

Draft Master Plan and

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for

Clermont State Historic Site

Town of Clermont, Columbia County

Appendices

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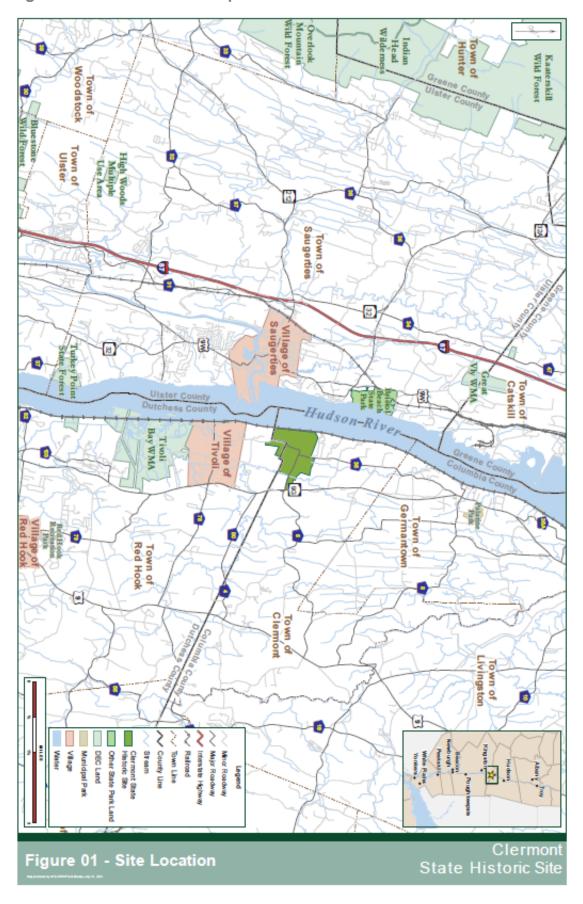


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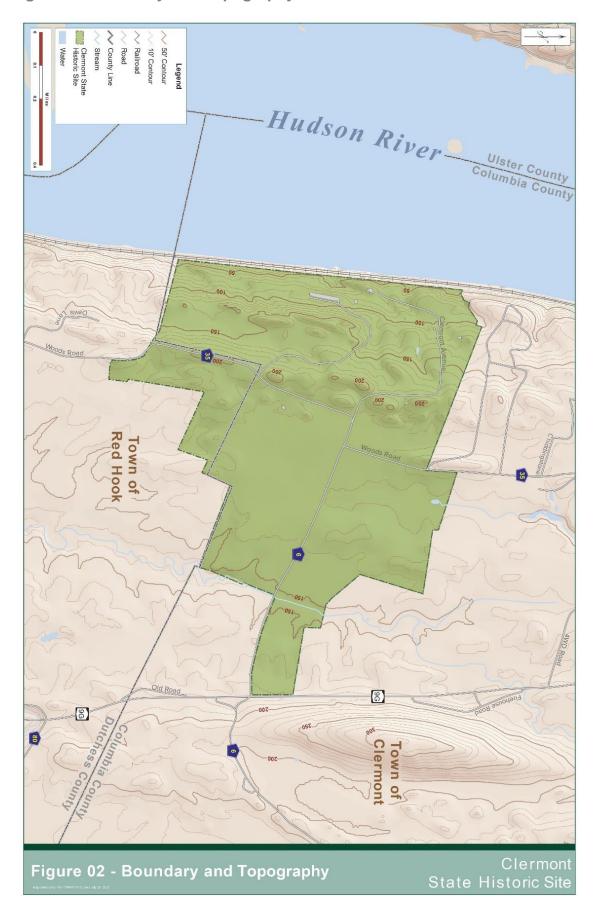


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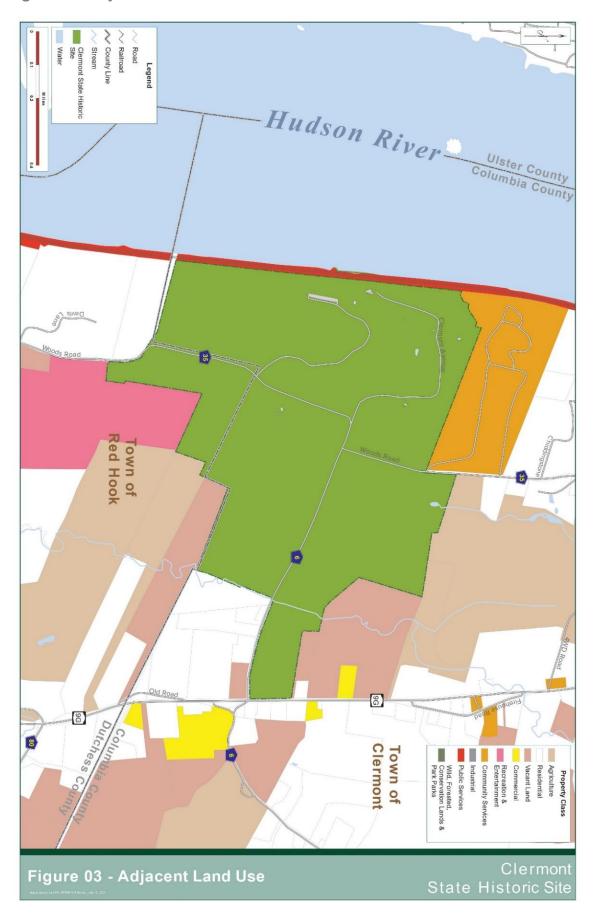


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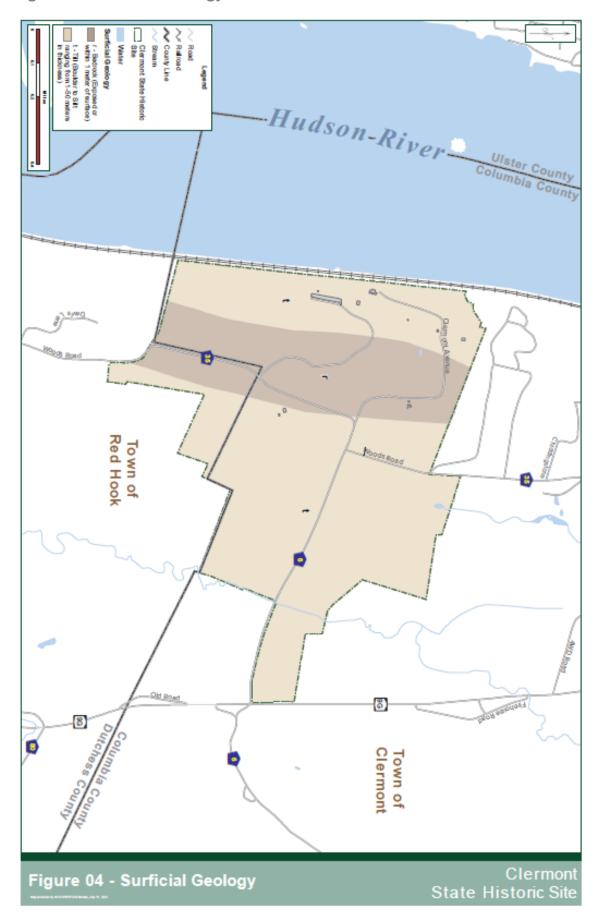


