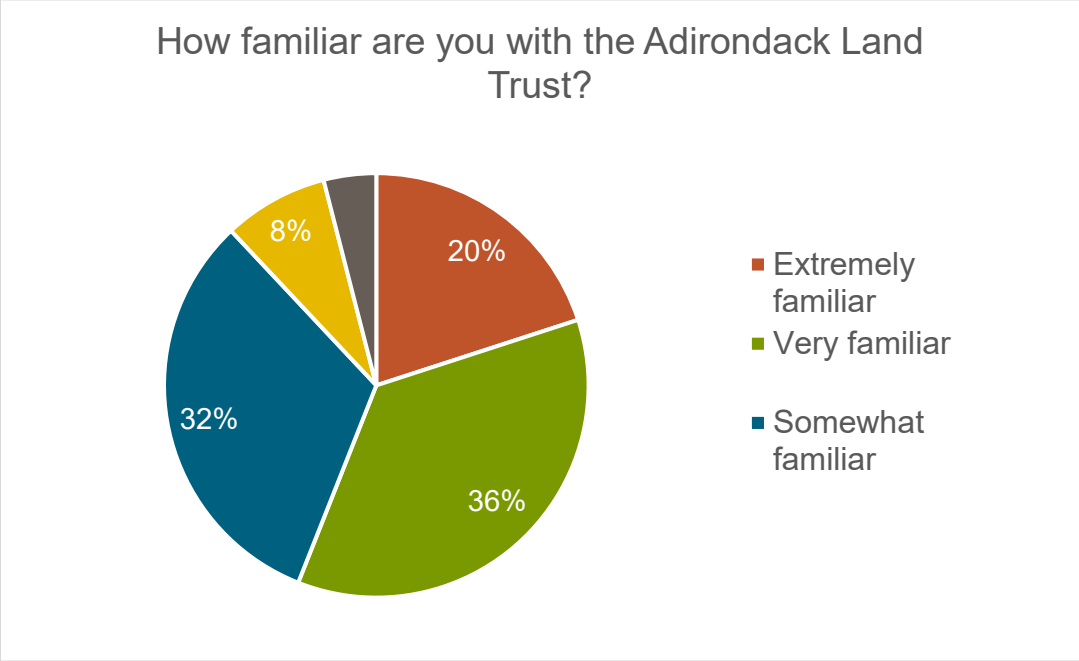
Glenview Community Planning Work Session Survey Summary

Conceptual Trail Plan and Parking

Total survey responses: 75

Q 1. How familiar are you with the Adirondack Land Trust?



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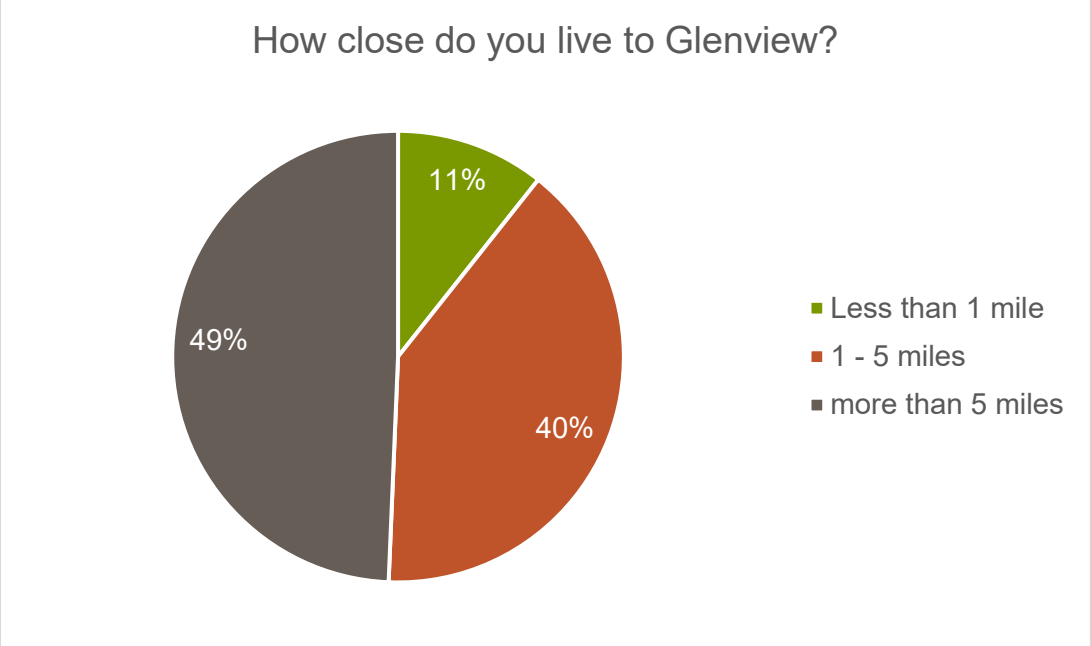
Q 2. How close do you live to Glenview?



