

**New York State Olympic Trail Scenic Byway
Corridor Management Plan (CMP)**

**Local Advisory Committee (LAC)
Organizational Meeting**
Location: Dulles State Office Building
Time: 6:30-8:30 P.M.
Date: May 1, 2002

Minutes

Attendees: **Bob Ashodian, Lori Borland, Andy Nevin, John Peck, Wayne McIlroy, Hal Horton, Ross Jacobs and Kathy Amyot**

Kathy Amyot, Project Coordinator, opened the meeting at 6:35 P.M. and welcomed committee members to the process of developing a “Corridor Management Plan” (CMP) for the Olympic Trail Scenic Byway and thanked them for their commitment to the process. LAC members absent from the meeting gave prior notification of their absence due to conflicts in their schedule and reiterated their interest in continuing the process at the next meeting. Kathy provided a **brief synopsis** of the April 3, 2001 meeting as well as a status report of the overall progress to date. Emphasizing the overall focus of the April meeting was directed towards identifying corridor resources for enhancement and preservation by previewing and discussing the “Rt. 3 Corridor Design Initiative.” Committee members were also provided a brief update of the Adirondack North Country Association – Local Advisory Committee meeting of the Adirondack and Olympic Trail Scenic Byway – Corridor Management Plan project, held on April 22, 2002 at the ANCA Conference Room in Saranac Lake.

As a follow-up to the April meeting, members of the LAC discussed at length corridor resources and specific sites for enhancement and preservation. Members of the committee suggested the area is rich with hidden jewels and that with strategically placed **signage** travelers and local residents could greater appreciate the natural beauty while learning more about the areas history. Wayne identified a hidden jewel along Route 3 in Sackets Harbor known as the “Cable Carry” and is related to a historic event that took place during the War of 1812. The plaque marks the spot but can not be easily seen by the traveler and often overlooked by local residents. Members of the group identified additional sites of historic significance and natural beauty for consideration in enhancing and preserving corridor resources. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the need for attractive vistas, Kiosks and strategically placed signage to enhance the travel experience for visitors as well as local residents throughout the corridor.

Members of the committee also discussed the need to expand an interconnected multi-use trail system to enhance the quality of life of local residents while attracting and enhancing the traveler’s experience along the corridor while identifying the need to address liability issue/concern/s regarding private property.

In preparing to conclude the LAC process for the summer, attention of committee members was directed to the previously identified **goal** of renaming the corridor following a communication from ANCA stating the goal was premature to the overall process of the CMP at this time. Previously identified **goals** were revisited, discussed and reiterated. The benefits of extending the designation of the Olympic Trail Scenic Byway along Route 3 to Henderson Harbor, emphasizing its unique qualities, diverse attributes, and rich scenic, archeological, natural, recreational, cultural, and historical significance in enhancing the experience of the traveler. As an Olympic Training Area for yacht racing, Henderson Harbor is one of the few communities that can identify with the Olympic Trail Scenic Byway theme. In addition, committee members continue to reiterate the most scenic route travels along the Black River on Route 3 and has greater significance historically due to community development along waterways. In addition, villages, towns, and hamlets offer vehicular and passive travelers services to facilitate a positive experience for the traveler and offers opportunities for sustainable economic development.

Members of the committee discussed the need to expand representation of the process along the corridor through community forums throughout the summer months. Suggested locations include Hounsfield, Henderson Harbor, Watertown, Black River, Carthage and Harrisville. LAC members would reconvene in October for a status report of the process and prior to finalizing development of the CMP.

Committee members agreed to review the corridor resources to expand the list of enhancements and preservation along the western segment of the Olympic Trail Scenic Byway in preparation for the June 5, 2002 meeting.

The next meeting will be held on **June 5, 2002** at the **Dulles State Office Building, 317 Washington Street, Watertown, NY. From 6:30-8:30P.M.**

The meeting concluded at 8:30 P.M.