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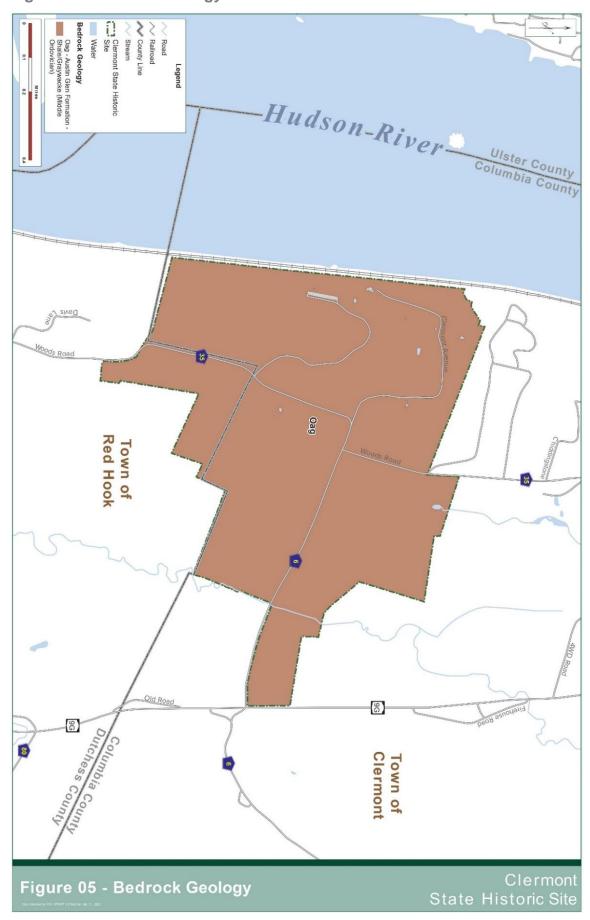


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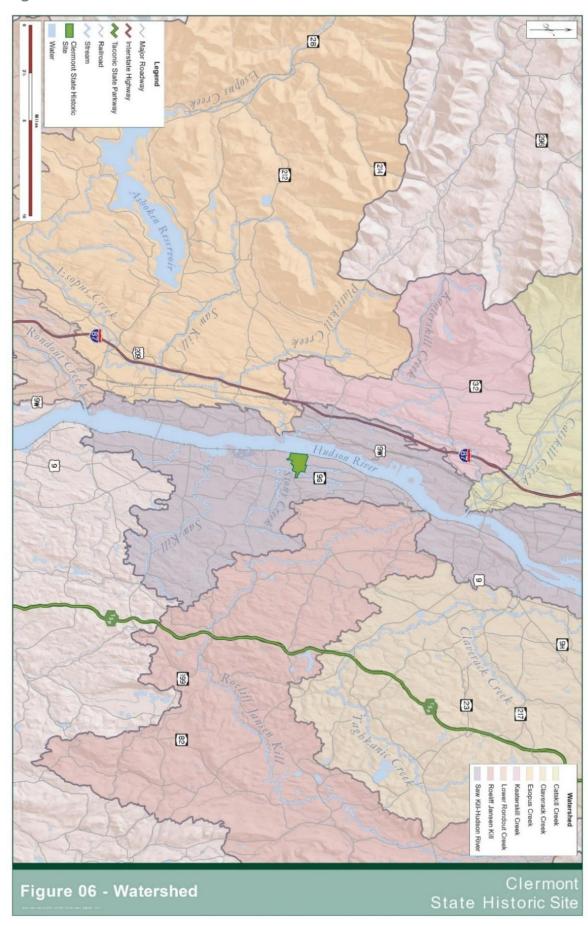


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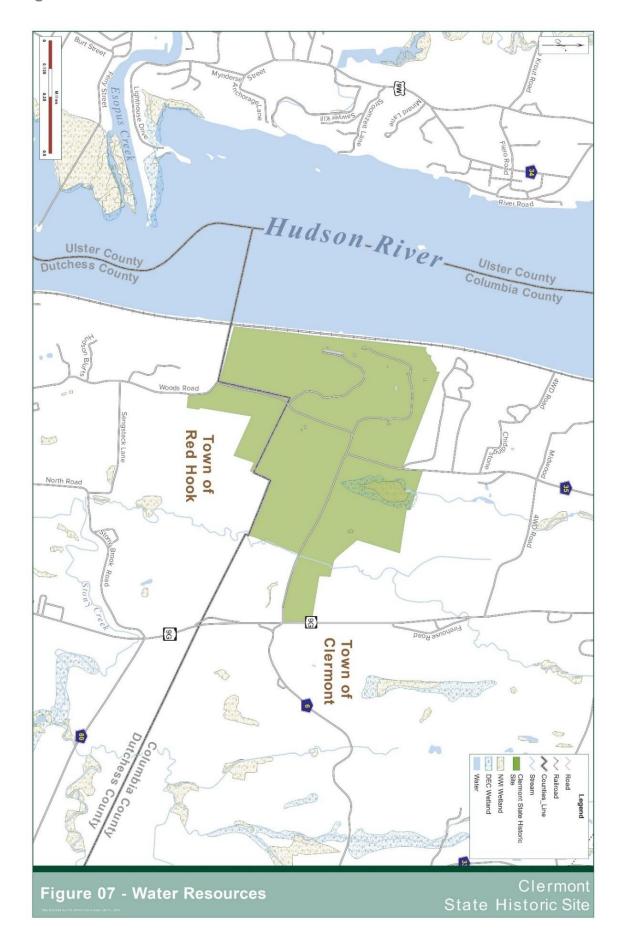


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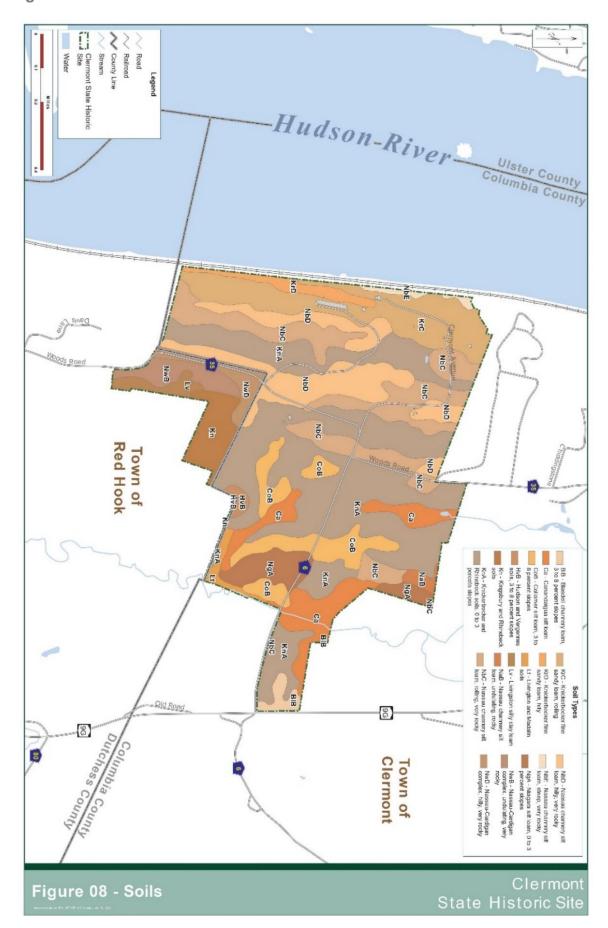