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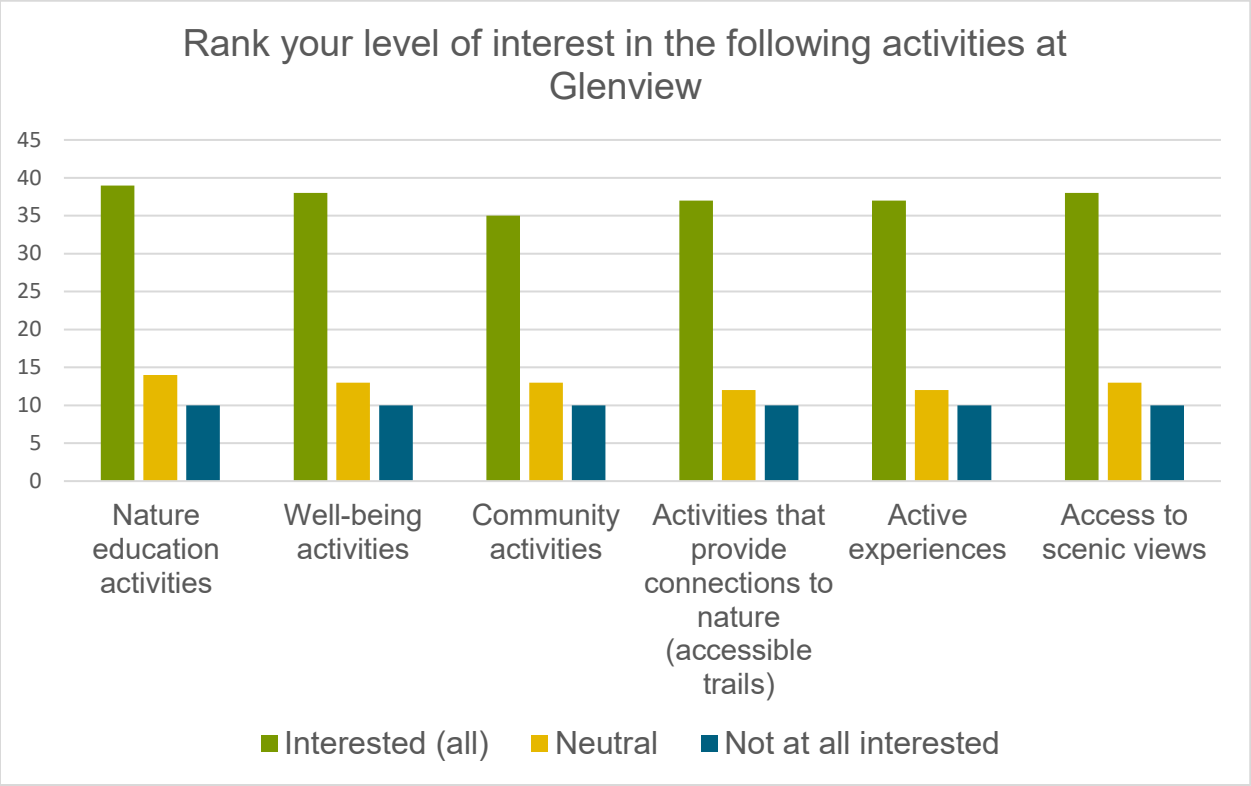
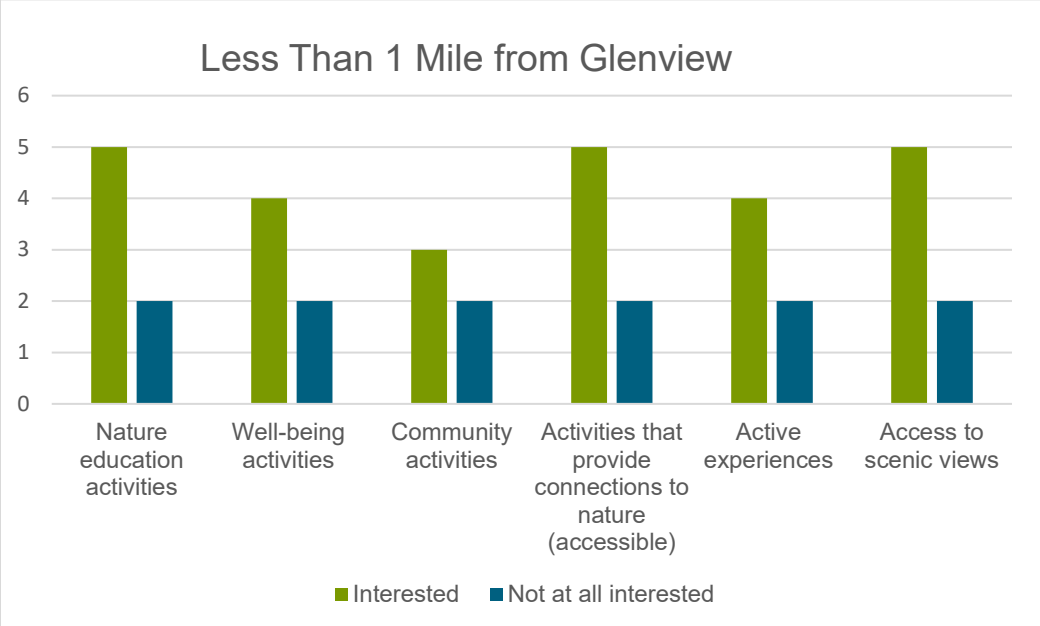
