

Disclaimer:
The operating license granted NYPA is currently under review for renewal by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Some of the proposed action items for Mine Kill State Park in this planning document will be finalized when negotiations for the renewed operating license are complete.

- Natural Resource Strategies**
- Interpret Bald Eagles
 - Control invasive species in the park
 - Continue control measures on Hemlock Woolly Adelgid in the park.
 - Analyze effectiveness of current control protocols and adjust if necessary.
 - Partner with other agencies and institutions for HWA control.
 - Develop and implement an invasive species plan for the park.
 - Continue use of OPRHP strike force to remove invasive.

- Bluebird Nest Box Program**
- Continue maintaining existing bluebird nest boxes.
 - Consider additional locations.
- Biodiversity**
- Preserve natural habitat along Mine Kill.
 - Trees and habitat along reservoir shoreline should remain intact where feasible and where they exist.
 - Allow succession to proceed naturally at north end of the park.
 - Consider grazing as a substitute for mowing around cedars.

- Water and Sewer Infrastructure**
- Consider evaluating current plant and modernize or replace.
 - Inspect sewage lines at the park by camera to assess infiltration and other problems.
 - Drill a test well closer to the reservoir as a secondary source of water for the park

- Disc Golf Course**
- Where possible eliminate drainage issues at some holes, if not possible consider moving hole to improve drainage and fit with rest of the facilities.
 - Offer opportunity for beginners and families by creating beginning disc golf holes in existing holes near the pool complex.

- Power Project**
- Interpret Blenheim Gilboa Power Project signage and refer patrons to the visitor center.
 - Interpret flooding of hurricane Irene on the Schoharie Creek with kiosk or stand alone signage.

- Retain existing athletic fields.
Storage for soccer clubs in a new structure (take out basketball mini court).

- Leave existing softball backstop in place.

- Add 1 new picnic pavilion and comfort station near athletic field.

- Locate stage below athletic fields with a gravel drive off of main road for loading/unloading.

- Continue use of sledding hill.

- Continue to provide ice skating.

- Build addition to existing park office building.

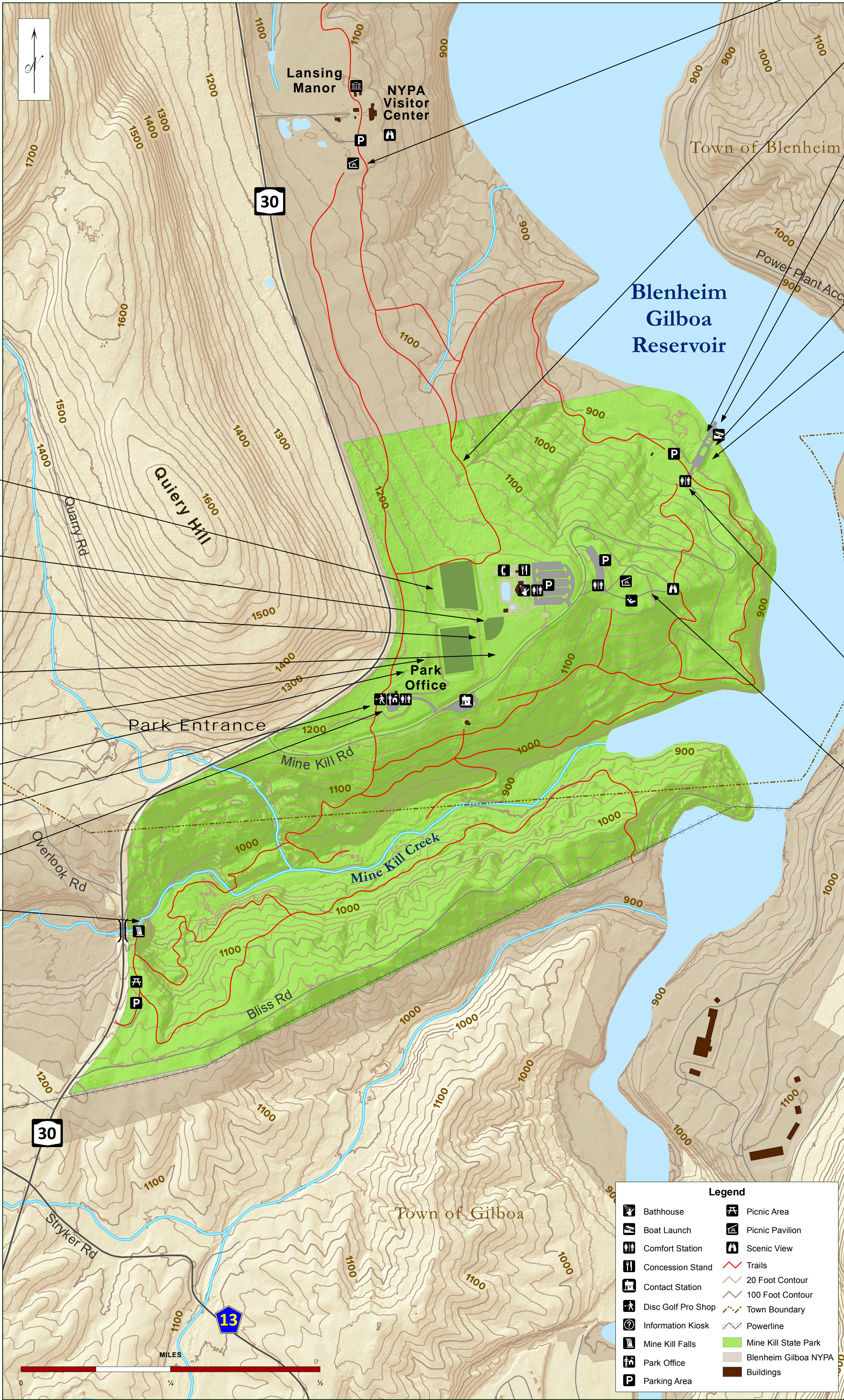
- Construct new pole barn near existing maintenance building.

