoring and development of the AT.

**Federal Tort Claims Act:** While acting within the scope of their responsibilities to maintain and monitor Trail lands, VIPs receive protection for personal liability from any tort claims submitted by trail users who may have sustained personal or property injury while on the Appalachian Trail.

**Federal Employees Compensation Act:** VIPs are entitled to reimbursement for first aid and medical care, as well as hospital care, when necessary, for injuries resulting from maintenance and monitoring work on the AT lands. When travel is necessary to receive medical care, incidental transportation expenses may be reimbursable. When death results, burial and funeral expenses up to \$800 may be paid. VIPs do not receive compensation for time lost from their regularly-paying jobs.

When a volunteer suffers an injury and desires to file a claim for compensation, facts concerning the accident must be documented and submitted by the trail club President or Trails Supervisor through the Appalachian Trail Project Office (ATPO)/National Park Service to the Office of Worker's Compensation (OWCP)/ Department of Labor. OWCP makes a determination as to the validity of the claim prior to compensation. Processing of claims is historically very slow. It is not uncommon for it to take a year for employees to be reimbursed for medical bills they have paid directly.

APPENDIX 3 Continued.

Club Responsibilities:

Clubs wishing to participate must:

1. Maintain a current membership list (only club members are covered under this agreement).
2. Have parental/guardian consent forms signed and kept in club files for those club members under 18 years of age who will be performing trail work and wish to be covered.
3. Maintain records of total number of volunteers and estimated volunteer work hours and submit annual reports to the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference for the Appalachian Trail Conference (to be submitted by November 1 for the period October 1 through September 30 each year - used in NPS report to Congress).
4. Assist club members in filing claims for reimbursement through NPS/ATPO as needed.
5. Discuss with NY-NJTC/ATC any interest in covering volunteers other than club members under this program.

APPENDIX 4.

Volunteers on New York State Park land

New York State has existing laws to protect volunteer trail workers on New York State Park lands.

1. Under Workmen's Compensation Law and Part 141 of Subtitle C, Title 9, Section 3, Group 16 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, recognized volunteers have Workmen's Compensation coverage.
2. Under Public Officers Law, Sections 17 and 18, protection is authorized for volunteers if they are sued as a result of acts of omissions alleged to have occurred in connection with State-authorized volunteer work. Under these sections, the State will provide defense and indemnify the volunteer if a judgment is obtained against him or her.

To qualify, a volunteer must be associated with a group involved in operation, maintenance and development of trails on New York State park land. For more detail, inquire at the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference.



APPENDIX 5.

Trail Corridor Monitoring -

<u>Sections Assigned</u>		<u>Trail Mileage</u>
Route 17 .....	East Mombasha Road .....	3.2 miles
East Mombasha Road .....	West Mombasha Road .....	1.7 "
West Mombasha Road .....	Junction, Allis Trail .....	1.9 "
Junction, Allis Trail.....	Lakes Road .....	1.5 "
Lakes Road .....	Monument 40-40A .....	1.6 "
Monument 40-40A.....	Route 17A .....	2.1 "
Route 17A .....	NJ State Line .....	5.9 "

No monitoring is necessary within the boundaries of the Bear Mountain-Harriman State Park.

Assignment is by individual, not club.

Schedule A: Trail Monitoring Report Form  
Schedule B: Corridor Manager Report Form

Corridor Manager:

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Pearl River, NY 10965  
914-735-3553



APPENDIX 5 - SCHEDULE A

APPALACHIAN TRAIL MONITORING REPORT



Appalachian Trail Corridor Tract #'s \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ County

The National Park Service and the A.T.C. require monitors to submit an annual report based on a twice-yearly review of corridor tracts. Reports are due to your Corridor Manager on July 1 and December 1.

Please complete 2 copies of this form; send 1 to your Corridor Manager listed to the right, and the other to the NY-NJ Trail Conference, 232 Madison Ave., #908, New York, New York 10016.