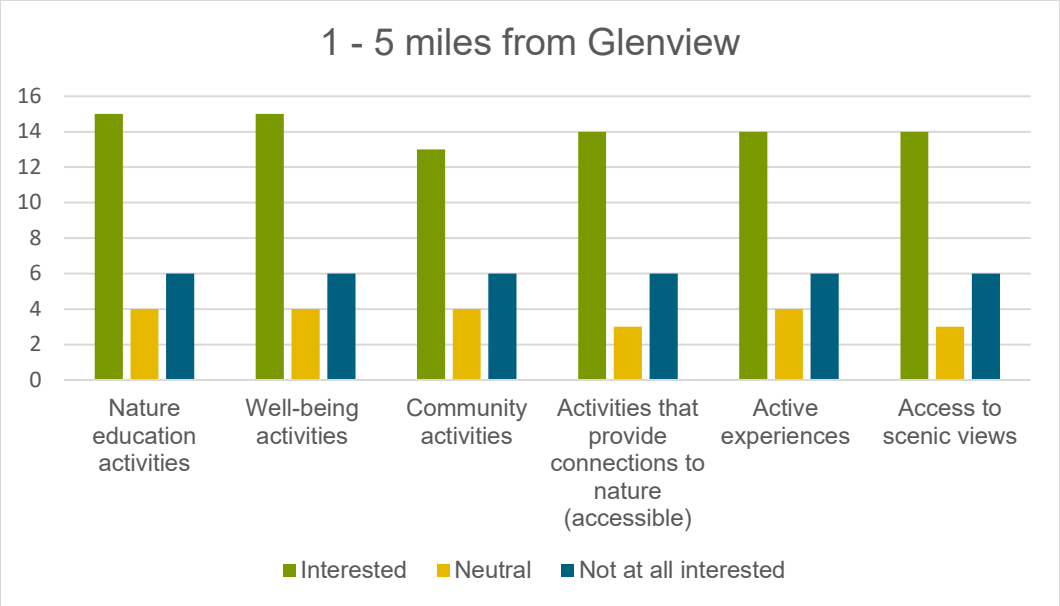
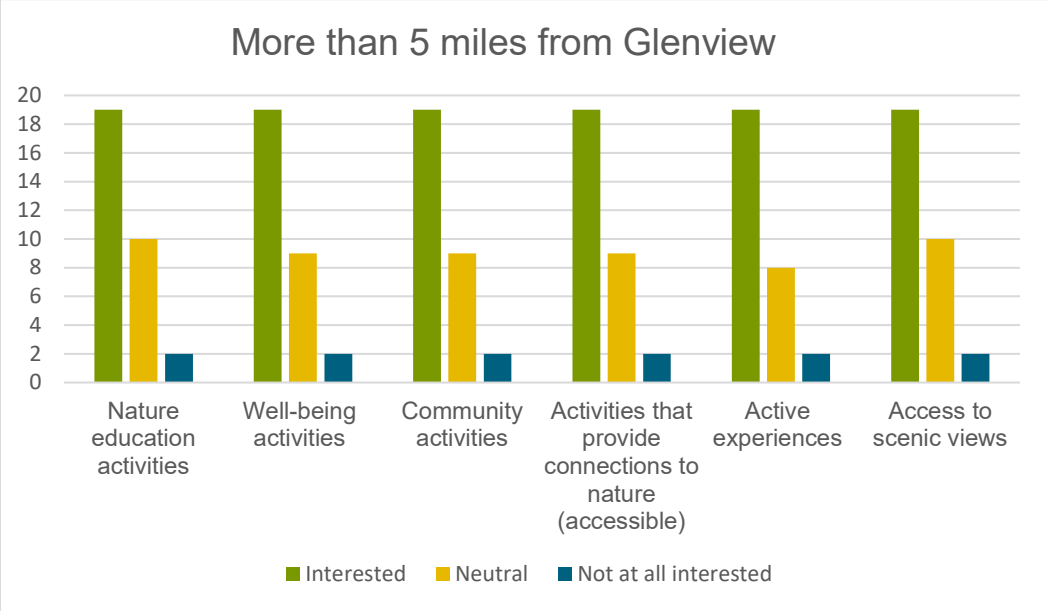
Q3, CHART 2. All “interested” categories combined.



