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Subject: FW: Wharton Access
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 11:18:56 AM
Attachments: [roads used for Pinelands research on draft Wharton comparison map.pdf](#)
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Keeping with all the comments to date and further discussion.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 11:09 AM
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Cc: Bunnell, John [PINELANDS] <xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xx.xxx>
Subject: RE: Wharton Access

Hi John and Robin –

I asked our staff to take a detailed look at the draft Wharton map and let me know if they identified any concerns or questions. We came up with just two, which I've described below. I thought an email would be more appropriate than formal public comment, but I can also submit the Commission's comments that way if you think it would be helpful.

We identified one short portion of a road that might warrant removal from the Wharton map. It connects Old Wading River-Maxwell Road to Route 563. While the road is drivable, it appears to cross private property (Block 37, Lot 1) so it may not be appropriate for the Wharton map to encourage its use by the public. The short section of road is identified in red below.

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We're also concerned with the potential impact of the Wharton map on the Commission's ability to continue its various research projects in Wharton. A number of the roads slated to be closed are regularly used by our science staff to access their research sites. I've attached our Chief Scientist's more detailed description of the issue and the list of roads in question. He also circled the roads in red on the draft Wharton map so I've attached that as well. I imagine you haven't yet determined what measures will be taken to close any particular road (signs, gates, barriers, etc.) but we'd appreciate having an opportunity to talk with you about how that might be done in a way that won't negatively impact our on-going research.

See you on Friday morning for the Commission meeting!

Sue

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From: Cecil, John [DEP] <xxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xx.xxx>
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 12:17 PM
To: Grogan, Susan [PINELANDS] <xxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xx.xxx>
Cc: Madden, Robin [DEP] <xxxxx.xxxxxx@xxx.xx.xxx>
Subject: RE: Wharton Access

Hi Sue,

Yes, still good to do the presentation. We're planning to be there at 10:30 on Friday.

Looking forward to meeting with the Commissioners and staff and providing the update on the Wharton State Forest Visiting Vehicle Use Map.

John

From: Grogan, Susan [PINELANDS] <xxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xx.xxx>
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 11:10 AM
To: Cecil, John [DEP] <xxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xx.xxx>
Cc: Madden, Robin [DEP] <xxxxx.xxxxxx@xxx.xx.xxx>
Subject: RE: Wharton Access

Hi John –

Just checking in to make sure you're still willing and able to do your presentation at the Commission's meeting on March 8th. The meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. and I anticipate we'll get

through the regular agenda items in about an hour. That should leave plenty of time for your presentation and questions at the end of the meeting. It would be great to have you (and Robin) in person but if necessary, Zoom will also work.

The meeting agenda needs to be finalized and posted on Wednesday. If you could confirm before then that you'll be doing the presentation, I'd appreciate it. Thanks.

Sue

From: Cecil, John [DEP] <xxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xx.xxx>
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2024 8:26 AM
To: Grogan, Susan [PINELANDS] <xxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xx.xxx>
Cc: Madden, Robin [DEP] <xxxxx.xxxxxx@xxx.xx.xxx>
Subject: RE: Wharton Access

Hi Sue,

Apologies for the delay getting back to you, but yes happy to come and share with the Commissioners the proposed Wharton Vehicle Map.

March 8th works for me, and I'll come and meet with you all in person. Would be nice to see / meet everyone. Believe Robin may join as well.

Expect the presentation will be a little more detailed than what we quickly ran through on Monday. I'll present the information we've compiled on the 11 posters. Anticipating that might take 20 minutes and then time for any questions. Although can certainly shorten if preferred.

Thanks,

John

From: Grogan, Susan [PINELANDS] <xxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xx.xxx>
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 4:09 PM
To: Cecil, John [DEP] <xxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xx.xxx>
Cc: Madden, Robin [DEP] <xxxxx.xxxxxx@xxx.xx.xxx>
Subject: RE: Wharton Access

Hi John –

Just wanted to say thanks for spending some time with us yesterday afternoon to go over your next steps with the Wharton map. I'm so impressed with the amount of time and effort you've all clearly devoted to this project.

As we discussed toward the end of the meeting, I know our Commissioners would be very interested

in having a presentation at one of their upcoming monthly meetings. It looks like the March 8th Commission meeting would fit best into our schedule. The meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. and we'd need some time to get through all of our normal business. I'd expect we'd get to the presentation by 10:45 or 11:00. We're conducting all of our public meetings in hybrid fashion so you'd have the option of doing the presentation via Zoom or in-person. Please let me know if that date/time would work for you or if we should try to identify some other possibilities. Thanks!

Sue

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From: Cecil, John [DEP] <xxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xx.xxx>
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 7:28 PM
To: Grogan, Susan [PINELANDS] <xxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xx.xxx>
Subject: FW: Wharton Access

Hi Sue,

Hope all is well with you and the Commission.

We'd like to find a time to brief you and other Commission staff on the next steps we are planning regarding motorized access for Wharton State Forest.

Who should we include in addition to yourself?

Happy to have the scheduler here start to identify dates.

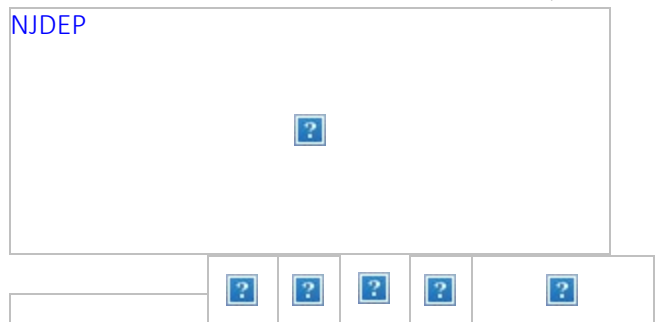
Happy Thanksgiving!

John

From: Madden, Robin [DEP]
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 9:59 AM
To: Horner, Charles [PINELANDS] <xxxxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xx.xxx>
Cc: Cecil, John [DEP] <xxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xx.xxx>
Subject: Wharton Access

Chuck, good morning. As you are aware, we have been working on developing a motorized access plan for Wharton State Forest. We are nearing the finalization of the proposed map to share at a future open house in December. We'd like to schedule a meeting with the Pinelands Commission staff in advance of the open house to share the concept and to receive feedback. We will have Wendy Mains from our office schedule it – let us know beyond you and Susan Grogan who else from the Commission staff will participate. Thank you and we look forward to meeting with you on this important endeavor.

Robin Madden, CPM, Chief of Operations
Assistant Commissioner's Office - State Parks, Forests & Historic Sites



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