I have walked my section of the A.T. corridor \_\_\_\_\_ times between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and have observed: (date) (date)

- 1. Evidence of damage from natural causes such as insects, disease or fire yes no
2. Dumping of garbage or larger items such as cars or household items yes no
3. Evidence of logging or household wood-cutting yes no
4. Evidence of camping (fire-rings or wood-cutting) yes no
5. Building of fences or other structures yes no
6. Horse or wheel tracks such as ATVs yes no
7. Evidence of, or knowledge of, adjacent developments which could adversely affect the Trail environment yes no
8. Evidence of missing or damaged survey monuments (identify number and location from map segment) yes no
9. Evidence of faded or missing exterior corridor boundary marking (red blazes)-identify location from nearest monument. yes no

If the answer to any of the above is YES, please fully describe below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For more comments, use reverse side

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Total hours on corridor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Total travel time \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT YOUR CORRIDOR MANAGER IF YOU DISCOVER A SERIOUS PROBLEM

Name/address of scouting partner unless a member of NY-NJ Trail Conference  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

APPENDIX 5 Schedule B CORRIDOR MANAGER SUMMARY REPORT FORM



This annual report, submitted by corridor managers, should be a summary of all individual inspections and accomplishments by monitors in the past year. DUE at the Trail Conference by FEBRUARY 28 of every year. Attach extra sheets as necessary.

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

Trail Section/ Land Area \_\_\_\_\_ Seg. # \_\_\_\_\_

# of Monitors in Program: \_\_\_\_\_

# of NPS Tracts: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Priority 1 "Hot Spots": \_\_\_\_\_

Incidents or problems discovered in last year: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Follow-up of problems, permanent corridor improvements made in last year (include correspondence, maps, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Landowners/neighbors/local government contacted in last year: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Can NYNJ TC or ATC help you improve your monitoring program? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, how? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

RETURN TO: New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, 232 Madison Ave.,  
Room 908, New York, New York 10016.

## APPENDIX 6.

### Priority for Monitoring

1. We monitor 50 tracts, from Route 17 to the New Jersey state line.  
There is no monitoring in Rockland County, which includes 20.8 miles of the AT in the Bear Mountain-Harriman State Park.

#### 2. High Priority

17 areas in the following tracts have high priority for regular and continuing monitoring:

- (a) 282-05 Arden Mt., west end: very accessible from Orange Turnpike for illegal camping, fires, litter.
- (b) 282-07 Little Dam Lake - condemnation filed 1/90; 245 acres. Urgent need to acquire entire lake shore and property east to Orange Tpk.
- (c) 282-05 Rifle Range: officially closed and planted. Minimal use continues, but is dwindling.
- (d) 282-04; 282-05; 283-26 For 7 miles the AT bisects the Sterling Forest property, where they manage the woodlands for tax benefits. Our corridor boundaries are surveyed and blazed, but should be watched.
- (e) 283-02 The corridor east from West Mombasha Road is a Right-of-Way Easement (along the edge of private residential property) to be administered as a public footpath, and crossed by a 15' strip connecting two sections of the owner's property. We are on excellent terms with the owner, who offered to let us put the Trail there, and want to insure permanent protection of his land. NPS wants to acquire more of his land - we think unnecessary.
- (f) 283-03 Relocation west from West Mombasha Road across open field.
- (g) 283-30 Kloiber property - 3 parcels acquired in 1/90, east and west of West Mombasha Road, adjacent to 283-03. O/R AT Committee must make decision as to house, outbuildings, etc., and possible AT relocation. Watch road frontage and pond for dumping, camping, off-road vehicles.
- (h) 283-26; 283-08 Fitzgerald Falls - once over-used and abused area close to Lakes Road, now restored but must be watched.
- (i) 284-03 Official campsite with tent sites, fire ring, privy and well with hand pump, opened in 1989, 2.1 miles north of Route 17A.
- (j) 284-09 Rocky outcroppings of Cat Rocks and Eastern Pinnacles, within 2 miles of Route 17A and Lakes Road, attract local use, including litter. By-pass opened around each to consolidate various attempts to avoid the climbs.
- (k) 284-30 A & B, Posten property - acquired by NPS in 1989 brings corridor boundary to edge of Rte 17A on both sides of AT crossing. Needs "No Dumping" signs. We planted white pine seedlings at rear of field on south side.
- (l) 285-32 Cascade Brook - once an attractive campsite spoiled by overuse and woodcutting. Although 3 miles from Rte 17A, has access by side trails (not ours) only 0.5 miles from Route 210 on east side.