Q3, CHARTS 3, 4, 5. Interest Levels by Respondents’ Distances from Glenview





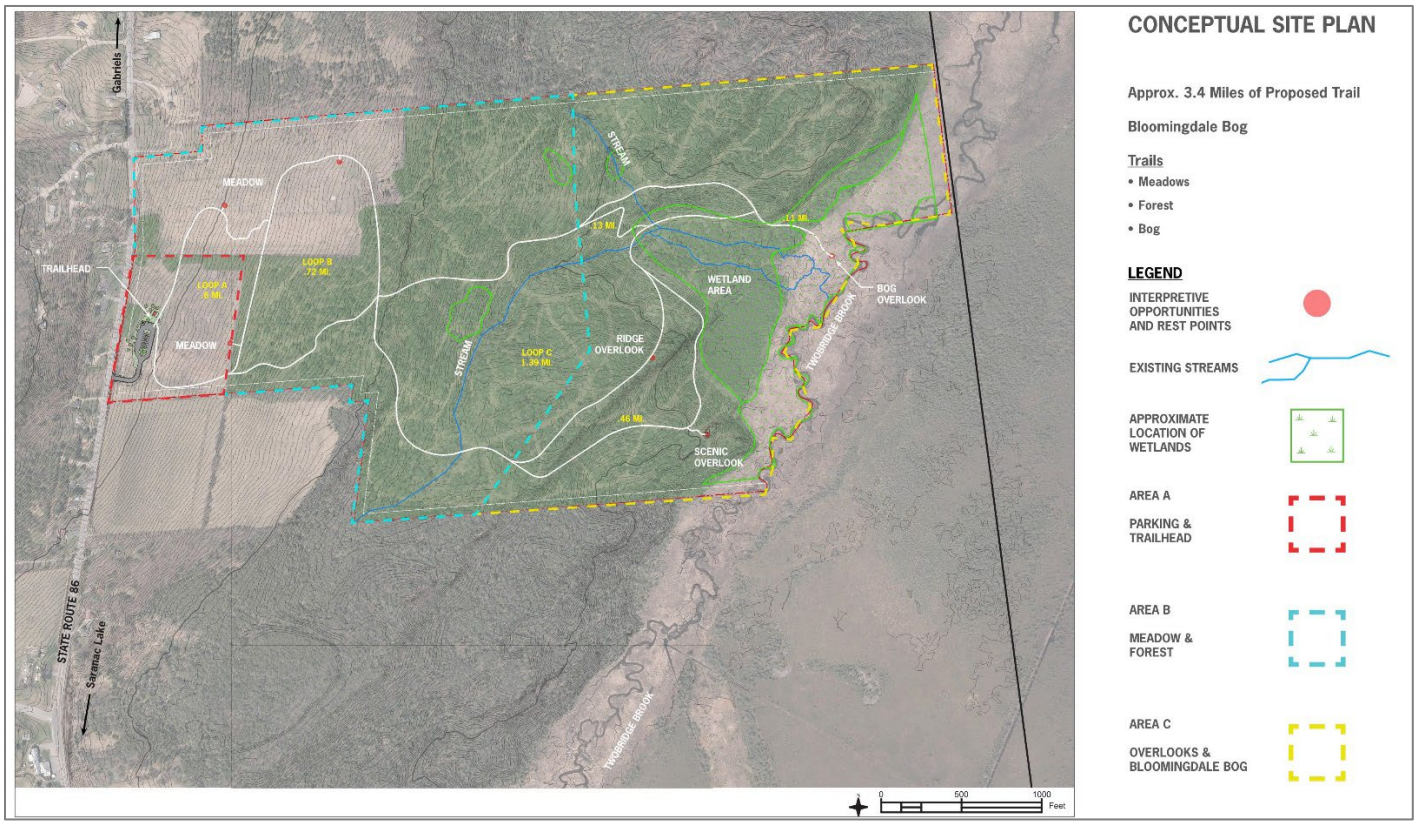


Q 3 comments:

Wonderful ski hill for hike and ski (backcountry skiing)
Leave the property as it is. Don't ruin the vista.
Having a view point off of 86 is a wonderful idea. I have stopped there on the shoulder to take pictures in the past and it's a very dangerous road to stop on
Accessibility is key - it seems like most places in the ADKs are not accessible for people with disabilities, people who are fat, people who have children. Those people deserve to experience the Park, too.
SHOULD NOT BE DEVELOPED in ANYWAY. Protecting our Ecosystem is not developing it. We already have all the amenities you list, which is 10 minutes down road at the Vic, The Wild Center in TL.

thank you for the accessible trails for seniors with walkers and canes!
Leased, environmentally sensitive, agriculture,
Are dogs on a leash allowed on trails?
In a perfect world, the space would remain untouched by any evidence of human intrusion, but I know the world is not perfect
access to handicapped accessable active experiences
Question 4 has a lot of topics. Physically assisted accessibility in part of the plan is something Of like to see.
Not interested in any of these at this location!
Would rather the area stay wild
Include picnic tables, charcoal grills, and possibly a fire pit.
The idea of having groups using the area turns me off to going there to recreate solo. I don't want to run into a large group of people when I'm out trying to enjoy nature time by myself.
very interested:active experiences, scenic views, accessible trails, community activities

Q 4. The following is a conceptual site plan showing parking location, trail network (marked in white) and locations for scenic overlooks and rest points (red dots). The parking is shown at the southern extent of the property due to the increased sight lines along Route 86 in this location. A small shelter for portable toilets and a shade structure is shown near the parking lot. The trail system consists of several loops to allow the user to choose the length of their hike. Loops A & B, located in the grasslands and upper forest would be designed to be accessible where the topography allows. Loop C leads to three overlook areas with two providing views of the Bloomingdale Bog. Please provide us with your comments or questions.