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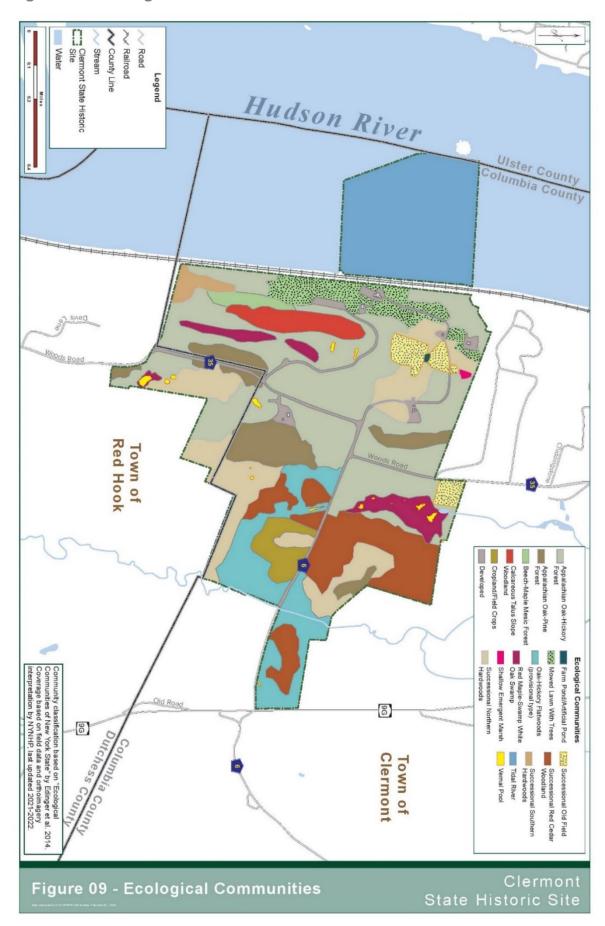


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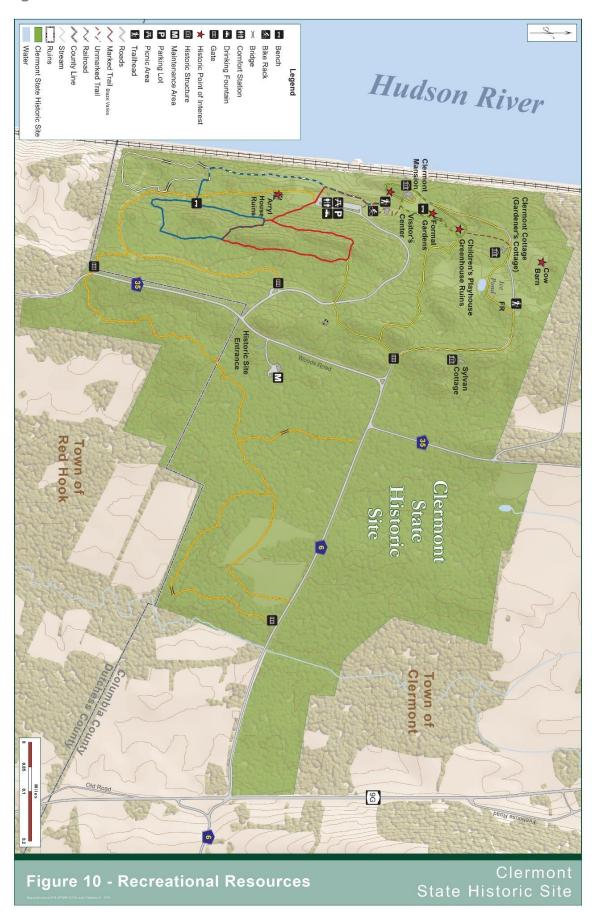


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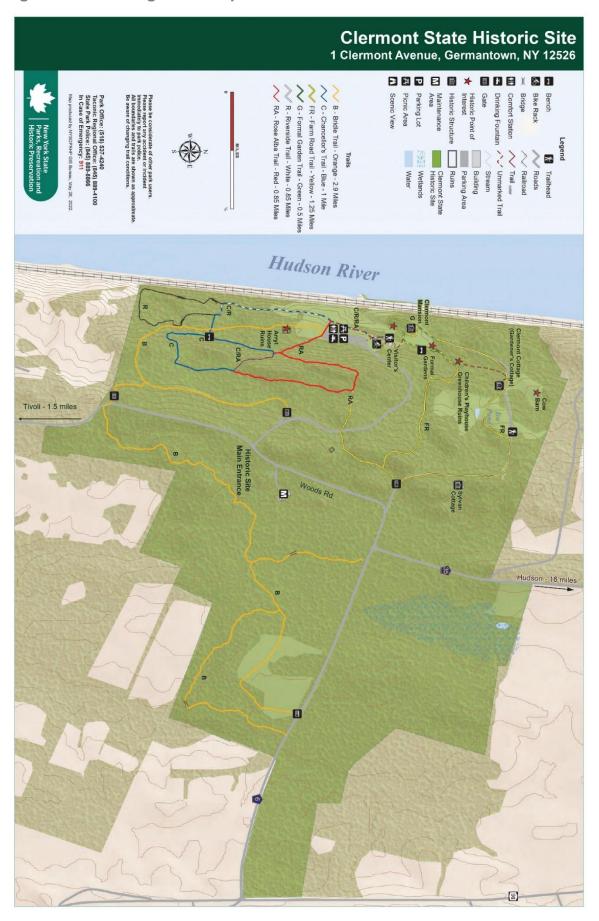


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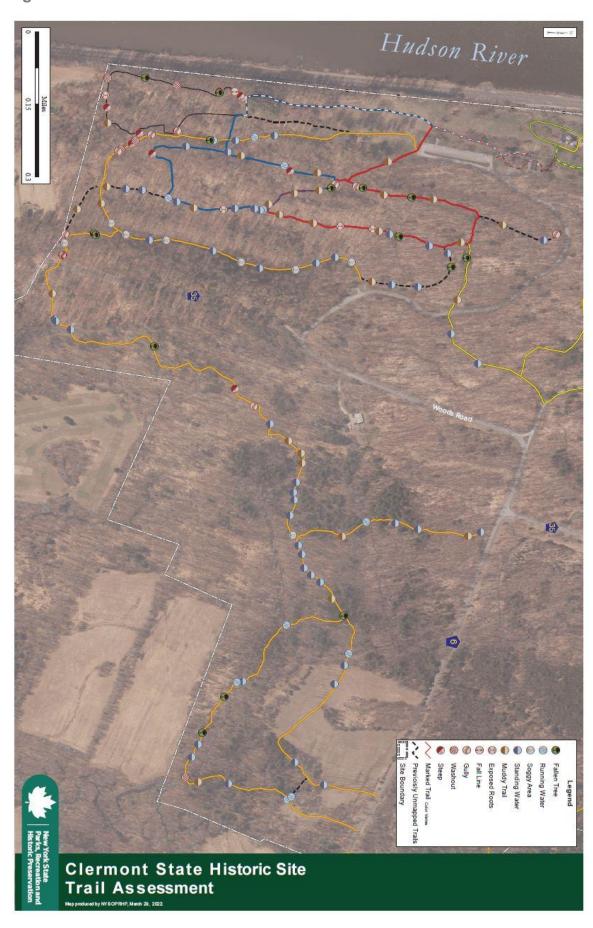
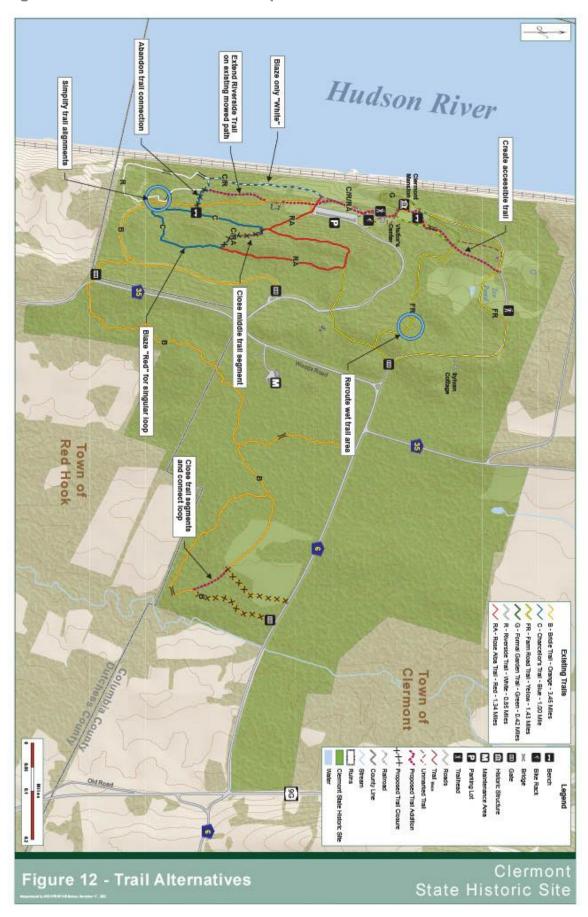