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(m) 285-32 Former Horizon property - 998 acres of rocky ridges and woodland, accessible by jeep or truck via Cherry Tree Hill Lane from Cascade Lake Road - must be watched. Illegal logging there in 1983.

Moderate Priority: All remaining tracts.

Low Priority: None.

From Route 17 to Route 17A, except for the location of the campsite, all trails are less than 2 miles from road access at any point. South of Route 17A, from Mother Rialto spring to State Line Trail, tracts are more than 2 miles from Route 17A but all are accessible by footpath from the east (NY Route 210 and NJ Route 511) along the west shore of Greenwood Lake. These side trails are not maintained by the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference.

APPENDIX 7.

Signs Currently in Place - Type and Location (North to South)

West Mt. shelter - AT junction with Timp Torne Trail .....	Sign C - 2
0.4 mile from AT on TT Trail .....	Sign D - 2
William Brien shelter - on AT on Letterrock Mt .....	Sign C - 2
Water source, 0.02 mile SW from shelter .....	Sign D - 1
Fingerboard shelter - 100 yds east of AT on blue trail .....	Sign C - 2
Water source, 100 yds east of shelter on blue trail .....	Sign D - 1
Route 17 - AT crossing "Welcome" - 1 on each side .....	Sign F - 2
Agony Grind - By-pass eliminated - signs and blue blazes removed	
Orange Turnpike - AT crossing "Welcome" - 1 on each side .....	Sign F - 2
Pipe spring, 0.5 mile south on road .....	Sign D - 2
Rifle Range - west side of Orange Tpk, north side of AT .....	Sign A - 2
Special warning sign from Blue Mt. Eagle Club .....	Sign H - 1
AT corridor boundary - within the rifle range .....	Sign G - 2
Little Dam Lake - at open areas along shore, facing trail .....	Sign G - 2
East Mombasha Road - AT crossing "Welcome" - on each side ....	Sign F - 2
West Mombasha Road - AT crossing "Welcome" - on each side ..	Sign F - 2
AT boundary, west side of road, at ATV tracks .....	Sign G - 3
Fitzgerald Falls - By-pass at each end .....	Sign E - 2
Corridor boundary signs throughout area .....	Sign G - 4
Lakes Road - AT crossing "Welcome" - on each side .....	Sign F - 2
on ATV track, west side .....	Sign G - 1
on ATV track, at exit to utility ROW .....	Sign G - 2
Campsite - Directional wood sign to spring, pump (in season) and privy .....	Sign K - 2
Cat Rocks - By-pass around Cat Rocks .....	Sign E - 2
Eastern Pinnacles - By-pass .....	Sign E - 2
Utility lines across AT - 1 showing from each direction .....	Sign G - 2

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Route 17A - AT crossing "Welcome" - on each side .....	Sign F - 2
Areas illegally used for camping south of Rte 17A, including Cascade Brook .....	Sign G - 6
? - Mother Rialto Trail - side trail to spring 0.2 mile west of AT .....	Sign D - 2
Cherry Tree Hill Lane - inside AT corridor, at west end .....	Sign G - 2

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Orange County Roads:

— Old Orange Turnpike - "No Parking" installed by Orange County Highway Department - Bill Price, 194-7951, ext. 28

Palisades Interstate Parkway - "Hikers Crossing" installed by PIPC

Route 17 - "AT" supplied by ATC; "Hikers Crossing" supplied by NYS DOT; both installed by NYS DOT

Route 17A - "AT" and "Hikers Crossing" supplied and installed as above

Lakes Road - "AT" and "Hikers Crossing" supplied as above, and installed by Orange County Highway Department

Town of Tuxedo:

— East Mombasha Road - "No Parking," supplied and installed by Town of Tuxedo - Charles Jones, Highway Department

Sign A - 18"x24" - white metal lettering - place out of sight of road

Sign B - "Posted" - obsolete

Sign C - Shelter

Sign D - Water Source

Sign E - By-pass

Sign F - "Welcome", at each road crossing, but out of sight of road

Sign G - Corridor boundary and other vulnerable places,  
such as access tracks

Sign H - Special sign from Blue Mt. Eagle Club, Pennsylvania

Sign K - Wood Directional Signs

There are also special purpose or temporary signs which must be removed when the need is past.

