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Blenheim-Gilboa Power Project



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Blenheim-Gilboa
Wildlife Management
Task Force

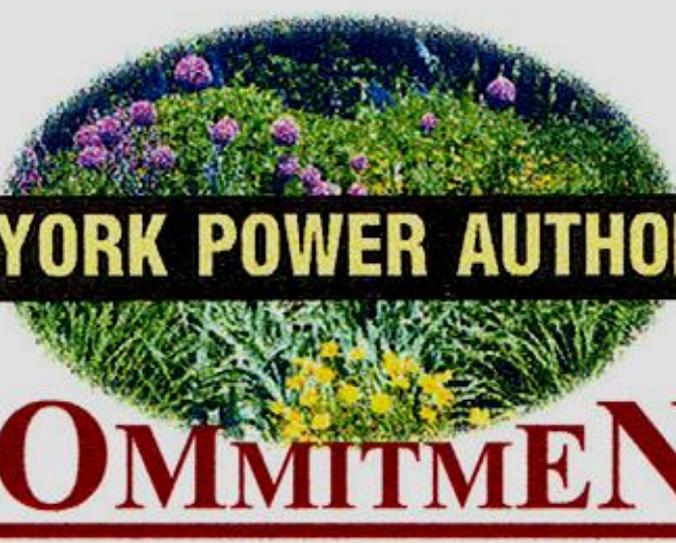
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Blenheim-Gilboa

- 3000 acres total
- 2 water bodies @ 790 acres
- 395 acre Minekill Park
- LMVC complex
- Recreational plan
- Deer management plan
- Fishery management plan
- Bluebird management plan

Who is NYPA?

- Public Benefit Electric Utility
- Redefine ourselves & niche
- Identify & Develop core strategies
- Statements of commitment
- Striving to be a good Neighbor



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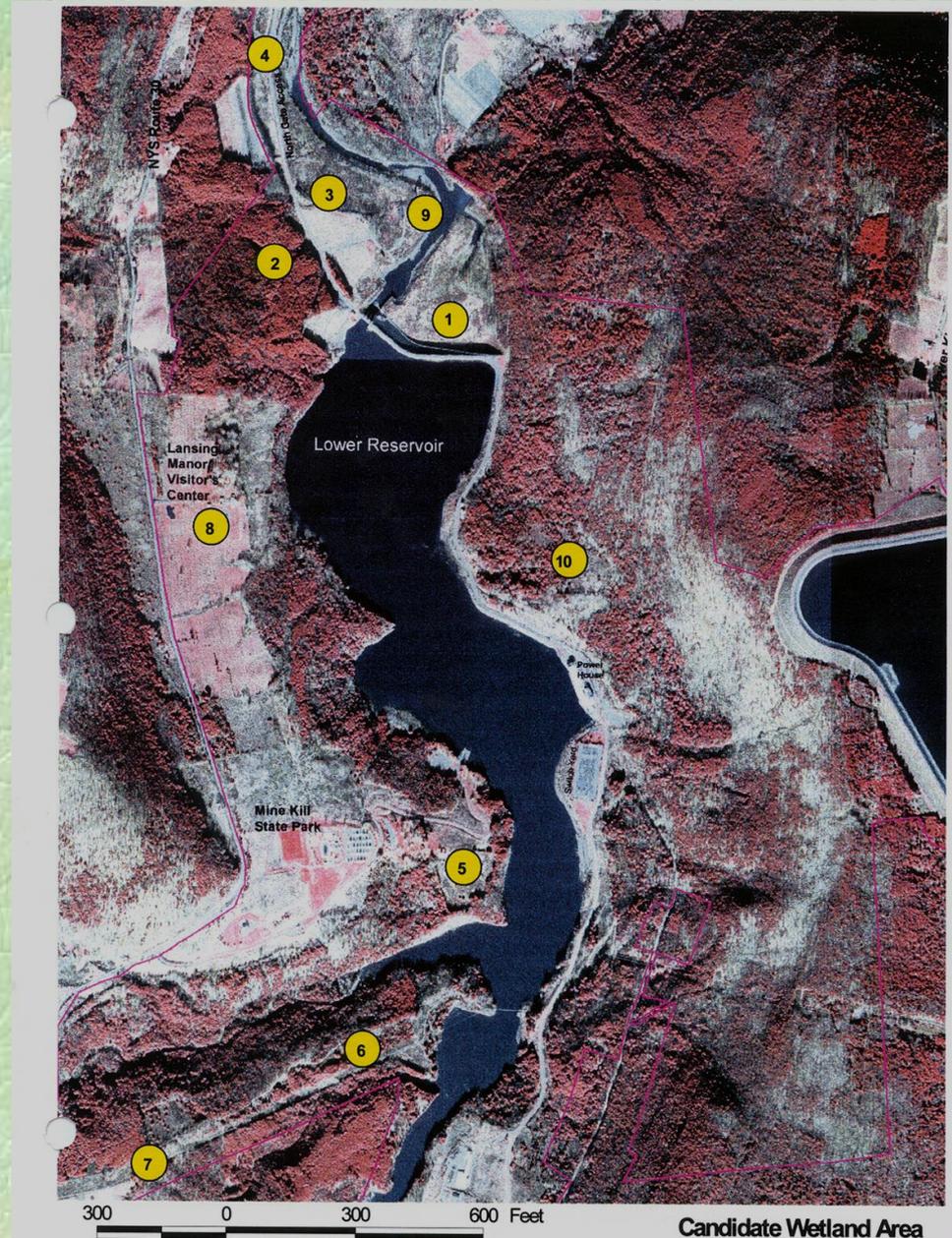
COMMITMENT