Figure 11b - Trails Alternatives Map



Clermont SHS/Building, Structure and Landscape Feature List

Clermont State Historic Site's boundary corresponds with three distinct historic designations. The first is a 1971 National Historic Landmark designation for Clermont, the boundary consisting of the site's southern two-thirds; the associated documentation is poor and fails to itemize what features are considered historic/contributing. The second designation is the 1979-80 State and National Register of Historic Places-listed Clermont Estates Historic District; the northern third of the site is contained within this boundary and includes three historic/contributing Clermont features. Lastly, all of the site is contained within the 1990 Hudson River Historic District National Historic Landmark; the period of significance for that district is 1688-1940. All extant historic features pre-dating 1940 are generally considered historic/contributing to that district, provided they maintain sufficient physical integrity to portray relevant nomination themes; more recent features, such as the ca. 1970 public restroom and maintenance infrastructure, are not classified as historic/contributing.

The following list consists of buildings and structures, along with landscape features that have built components; archaeological sites have been excluded, excepting those that still exist in a visible but ruinous state. Resources include both the State Financial System (SFS) asset number, where applicable, and the Unique Site Number (USN), which is the number assigned to resources within the state's Cultural Resource Information System, or CRIS. Dates of construction, or date ranges, are provided where known.

Abbreviations: NC (non-contributing); R (ruinous); R/F (ruinous; foundation only).

Resource Name	SFS Asset #	Date	Historic Status
Clermont House	04BR03200100	ca. 1740-50; ca. 1783 & later	Historic/contributing
Arryl House/Idele	N/A	ca. 1790s	Historic/contributing [R]
Clermont Cottage	04BR03201100	ca. 1790-1810 & later	Historic/contributing
Sylvan Cottage	04BR03201500	ca. 1790-1810 & later	Historic/contributing
Playhouse	04BR03200500	ca. 1911-13	Historic/contributing
Carriage Barn	VC 04BR03200200	ca. 1850-60; ca. 1875 & later	Historic/contributing
Red/Cow Barn	04BR03201300	ca. 1890-1900	Historic/contributing
Ice House	N/A	ca. 1790-1810	Historic/contributing [R/F]
Root Cellar	N/A	ca. 1790-1810	Historic/contributing [R/F]
East Lawn	N/A	ca. 1920s-30s	Historic/contributing
Walled garden	N/A	ca. 1920s-30s	Historic/contributing
Lilac Walk	N/A	1820s; ca. 1920s	Historic/contributing
Greenhouse/Shed	N/A	ca. 1912	Historic/contributing [R]
Entrance Piers/Wall	N/A	ca. 1850-75	Historic/contributing
Pump House (Barn)	04BR03201400	pre-1940	Historic/contributing
Auto Garage (Sylvan)	04BR03201600	pre-1940	Historic/contributing
Well House (Sylvan)	04BR03201700	ca. 1800	Historic/contributing
Maintenance Garage	04BR03200900	ca. 1985	Non-historic/NC
Fueling Station	N/A	ca. 1985	Non-historic/NC
Maintenance Storage	04BR03200800	ca. 1985	Non-historic/NC
Maintenance Shed	N/A	ca. 1985	Non-historic/NC [R]
HVAC Bunker	04BR03201000	ca. 1982	Non-historic/NC
Contact Station	N/A	post-1940	Non-historic/NC
Public Restroom	04BR03200300	ca. 1969	Non-historic/NC

Appendix B – Flora Species List

Common Name Scientific Name Swamp Milkweed Asclepias incarnata Purple Loosestrife Lythrum salicaria Common Reed Phragmites asutralis Black Swallowwort Vincetoxicum nigrum Narrow-leaved Cattail Typha angustifolia Common Milkweed Asclepias syriaca Narrow-leaved Mountain Mint Pycnanthemum tenuifolium Multiflora Rose Rosa multiflora Black Walnut Juglans nigra Black Walnut Juglans nigra Black Walnut Magnolia sp. (probably Magnolia denudata x M. lilliflora) Magnolia sp. (ornamental, probably saucer) Magnolia sp. (probably Magnolia denudata x M. lilliflora) Queen Anne's Lace Daucus carota Spotted Knapweed Centaurea stoebe ssp. micranthos Yarrow (likely common yarrow) Achillea sp. (likely A. millefolium) Japanese Stiltgrass Microstegium vimineum Flat-topped Goldenrod? Solidago sp. Sensitive Fern Onoclea sensibilis Japanese Barberry Berberis thunbergii Dogbane sp. Apocynum androsaemifolium Shagbark Hickory
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Greater Celandine Chelidonium majus
Ground Ivy Glechoma heracea
5-leaved Aralia? Eleutherococcus sieboldianus
Common Yellow Wood Sorrel Oxalis stricta
Burdock Arctium sp.
Black Raspberry Rubus occidentalis
Common White Snakeroot Ageratina altissima
Grape sp. Vitis sp.
Common Wild Bergamot Monarda fistulosa
Ragweed Ambrosia sp.

Indian Tobacco	Lobelia inflata
Spicebush	Lindera benzoin
Border Privet	Ligustrum obtusifolium
Norway Spruce	Picea abies
White Clover	Trifolium repens
Tulip Poplar	Liriodendron tulipifera
Tick Trefoil	Desmodium sp. OR Hylodesmum sp.
Forsythia	Forsythia sp.
Jewelweed sp.	Impatiens sp.
Pokeweed	Phytolacca americana var. americana
Mock Orange? Opposite branching	Philadelphus sp.
Catalpa	Catalpa sp.
Japanese Honeysuckle	Lonicera japonica
Wild Black Cherry	Prunus serotina var. serotina
Plantain sp.	depends on species

Appendix C – Fauna Species List

			Potentially
	Scientific Name	Common Name	There, not
			confirmed
MAMMALS			
Bats	Eptesicus fuscus	Big Brown Bat	Υ
	Lasionycteris noctivagans	Silver-haired Bat	Y
	Lasiurus borealis	Eastern Red Bat	Y
	Lasiurus cinereus	Hoary Bat	Y
	Myotis lucifugus	Little Brown Bat	Υ
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Rabbits and Hares	Sylvilagus floridanus	Eastern Cottontail	
Rodents	Blarina brevicauda	Short-tailed Shrew	Y?
	Marmota monax	Woodchuck	
	Microtus pennsylvanicus	Meadow Vole	Y?
	Ondatra zibethicus	Muskrat	
	Peromyscus leucopus	White-footed Mouse	
	Sciurus carolinensis	Eastern Gray Squirrel	
	Tamias striatus	Eastern Chipmunk	
Carnivores	Canis latrans	Eastern Coyote	
	Didelphis virginiana	Virginia Opossum	
	Lynx rufus	Bobcat	
	Mephitis mephitis	Striped Skunk	
	Mustela frenata	Long-tailed Weasel	Y?
	Neovison vison	American Mink	?
	Procyon lotor	Raccoon	
	Ursus americanus	American Black Bear	
	Vulpes vulpes	Red Fox	
Even-toed Ungulates	Odocoileus virginianus	White-tailed Deer	
BIRDS			
Herons, Ibis, and Allies	Ardea alba	Great Egret	
	Ardea herodias	Great Blue Heron	
	Botaurus Ientirinosus	American Bittern	
	Butorides virescens	Green Heron	
Swans and Coose	Branta bernicla	Drant	
Swans and Geese	Branta canadensis	Brant Canada Goose	
	Chen caerulescens	Snow Goose	
	Cygnus olor	Mute Swan	
	Cygnus oloi	Wate Swall	
Dabbling Ducks	Aix svonsa	Wood Duck	
	Anas acuta	Northern Pintail	
	Anas carolinensis	Green-winged Teal	
	Anas discors	Blue-winged Teal	
	Anas platyrhynchos	Mallard	
	Anas rubripes	American Black Duck	