## APPENDIX 8.

Water sources in Orange County and that part of Rockland County in Bear Mountain-Harriman State Park - north to south.

All water should be filtered, treated or boiled except at 1 and 7.  
All sources except 1, 2, 7 and 15 may be dry from mid-July to early fall.

1. Drinking fountains and cafeteria at Bear Mt. Inn and picnic grounds
2. Drinking fountain on top of Bear Mt. (seasonal)
3. West Mt. shelter - .06 mile on blue-blazed Timp-Torne Trail to east.  
Source is small pond passed on the way to the shelter
4. Beechy Bottom brook - 6.2 miles west of Bear Mt. Bridge
5. Small brook where AT crosses fire road on east side of Black Mt. - 8.25 miles west of Bridge
6. Unreliable spring immediately SW of William Brien shelter, walking from front of shelter
7. Faucet on northeast corner of Tiorati traffic circle, 0.33 miles east of AT crossing of Arden Valley Road
8. Fingerboard shelter - intermittent spring east on blue blazed Hurst trail, or Lake Tiorati - 0.5 miles from shelter on Hurst trail
9. Brook 4.5 miles west of Arden Valley Rd. crossing
10. Outlet of Island Pond
11. Old Orange Turnpike - pipe spring 0.5 miles south of AT crossing
12. Little Dam Lake
13. Two small brooks between two summits of Buchanan Mt.
14. Fitzgerald Falls - 0.3 miles east of Lakes Rd.
15. Well with hand pump and spring 450 ft on side trail 1.6 miles west of Lakes Rd. and 2.1 miles east of Route 17A. Also campsite with tent sites, fire ring and privy.
16. Intermittant spring - 300 yards downhill west of AT and on south side of Mother Rialto trail
17. Cascade Brook
18. Deacon Brook
19. Furnace Brook



## APPENDIX 9.

### Regulations for camping - New York-New Jersey Trail Conference

The following regulations are important in order to protect the land and facilities, for the enjoyment of all:

1. At all times the camping site should be kept small and neat. The Board of Managers of the Appalachian Trail Conference has established 10 as the maximum number for overnight use of any area, including shelters. At campsite on Bellvale Mt. the maximum is 9, by order of Orange County Board of Health.

2. Sanitation - Potable water should be carried to the site for use. If springs or other local water sources are used, the water must be boiled or treated or preferably filtered for pollution and Giardia lamblia. This includes water from the well at the Bellvale campsite.

Latrines must be confined to one pit. Carry a trowel or shovel or trenching tool; dig a hole no deeper than 8-10 inches, at least 200 feet from any open water. Cover with loose dirt and replace sod removed before digging.

3. Litter - Take litter bags and carry out all litter and garbage.

4. Fires - Propane stoves are preferred for cooking. Otherwise, at shelters use fire place provided. At campsite on Bellvale Mt. use permanent fire ring. For fires use only downed dead wood; no standing trees may be cut at any time, whether dead or alive. After cooking or campfire, drown fire, but at campsite on Bellvale Mt. do not pour water on hot fire ring.

5. Leave the campsite looking as if no one had been there.

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Sample of authorization form:

Date of arrival \_\_\_\_\_ Date of departure \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate time \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate time \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of people \_\_\_\_\_ No. of nights \_\_\_\_\_  
(not more than 10) (not more than 2)

Authorized By \_\_\_\_\_  
New York-New Jersey Trail Conference Managers of the Appalachian  
Trail and Corridor as authorized by the National Park Service

We accept the above conditions and comply:

Group \_\_\_\_\_  
Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign and return copy to the Conference Representative  
(Give form to applicant in duplicate)

APPENDIX 10.