- Consider feasibility of a bridge across Mine Kill at the overlook.

- Access and Circulation**
- Complete the re-paving of the main park road.
 - Re-pave mid-level road and parking lot.
 - Improve bicycle and pedestrian circulation in the park.
 - Install shared roadway signage.

- Assess all pedestrian circulation elements for:**
- Condition
 - ADA accessibility
 - Safety
 - Encroachment of plantings
 - Repairs should be prioritized and scheduled.

- Sustainability**
- Buildings**
- Have an energy audit conducted to assess building energy usage and make changes where possible.
 - Consider switching to LED lighting wherever feasible and appropriate.
- Solar Power**
- Assess the park and park buildings for installation of solar power generation.
 - Consider adding a ground-mounted PV system similar to the one at the NYPA.
 - Continue adding a solar hot water system on the roof of the bathhouse.
- Reduce Water Usage**
- Where new fixtures are installed use low water or no water type.
 - Use no water urinals and low flush toilets where feasible.
- Reduced Mowing**
- Current reduced mowing areas will be maintained.
 - Consider increasing the program where feasible.
 - Consider grazing as an alternative method.
- Green Infrastructure**
- Assess the current stormwater infrastructure of the park.
 - Where feasible install green infrastructure stormwater controls such as rain gardens, permeable paving, vegetative swales, etc.



Connect to trails at NYPA visitor center.

Explore additional singletrack trail opportunities to create loops in main section of park.

Provide access to car top boat launch.

Rebuild boat launch with two launch lanes.

Develop kayak rentals.

Maintain use of existing picnic areas at mid and lower levels, boat launch and Mine Kill Falls.

- Pool Complex**
- Inspect all structures such as bathhouse, concession and infrastructure as needed to assure viability on a long term basis.
 - Inspect the large pool, kiddie pool and diving pool and their support structures periodically to assure long term viability.
 - All picnic tables and grills will be inspected and replaced or repaired as necessary.
 - Provide ADA access to kiddie pool.

Rehab lower level comfort station.

Retain use of existing picnic pavilion and tent rentals.

- Playgrounds**
- The playgrounds at the park will be designed to accommodate a range of ages and abilities.
- At least two age ranges will be available in the park with preference.
 - The preferred location for toddler areas will be near family style picnic areas.
 - Accessible play equipment will be present in each playground to encourage integrated play.
 - All playgrounds in the park will comply with existing ASTM standards and CPSC guidelines for playground design.
 - All the current playgrounds will be assessed to confirm that different age ranges and accessibility are provided for at the park.

- Park Promotion and Marketing**
- Develop a wide focus marketing plan
- Work with agency contacts and tourism organizations.
 - Develop mailing list for continued exchange of ideas.
 - Publish quarterly newsletter about the park and events at the park.
 - Study feasibility of partnering with NYPA on communications
 - Partner with I Love NY for tourist information.
- Partner with local groups
- Work with and through the Friends' group.
 - Invite continuing dialogue with:
 - Local volunteer groups
 - User groups
 - Town councils
 - Sporting groups
 - Interest groups
- Develop events and other promotional opportunities
- Encourage rental of park facilities for events
- Provide a promotional flyer describing the park's amenities.
 - Speak with service groups and others to increase awareness of park availability.
- Internally develop events for park activities
- Continue Sno Fest
 - Other types of activities appropriate to the park such as festivals, sporting events, fairs, farmer's market.

- Park Signage**
- Park signs should be assessed for condition.
 - Signs should conform to the agency statewide signage plan.
 - Consider improvements to wayfinding signage on park roads, trails and walkways.
 - Consider improvements to information signs in areas of high use such as the pool complex and boat launch.

- Field and Court Sports**
- Existing Athletic Fields*
- The two large, relatively flat, athletic fields above the pool complex will be retained.
 - These fields will primarily serve the soccer clubs and organizations currently using them.
 - Additional uses for the fields will be explored (Action item B).
 - Storage for the soccer clubs will be provided in a new structure.
 - Explore the possibility of using the fields for an Ultimate tournament.
 - Retain all existing court sports such as horseshoes and volleyball.

- Scenic Resource Strategies**
- Continue to maintain vistas from park and trails.
 - Assess for new scenic opportunities in the park.
 - Other resources such as geology can be assessed.

- Trails**
- Promote integration with larger trail networks such as the Long Path and the planned Schoharie Creek Trail.
 - Install trail map kiosks at critical locations in the park and on the trails.
 - Install kiosk maps that show connection to John B. Thacher State Park and other destinations.
 - Produce a trail map that can be given to visitors and available on the park web page.
 - Have trail maps available at park office and contact points such as the pool complex.
 - Assess all trails for drainage, erosion, etc. Repair and improve existing trails where necessary.
 - Close, re-route, or improve existing trails where necessary.
 - Avoid wet prone areas or clay soils.
 - Keep use designations as is: Hiking, Snowshoe, XC Ski, Mountain Biking and some snowmobile use.
 - Explore trail access to reservoir.