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Diving Ducks	Aythya affinis	Lesser Scaup	
	Aythya collaris	Ring-necked Duck	
	Aythya valisineria	Canvasback	
	Buchephala albeola	Bufflehead	
	Bucephala clangula	Common Goldeneye	
	Melanitta deglandi	White-winged Scoter	
	Melanitta nigra	Black Scoter	
	Mergus mergansus	Common Merganser	
	Mergus serrator	Red-breasted Merganser	
Pelicans and Cormorants	Phalacrocorax auritus	Double-crested Cormorant	
Diurnal Raptors	Accipiter cooperii	Cooper's Hawk	
Diamar Naptors	Accipiter striatus	Sharp-shinned Hawk	
	Buteo jamaicensis	Red-tailed Hawk	
	Buteo lineatus	Red-shouldered Hawk	
	Buteo platypterus	Broad-winged Hawk	
	Cathartes aura	Turkey Vulture	
	Circus cyaneus	Northern Harrier	
	Coragyps atratus	Black Vulture	
	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Bald Eagle	
	Pandion haliaetus	Osprey	
	T diffalori fidifactus	Ospicy	
Upland Game Birds	Meleagris gallopavo	Wild Turkey	
Opiana dame biras	Phasianus colchicus	Ring-necked Pheasant	
	rnusiunus colenicus	Milg-Hecked Fileasant	
Rails, Gallinules, and Allies	Fulica americana	American Coot	
Shorebirds	Actitis macularius	Spotted Sandpiper	
311010011111	Charadrius vociferus	Killdeer	
	Scolopax minor	American Woodcock	
	эсспорах тто	American Woodcock	
Skuas, Jaegers, Gulls	Larus delawarensis	Ring-billed Gull	
endus, suegers, eans	Larus marinus	Great Black-backed Gull	
	Larus smithsonianus	American Herring Gull	
Pigeons and Doves	Columba livia	Rock Pigeon	
0	Zenaida macroura	Mourning Dove	
Cuckoos	Coccyzus americanus	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	
	Coccyzus erythropthalmus	Black-billed Cuckoo	
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Owls	Bubo virginianus	Great Horned Owl	
	Otus asio	Eastern Screech Owl	
	Strix varia	Barred Owl	
Swifts	Chaetura pelagica	Chimney Swift	
Hummingbirds	Archilochus colubris	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	
Kingfishers	Megaceryle alcyon	Belted Kingfisher	
Woodpeckers	Drvocopus pileatus	Pileated Woodpecker	
	Colaptes auratus	Northern Flicker	
	Melanerves carolinus	Red-bellied Woodpecker	
	Picoides pubescens	Downy Woodpecker	
	Picoides villosus	Hairy Woodpecker	
	Sphyrapicus varius	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	

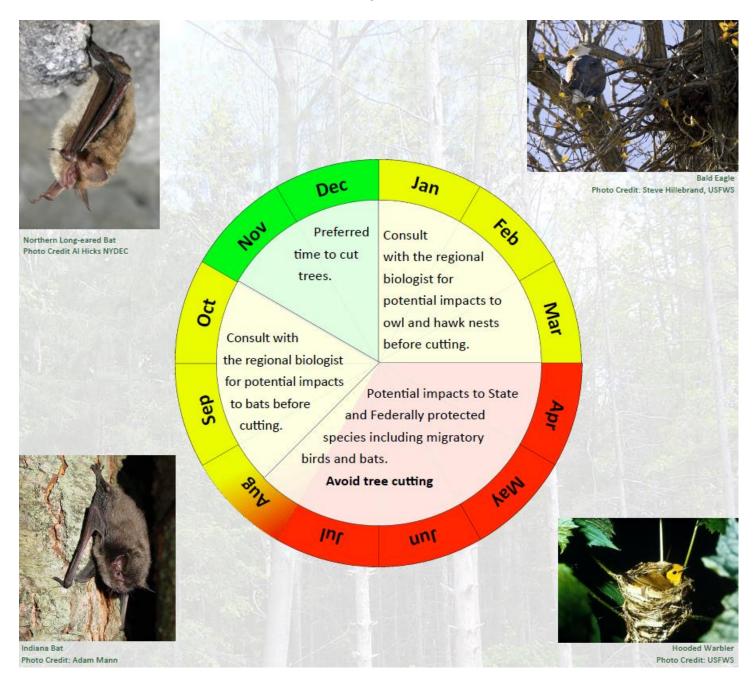
Falcons	Falco columbarius	Merlin	
	Falco peregrinus	Peregrine Falcon	
	Falco sparverius	American Kestrel	
Tyrant Flycatchers	Contopus cooperi	Olive-sided flycatcher	
	Contopus virens	Eastern Wood-Pewee	
	Emidonax alnorum	Alder Flycatcher	
	Empidonax minimus	Least Flycatcher	
	Empidonax traillii	Willow Flycatcher	Y?
	Myiarchus crinitus	Great Crested Flycatcher	
	Sayornis phoebe	Eastern Phoebe	
	Tyrannus tyrannus	Eastern Kingbird	
Vireos	Vireo flavifrons	Yellow-throated Vireo	
VIIEOS	Vireo gilvus	Warbling Vireo	
	Vireo olivaceus	Red-eyed Vireo	
	Vireo philadelphicus	Philadelphia Vireo	
	Vireo solitarius	Blue-headed Vireo	
	vireo sontarias	blue-fleaded vireo	
Jays and Crows	Corvus brachyrhynchos	American Crow	
•	Corvus corax	Common Raven	
	Cyanocitta cristata	Blue Jay	
	Corvus ossifragus	Fish Crow	
Swallows	Hirundo rustica	Barn Swallow	
Swanows	Tachycineta bicolor	Tree Swallow	
	raciny cirie ta bicolor	Tree swallow	
Chickadees, Nuthatches, and Their Allies	Baeolophus bicolor	Tufted Titmouse	
	Certhia americana	Brown Creeper	
	Poecile atricapilla	Black-capped Chickadee	
	Sitta canadensis	Red-breasted Nuthatch	
	Sitta carolinensis	White-breasted Nuthatch	
Wrens	Thryothorus Iudovicianus	Carolina Wren	
	Troglodytes aedon	House Wren	
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Kinglets and Gnatcatchers	Polioptila caerulea	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	
	Regulus calendula	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	
	Regulus satrapa	Golden-crowned Kinglet	
Thrushes	Sialia sialis	Eastern Bluebird	
	Catharus fuscescens	Veery	
	Catharus ustulatus	Swainson's Thrush	
	Catharus guttatus	Hermit Thrush	
	Hylocichla mustelina	Wood Thrush	
	Turdus migratorius	American Robin	