Law Enforcement Resources

If an individual volunteer needs to call the police, he or she should do so at the numbers listed below for the Towns, County and State. Also call the AT Corridor Manager (see next page). If a formal complaint needs to be filed, the following officers of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference have been designated by the Board of Directors to act: (212-685-9699) President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Field Assistant, and Executive Director. This applies to the AT and corridor, owned by the federal government from Route 17 to the New Jersey state line. Problems in the Bear Mountain-Harriman State Park may be worked out with the persons named below.

Police in Town, County or State may be called for Search and Rescue.

Towns

- |                  |                            |              |
|------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Warwick -        | Town Hall .....            | 914-986-3423 |
|                  | 60 Main Street             |              |
|                  | Warwick, NY 10990          |              |
| Tuxedo -         | Rte 17 at RR Station ..... | 914-351-5111 |
|                  | Tuxedo, NY 10987           |              |
| Greenwood Lake - | Police Department .....    | 914-447-8080 |
|                  | Church Street              |              |
|                  | Greenwood Lake, NY 10925   |              |
| Monroe -         | see NY State Police        |              |

County

- |                                 |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| District Attorney .....         | 914-294-5471 |
| Orange County Government Center |              |
| Goshen, NY 10924                |              |

State

- |  |              |
|--|--------------|
| New York State Police .....              | 914-343-1424 |
| Troop Commander - Troop F .....          | 914-677-6321 |
| New York State Police                    |              |
| Middletown, NY 10940                     |              |
| Monroe Barracks .....                    | 914-782-8311 |
| Department of Environmental Conservation |              |
| Conservation Officer, Orange County      |              |
| Ralph Steingart .....                    | 914-651-3636 |

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Bear Mountain-Harriman State Park

James W. Donnelly, Chief of Patrol .....	914-786-2701
Timothy J. Sullivan, Chief Ranger .....	"
Administration Building	
Bear Mountain, NY 10911	

Appalachian Trail Corridor Manager

Elizabeth D. Levers.....	914-735-3553
16-D South Middletown Rd	
Pearl River, NY 10965	

APPENDIX 11.

Fire Suppression Resources

Personnel changes occur: some sub-stations have only home phones of present incumbent. Use phone numbers shown or report fire to telephone operator or DEC Forest Ranger in Newburgh:

- Robert Conklin ..... 914-562-5710  
188 DuBois St.  
Newburgh, NY 12250
- Warwick ..... 914-986-4000
- Tuxedo ..... 914-351-2222  
(Booth at entrance to Tuxedo Park)..... 914-351-4211
- Greenwood Lake ..... 914-477-9211  
(Police, fire, ambulance)
- Monroe ..... 914-783-3000

Bear Mountain-Harriman State Park

- Chief Ranger Timothy J. Sullivan ..... 914-786-2701  
(home) 914-469-4173

Department of Environmental Conservation

The Department of Environmental Conservation is on call for any fire in Orange County. The local fire departments may call on them if needed:

- New Paltz (Region 3) - 24 Hour Dispatch ..... 914-255-1323
- Goshen -
  - Ranger, Orange Cty - William Henry ..... 914-343-9060  
33 Prospect Ave  
Middletown, NY, 10940
  - Assistant ranger - Bill Morse ..... 914-626-4151
- Fire Warden - (flies over area during season)
  - David Quam ..... 914 986-4631  
P.O. Box 46  
Bellvale, NY, 10912

APPALACHIAN TRAIL  
CONFERENCE

P O BOX 236  
HARPERS FERRY, W VA 25425  
TELEPHONE (304) 535-6331



POLICY APPROVED AS WRITTEN BY  
BOARD OF MANAGERS, 11/7/82

*Approved* ↗

MEMO TO: Board of Managers

FROM: Informal committee studying timber issue

Earl Jette	Mike Dawson
Roger Sternberg	Jim Botts
Charlie Blankenship	Bob Proudman
Dave Field	Larry Van Meter
Bob Leone	Dave Richie
Lonnie Gross	Jim Douglas