TO THE ENVIRONMENT

In Part... We will “pursue opportunities to achieve environmental **enhancements** through stewardship programs that incorporate stakeholder & and **community input** for the responsible care of the environment”

Blenheim Gilboa

- Operate BG for low cost quick response power
- Manage BG to retain & enhance natural resources



Management Plans Timeline

- 30 years of operation starting in 73
- Programs consistent with FERC License
- Many Agency meetings & discussions
- 97 formation of WMTF
- Grow Management Plans into 2000's

Wildlife Management Task Force

Representatives

- New York Power Authority - Central Region
- NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
- NYS Department of Corrections - Camp Summit
- SUNY Cobleskill Fish & Wildlife Programs
- NYS Office of Parks and Recreation
- Schoharie County Soil & Water Conservation District
- Schoharie County Conservation Association

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Goals

- Maintain, Enhance, & Perpetuate Wildlife
- Increase awareness and interactive opportunities with the Environment

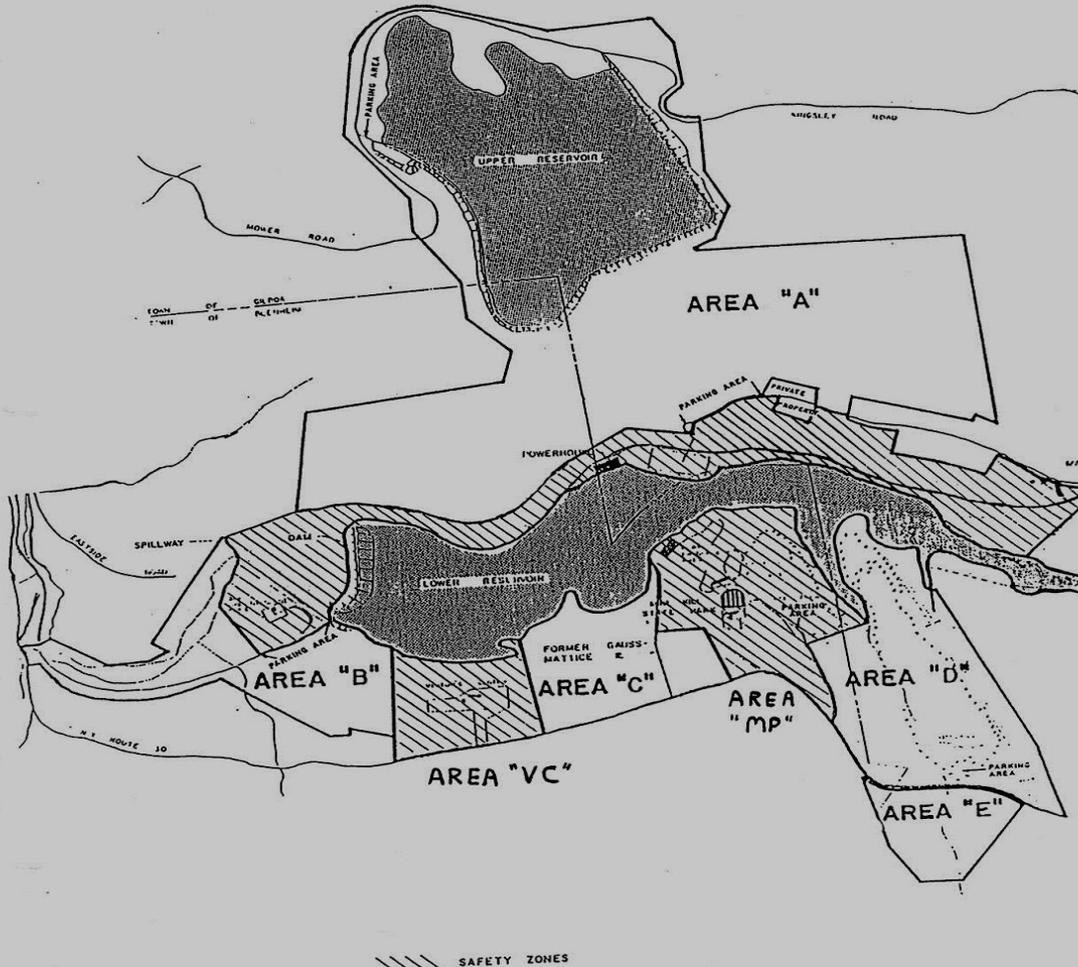
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Objectives