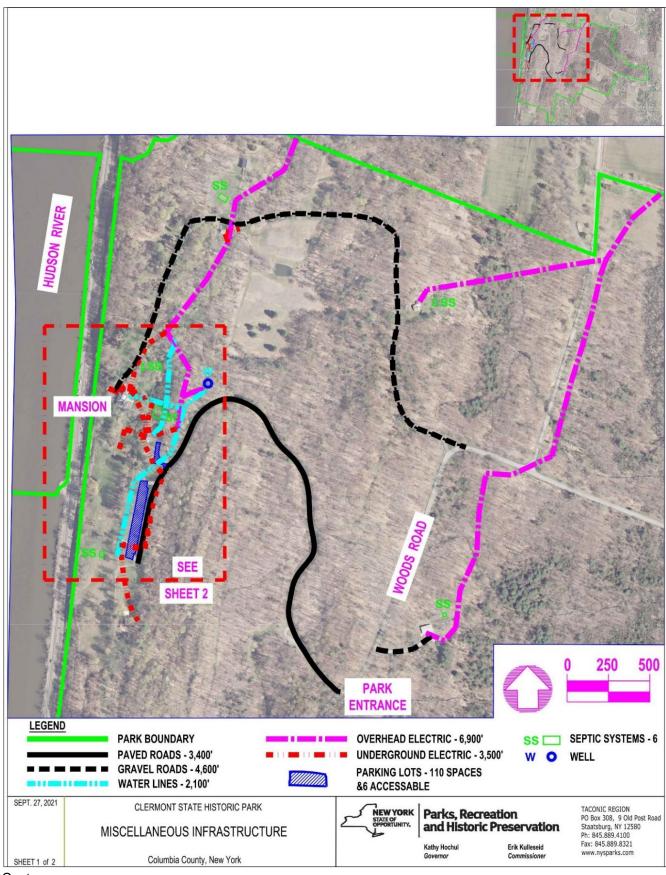
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Mimids	Dumetella carolinensis	Gray Catbird	
	Mimus polyglottos	Northern Mockingbird	
	Toxostoma rufum	Brown Thrasher	
Waxwings	Bombycilla cedrorum	Cedar Waxwing	
	Jonna Courci and		
Starlings, Myna, and Bulbul	Sturnus vulgaris	European Starling	
Wood-warblers	Cardellina canadensis	Canada Warbler	
	Cardellina pusilla	Wilson's Warbler	
	Dendroica discolor	Prairie Warbler	
	Geothlypis trichas	Common Yellowthroat	
	Leiothlypis peregrina	Tennessee Warbler	
	Leiothlypis ruficapilla	Nashville Warbler	
	Mniotilta varia	Black-and-white Warbler	
	Parkesia motacilla	Louisiana Waterthrush	
	Parkesia noveboracensis	Northern Waterthrush	
	Seiurus aurocapilla	Ovenbird	
	Setophaga americana	Northern Parula	
	Setophaga caerulescens	Black-throated Blue Warbler	
	Setophaga coronata	Yellow-rumped Warbler	
	Setophaga fusca	Blackburnian Warbler	
	Setophaga magnolia	Magnolia Warbler	
	Setophaga palmarum	Palm Warbler	
	Setophaga pensylvanica	Chestnut-sided Warbler	
	Setophaga petechia	Yellow Warbler	
	Setophaga pinus	Pine Warbler	
	Setophaga ruticilla	American Redstart	
	Setophaga striata	Blackpoll Warbler	
	Setophaga tigrina	Cape May Warbler	
	Setophaga virens	Black-throated Green Warbler	
	Vermivora cyanoptera	Blue-winged Warbler	
Tanagers, Cardinals, and Their			
Allies	Cardinalis cardinalis	Northern Cardinal	
	Passerina cyanea	Indigo Bunting	
	Pheuticus Iudovicianus	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	
	Piranga olivacea	Scarlet Tanager	
Emberezine Sparrows and Their	Junco hyemalis	Dark-eyed Junco	
Allies			
	Melospiza georgiana	Swamp Sparrow	
	Melospiza melodia	Song Sparrow	
	Passerella iliaca	Fox Sparrow	
	Pipilo erythrophthalmus	Eastern Towhee	
	Spizella arborea	American Tree Sparrow	
	Spizella passerina	Chipping Sparrow	
	Spizella pusilla	Field Sparrow	
	Zonotrichia albicollis	White-throated Sparrow	
	Zonotrichia leucophrys	White-crowned Sparrow	

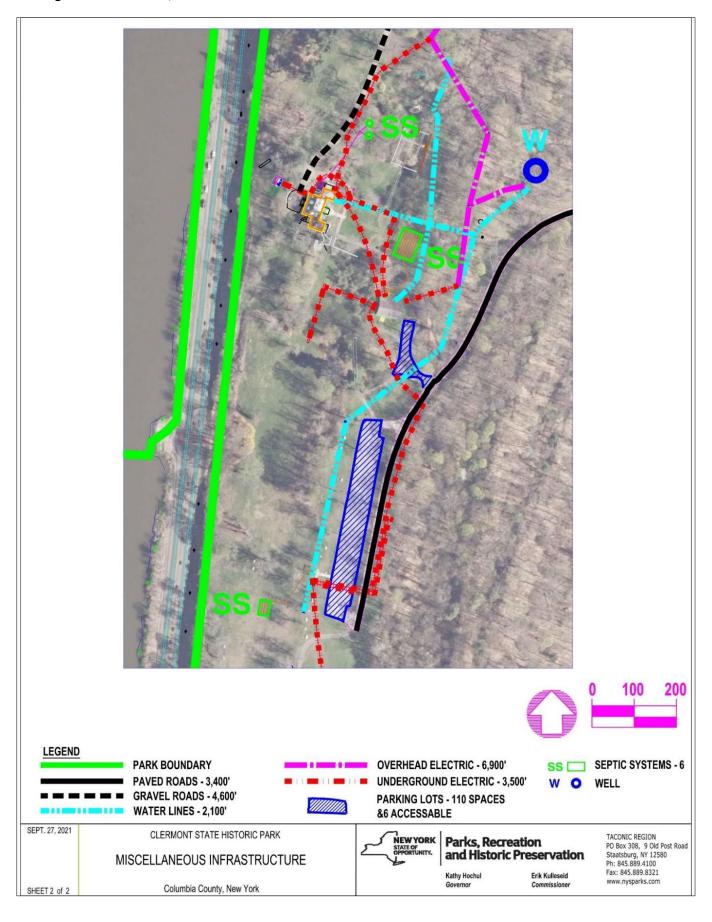
Icterids	Agelaius phoeniceus	Red-winged Blackbird	
	Dolichonyx oryzivorus	Bobolink	
	Icterus galbula	Baltimore Oriole	
	Icterus spurius	Orchard Oriole	
	Molothrus ater	Brown-headed Cowbird	
	Quiscalus quiscula	Common Grackle	
	Sturnella magna	Eastern Meadowlark	
Finches and Old World Sparrows	Acanthis flammea	Common Redpoll	
i menes and end trond spanious	Haemorhous mexicanus	House Finch	
	Haemorhous purpureus	Purple Finch	
	Passer domesticus	House Sparrow	
	Spinus pinus	Pine Siskin	
	Spinus tristis	American Goldfinch	
REPTILES	opinus tristis	American Goldmen	
Turtles	Chelydra serpentina	Snapping Turtle	
	Chrysemys picta	Painted Turtle	
	Glyptemys insculpta	Wood Turtle	?
	Sternotherus odoratus	Eastern Musk Turtle	?
	Terrapene carolina	Eastern Box Turtle	?
	retrapene caronna	Lustern Box Furtie	•
Snakes	Lampropeltis triangulum	Eastern Milksnake	?
	Nerodia sipedon	Northern Water Snake	Υ
	Pantherophis obsoletus	Black Ratsnake	
	Storeria dekayi	DeKay's Brown Snake	
	Thamnophis sauritus	Eastern Ribbon Snake	?
	Thamnophis sirtalis	Eastern Garter Snake	-
AMPHIBIANS		,	
Frogs and Toads	Anaxyrus americanus	American Toad	
5	Hyla versicolor	Gray Treefrog	Υ
	Lithobates catesbeianus	American Bullfrog	Y?
	Lithobates clamitans	Green Frog	
	Lithobates palustris	Pickerel Frog	Υ
	Lithobates sylvaticus	Wood Frog	
	Pseudacris crucifer	Spring Peeper	
Salamanders & Newts	Ambystoma maculatum	Spotted Salamander	
	Notophthalmus viridescens	Red-spotted Newt	Y
	Plethodon cinereus	Eastern Red-backed Salamander	Υ
FISH			
	Acipenser brevirostrum	Shortnose Sturgeon	
	Acipenser oxyrhynchus	Atlantic Sturgeon	
	Catostomus commersonii	White Sucker	Y
	Lepomis gibbosus	Pumpkinseed	Y
	Lepomis macrochirus	Bluegill	Y
	Micropterus salmoides	Largemouth Bass	
	Notemigonus crysoleucas	Golden Shiner	Y
	Rhinichthys atratulus	Eastern Blacknose Dace	Y