DATE: November 7, 1982

SUBJECT: TIMBER POLICY

- 1) Forest resource management to enhance the trail corridor (*i.e. non-commercial vegetational manipulation for vistas, balds, etc.*) is an integral part of corridor lands management. Local clubs shall have the discretion to practice such activities as they feel are necessary to manage the forests so as to protect the Trail and its environs.
- 2) Management of forest resources to protect and enhance the A.T. corridor shall be considered as part of local management planning to assure that such activities are compatible with the goals of the ATC and take into consideration other local non-commercial forest resource management activities.
- 3) Local clubs should consult periodically with the ATC and the NPS on forest resource management activities, practices, and plans to assure that they continue to be consistent with overall AT corridor planning and management.
- 4) Forest resource management for timber (*i.e. commercial harvest of firewood, sawtimber, or pulpwood*) will be allowed only under exceptional circumstances and only when local clubs can show that such activity is consistent with the goals of the ATC.
- 5) Before local clubs can undertake activities to manage the forest for timber, a complete plan must be developed by the club, in consultation with the local management partner, and be approved by the ATC regional management committee, ATC Board, the National Park Service, and other public landowners (if such land is affected). Approval will be based both on stringent guidelines which will assure adequate protection of the trail and the corridor, and on an assessment of the need for the activity.
- 6) Before any club can undertake forest resource management for timber (*i.e. commercial timber harvesting*), the ATC and the NPS must finally resolve the questions of who may collect and use the proceeds from any commercial activity.
- 7) This policy shall apply specifically to corridor lands owned in fee by the National Park Service.

APPENDIX 13.

DECISION-MAKING MATRIX

CRITERIA	FOOTPATH	CORRIDOR	EXTERNAL
HEALTH AND SAFETY OF USER			
SENSORY PERCEPTIONS OF USER			
PHYSICAL DAMAGE TO RESOURCE			

Instructions

1. Describe potential positive and/or negative impacts for each category.
2. Determine if the proposed use will require further study prior to implementation.
3. Determine if one use may prohibit the implementation of any other use.
4. Recommend mitigating measures and/or restrictions.

FOOTPATH - treadway and actual right- of-way

CORRIDOR - entire land ownership by NPS, excluding footpath

EXTERNAL - lands outside of the corridor which may have an impact upon the trail experience ("zone of consultation")

## APPENDIX 14.

### Trail Management - Recreation/Multiple Use

#### Special Events

From National Park Service "Comprehensive Plan":

"Management actions will discourage activities that would degrade the Trail's natural and cultural resources or social values, such as use by groups or organizations involved in promotion, sponsorship or participation in spectator events or competitive activities, or by groups which by their size or commercial interest generate use which is inconsistent with the concept of a simple footpath."

As of October 1986 the National Park Service has drafted the following policy for use of Corridor Managers, which was adopted unanimously by delegates to the ATC Mid-Atlantic Regional Management Committee on October 25, 1986:

"The Appalachian Trail shall not be used for special events that are incompatible with the purpose of the Trail. These include publicized spectator events, commercial or competitive activities, or large group programs. There may be cases where sponsored hikes could be broken down into small groups to blend with other Trail users and managed with sensitivity to Trail values. Only these activities will be considered on a case-by-case basis."

See minutes of Orange & Rockland County Management Committee - 10/21/87 & 1/20/88, re: proposed Army hike CT/NY - 500 soldiers



Annual Review of Orange County AT Management Plan  
January 14, 1987

Revisions and additions suggested, discussed and approved by the Orange County AT Management Committee:

I. Introduction

2. Implementation of Plan:

Add e) Members-at-Large - Not more than 3, selected from trail maintainers, monitors, club officers and others who provide consistently dedicated service to the Trail and regularly attend Committee meetings.

II. Trail Descriptions

2. Correction of mileage, from 1986 AT Guide, north to south from Bear Mountain Bridge:

Camping and Shelters:		Between roads - Parking	
6.1	6.1	20.5	20.5
2.7	8.8	1.8	22.3
5.2	14.0	1.4	23.7
28.4	42.4	1.7	25.4
		3.4	28.8
		3.6	32.4
		5.9	38.3
		4.1	42.4

III. Trail Management

9. Recreation/Multiple Use

b) Management Principle - Special Events

(from National Park Service "Comprehensive Plan"):

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In addition, the Appalachian Trail Conference has stressed individual and small-group use of the AT both through its literature and on-the-trail education programs.

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