- Identify species to **enhance** and habitat requirements
- Implement activities to **develop** appropriate habitats
- Furnish wildlife **research** opportunities
- Expand **educational** opportunities
- Promote Wildlife **visibility**
- Increase **recreational** opportunities
- Enhance visitor participation & **satisfaction**
- Perpetuate the **cultural heritage** of Schoharie valley

BG Wildlife Management Area

BG WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA



Site Resources

- 3000 acres
- 8 WM areas
- UR & LR areas
- No access areas

Wildlife Management Area C

Defined By:

- Landuse
- Vegetation
- Uniqueness



WMA Evaluations

- Species by subarea
- Maintenance tasks

WMA Area C Evaluation & Recommendations

Rev 4/2/98

C-2 Deer & Bluebirds & Killdeer & Pheasants

- **Desc:** Open mown meadow w/W Cedar plantings w/ gravel bank on South side
- **Recom:** As follows
- **Manage for Deer**
 - Aesthetic evaluation of WC planting by NYPA
 - Maintain cages & W Cedar trimming schedule
 - Keep in low grass: Mowed in Fall of 97:
- **Manage for Bluebirds**
 - Maintain Bluebird houses
 - Keep in low grass
 - Maintain regular mowing schedule, Mowed in Fall of 97:
- **Manage for Killdeer**
 - Rake gravel Killdeer nesting area in Fall. Raked in Fall 97:
 - Mow for short grass around gravel area (10'-12') for young birds.
- **Manage for Pheasants**
 - Dozen pheasants released in Fall 97

C-3 Wildlife Corridor

- **Desc:** Few large trees and abundant shrubs approx. 50' wide
- **Recom:** As follows
 - Expand width of wildlife corridor to 100'to 150' to the south
 - Marked and expanded width of corridor in Fall 97

C-4 Deer & Grouse & Songbirds

- **Desc:** Open mown meadow w/W Cedar plantings & ash sapling stand on South side. Contains several thin hedgerows
- **Recom:** As follows
- **Manage for Deer**
 - Aesthetic evaluation of WC planting by NYPA
 - Mow every third year to keep down woody species: Mowed in Fall 97
 - Maintain wire cages and trimming schedule for W Cedars
 - Established Deer Exclosure Area (DEA) to have side by side comparison of deer effects on their habitat
 - Visible from Visitor Center and Pool Complex
 - Locust/cedar poles 10'-12' tall