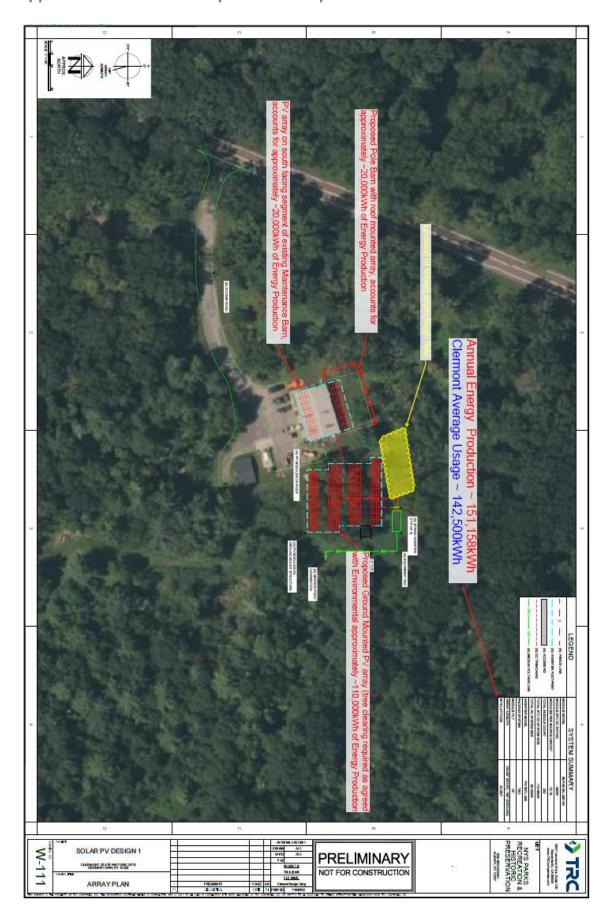
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Beetles	Cicindela sexguttata	Six-spotted Tiger Beetle	Y?
Butterflies	Danaus plexippus	Monarch	
	Nymphalis antiopa	Mourning Cloak	
	Papilio glaucus	Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	
Odonates	Calopteryx maculata	Ebony Jewelwing	Y
	Erythemis simplicicollis	Eastern Pondhawk	Υ

Appendix D – OPRHP Tree Removal Policy

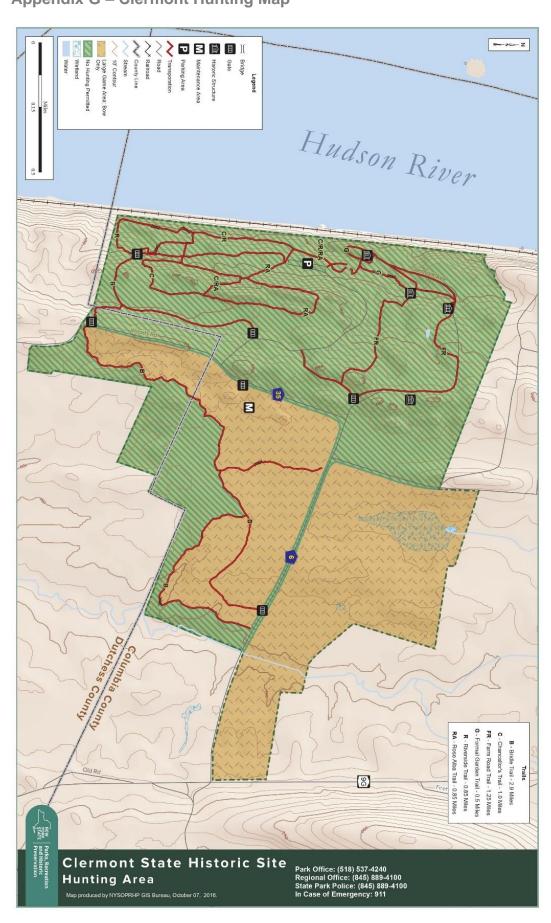








Appendix G – Clermont Hunting Map



NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Coastal Assessment Form

A. <u>INSTRUCTIONS</u> (Please print or type all answers)

- State agencies shall complete this CAF for proposed actions which are subject to Part 600 of Title 19 of the NYCRR. This
 assessment is intended to supplement other information used by a state agency in making a determination of significance
 pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (see 6 NYCRR, Part 617). If it is determined that a proposed action
 will not have a significant effect on the environment, this assessment is intended to assist a state agency in complying with
 the certification requirements of 19 NYCRR Section 600.4.
- 2. If any question in Section C on this form is answered "yes", then the proposed action may affect the achievement of the coastal policies contained in Article 42 of the Executive Law. Thus, the action should be analyzed in more detail and, if necessary, modified prior to either (a) making a certification of consistency pursuant to 19 NYCRR Part 600 or, (b) making the findings required under SEQR, 6 NYCRR, Section 617.11, if the action is one for which an environmental impact statement is being prepared. If an action cannot be certified as consistent with the coastal policies, it shall not be undertaken.
- Before answering the questions in Section C, the preparer of this form should review the coastal policies contained in 19 NYCRR Section 600.5. A proposed action should be evaluated as to its significant beneficial and adverse effects upon the coastal area.

B. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION

1.	Type of state agency action (check appropriate response):	
	 (a) Directly undertaken (e.g. capital construction, planning activity, agency regulation, land transaction) (b) Financial assistance (e.g. graph pan, subsidy) (c) Permit, license, certification 	
2.	Describe nature and extent of action:	_
	The action is the adoption and implementation of a Master Plan for Clermont State Historic	
	Site.	
3.	Location of action:	2
	Dutchess/Columbia Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 14 Maintenance Lane	
	County City, Town or Village Street or Site Description	
4.	If an application for the proposed action has been filed with the state agency, the following information shall be provided:	
	(a) Name of applicant:	
	(b) Mailing address:	
	(c) Telephone Number: Area Code ()	
	(d) State agency application number:	=
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5.	Will the action be directly undertaken, require funding, or approval by a federal agency?	
	Yes No If yes, which federal agency?	-
<u>CO</u>	DASTAL ASSESSMENT (Check either "YES" or "NO" for each of the following questions)	ī
1.	Will the proposed activity be <u>located</u> in, or contiguous to, or have a <u>significant effect</u> upon any of the	1C
	resource areas identified on the coastal area map:	_
	(a) Significant fish or wildlife habitats? (b) Scenic resources of statewide significance?	=
	(-) I	_
2.	Will the proposed activity have a <u>significant effect</u> upon:	
	(c) Development of future, or existing water dependent uses? (d) Operation of the State's major ports? (e) Lond and water uses within the State's small bedom?	ノノノノノ