Lansing Manor Visitor Center Complex

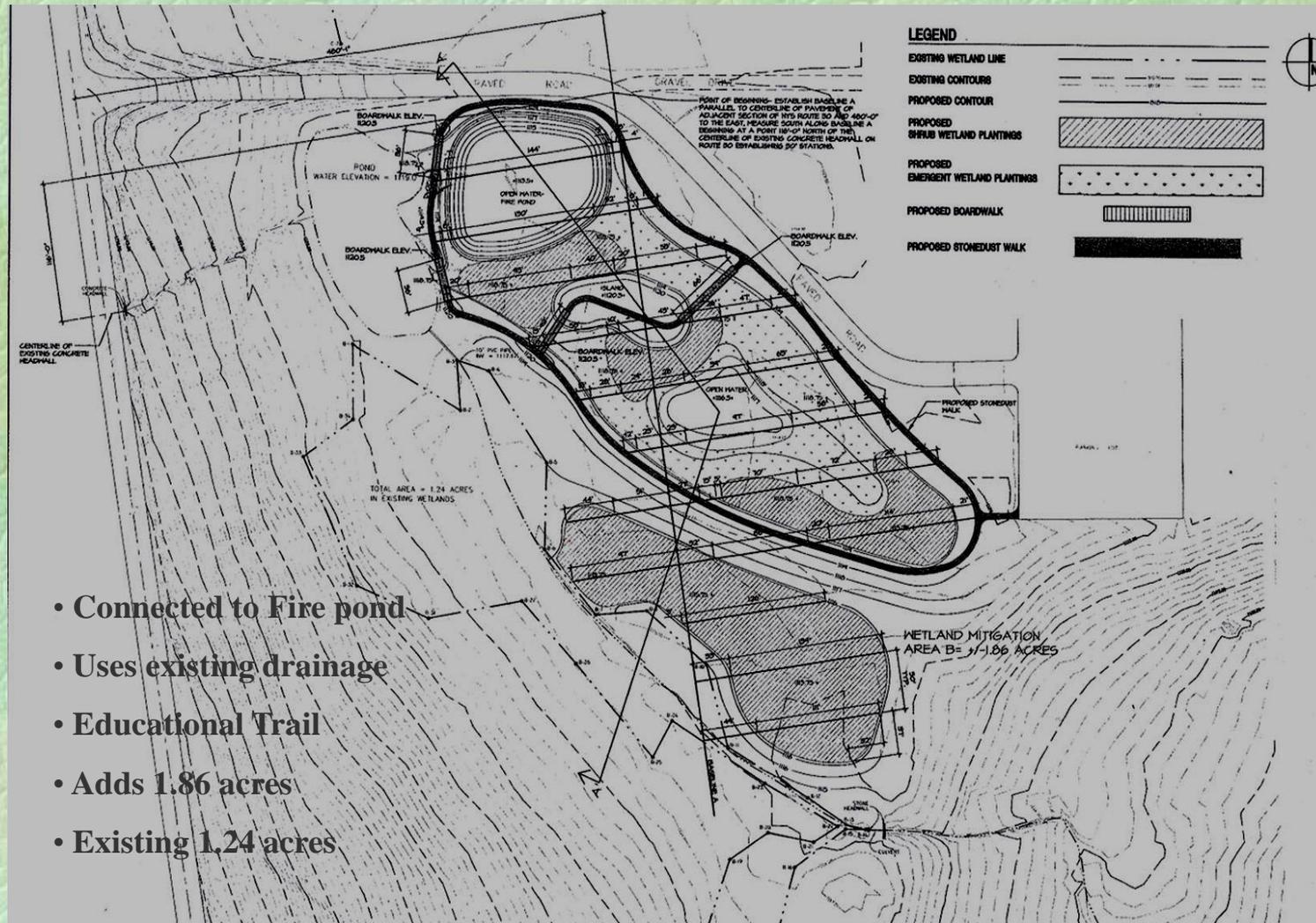


Focal Point for Environmental & Recreation Programs

BG Slide Area & Wetlands

- 3 new wetland equaling 6.2 acres
- Wetland plantings (trees, shrubs, grasses)
- 3 year plus monitoring plan for survival
- LMVC site contains Wetland Education Trail
- Education development thru WMTF

LMVC Mitigation & Educational Wetland Plan

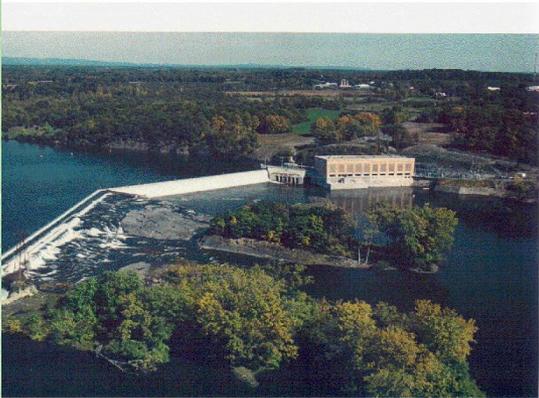


- Connected to Fire pond
- Uses existing drainage
- Educational Trail
- Adds 1.86 acres
- Existing 1.24 acres

Expanding Opportunities at Blenheim-Gilboa Project



- Fisheries
- WT Deer
- Bluebirds
- Eagles

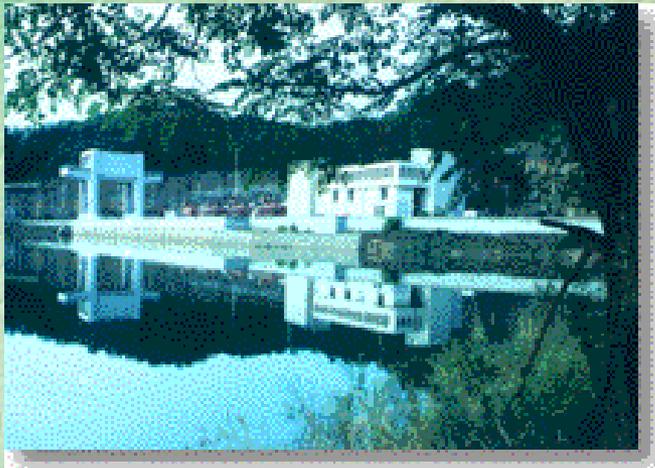


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