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3	3.	Will the proposed activity <u>involve</u> or <u>result in</u> any of the following:	
		 (a) Physical alteration of two (2) acres or more of land along the shoreline, land under water or coastal waters? (b) Physical alteration of five (5) acres or more of land located elsewhere in the coastal area? (c) Expansion of existing public services of infrastructure in undeveloped or low density areas of the 	
		coastal area? (d) Energy facility not subject to Article VII or VIII of the Public Service Law? (e) Mining, excavation, filling or dredging in coastal waters? (f) Reduction of existing or potential public access to or along the shore? (g) Sale or change in use of state-owned lands located on the shoreline or under water? (h) Development within a designated flood or erosion hazard area? (i) Development on a beach, dune, barrier island or other natural feature that provides protection against flooding or erosion?	
2	1.	Will the proposed action be <u>located</u> in or have a <u>significant effect</u> upon an area included in an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program?	
D. §	SUB	SMISSION REQUIREMENTS	
I	f an	sy question in Section C is answered "Yes", AND either of the following two conditions is met:	
		Section B.1(a) or B.1(b) is checked; or Section B.1(c) is checked AND B.5 is answered "Yes",	
]	ГНЕ	IEN a copy of this completed Coastal Assessment Form shall be submitted to:	
		New York State Department of State Office of Coastal, Local Government and Community Sustainability One Commerce Plaza 99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1010 Albany, New York 12231-0001	
I	f as	sistance or further information is needed to complete this form, please call the Department of State at (518) 474-6000.	
Е. <u>І</u>	REM	MARKS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
		e EIS includes a summary discussion of coastal consistency within Chapter 4 – Environmental Impacts d Mitigation. A full discussion of applicable policies is included in the following pages of this Appendix.	
Preparer's Name: Mark Hohengasser (Please print)			
Title	. P	lanner Agency: Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Presrvation	
Teler	ohor	ne Number: (518) 408-1827 Date: 4/18/2023	

Coastal Assessment Form Addendum: Coastal Policy Discussion

New York State coastal policies are organized under major headings. Those policy areas and specific policies applicable to the master plan are listed below. Following each applicable policy is a brief discussion on the extent of consistency of the master plan with the policy.

Refer to the EIS Chapter 4 - Environmental Impacts and Mitigation under Relationship to Other Programs, for an explanation of general applicability of the coastal program to state agency actions, as well as OPRHP's certification of consistency with State coastal policies

Fish and Wildlife Policies

POLICY b (1) - Significant coastal fish and wildlife habitats, as identified on the coastal area map, shall be protected, preserved and, where practical, restored so as to maintain their viability as habitats.

Clermont State Historic Site borders the Germantown-Clermont Flats Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitat (SCFWH) within the Hudson River. The master plan proposes no in-water or shoreline work. The master plan is consistent with this policy as it calls for increased natural resource protection of the park. The park provides important watershed protection for habitats within and that lead to the Hudson River. The actions proposed under the Plan will have no negative impact or will have beneficial impacts on these ecosystems and the fish and wildlife species that they support. The Plan includes a focus on invasive species management. All development, including the restoration of the original entrance road, a trailhead parking lot and the restoration of park features, will utilize Best Management Practices related to stormwater management and erosion to protect the habitat of the wetlands and the Hudson River. No additional recreation or activities are proposed which will adversely impact wildlife at Clermont State Historic Site or the concentrations of waterfowl, reptiles, turtle, fish and other wildlife on the Germantown-Clermont Flats SCFWH area.

Scenic Quality Policies

POLICY d (1) Prevent impairment of scenic resources of statewide significance, as identified on the coastal area map. Impairment shall include: (i) the irreversible modification of geological forms, the destruction or removal of vegetation, the destruction or removal of structures, wherever the geologic forms, vegetation or structures are significant to the scenic quality of an identified resource; and (ii) the addition of structures which because of siting or scale will reduce identified views or which because of scale, form or materials will diminish the scenic quality of an identified resource.

POLICY d (2) Protect, restore and enhance natural and man-made resources which are not identified as being of statewide significance, but which contribute to the scenic quality of the coastal area.

Clermont State Historic Site is located within the Hudson River Estates District (ED) - Subunits (1) Clermont and (2) Clermont/Tivoli Estate Farmland Scenic Areas of Statewide Significance (SASS). Clermont State Historic Site is noted as a predominant feature of the Subunits' SASS description, as its physical and cultural character and viewshed are representative of the subunits' characteristics. The protection of the high scenic quality of this Site, both from within the Site and from outside the Site is a goal of the Master Plan and this scenic quality will not be impaired in the implementation of any of the actions proposed under the plan.

The addition to the mansion will not be visible from the Hudson River and will be consistent with the historic visual character of the Site. The trailhead parking lot, restroom replacement, trail improvements, restoration of the original roadway and small solar installation will not adversely impact scenic resources. Vegetative buffers will remain in place to protect the scenic nature of the area.

Additionally, offshore of the Site is the Ulster North (UN) – 4 Saugerties Bluff Subunit SASS. The Subunit is considered of high scenic quality as it includes steep wooded bluffs along the Hudson River shoreline with historic landscaped estates upland of the shoreline. The Master Plan proposes no in-water or shoreline work or any improvements that would directly impact the bluffs or views of the Site from offshore or across the Site to views of the Hudson River and beyond.

Public access policies

POLICY e (1) Protect, maintain, and increase the levels and types of access to public water-related recreation resources and facilities so that these resources and facilities may be fully utilized by all the public in accordance with reasonably anticipated public recreation needs and the protection of historic and natural resources. In providing such access, priority shall be given to public beaches, boating facilities, fishing areas and waterfront parks.

POLICY e (2) Access to the publicly owned foreshore and to lands immediately adjacent to the foreshore or the water's edge that are publicly owned shall be provided, and it should be provided in a manner compatible with adjoining uses. Such lands shall be retained in public ownership.

The Master Plan protects and maintains all public access to this waterfront site and its shoreline areas for recreation and public use. All proposals contained within the Master Plan are consistent with the current recreational use of the Site and this policy.

Recreation Policies

POLICY f (3) Protect, enhance and restore structures, districts, areas or sites that are of significance in the history, architecture, archeology or culture of the State, its communities or the nation.

The Master Plan is consistent with this policy. Direct consultation with OPRHP's Division for Historic Preservation occurred during the development of the Master Plan to assure proper consideration and protection of historic and cultural resources. Additional detailed review under the State Historic Preservation Act will be completed prior to any proposed actions requiring ground disturbance or to any Register eligible structures to further insure that potential historic and cultural resources are protected.

Water Resources Policies

POLICY h (3) Best management practices will be used to ensure the control of stormwater runoff and combined sewer overflows draining into coastal waters.

POLICY h (5) Best management practices will be utilized to minimize the non-point discharge of excess nutrients, organics and eroded soils into coastal waters.

All proposed development, including the restoration of the original entrance road, a trailhead parking lot and the restoration of park features, will utilize Best Management Practices related to stormwater management and erosion to protect wetlands and the Hudson River. The Master Plan includes strong provisions to protect the freshwater wetlands of the park and adjacent waters and therefore will be consistent with these policies. No new development is proposed within or near state or federal wetlands within the Site. Existing trails that are located adjacent to wetland areas will be surveyed to ensure that habitat and water quality are not being impacted from recreational use or invasive species.

Resources:

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