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Although not clearly indicated, it appears the green area is forested. How many, or how extensive, will tree cutting be to create the new trails? The diagram shows light colored lines meandering through the area. I assume they are some sort of existing path or trail. If so, can some be incorporated in the new trail system? Has a survey been completed to identify any wildlife migration patterns that the trails might disrupt? Have any vernal pools and associated access routes been identified and avoided? How extensive is the maple sap collection activity and how does it impact the area?
Any chance parking could go on the W side of 86? I didn't think so, but on the E side it corrupts the view for those who do not stop.
any indication of how much elevation change across the trails? a topo map would be great. I know the area appears to be on a slope as viewed from rt 86. I would look to the VIC to reference their trail marking system. Having a sign at each intersection labeling the trails and having the next trail marker viewable from the current one.
Can people in wheel chairs use trails A and B? Do the rest points have a bench?
great idea ! more public restrooms are a great idea. I often stop at the outdoor restrooms at the Wild Center in Tupper Lake.
Great plan!
Had our question about wheelchair accessibility answered at in person meeting
I am an abutting property owner along the entire lower southern border all the way down to the bog and I am very concerned that people will stray off trail and make their own trails or just wander onto my lands. That is a liability issue for me as well as an invasion of privacy.
I know there are pre-existing trails/roads, and structures. Would those be able to be marked on the map? I think that would give a clearer image of the extent of impact of proposed trails and infrastructure. Thank you!
I like that there are many loops and overlooks. Is there a way to get permission from the landowners between this property and the Bloomingdale Bog Trail so that there can be a connector trail?
I like the look of this plan. This will be a nice place to walk and ski after work.
I like the proposed trail system, the loops to choose length of trek is ideal. Does there need to be a shade pavilion? Can it not be left as close to natural as possible?
I love this plan, particularly the loop system that allows the user to pick the length of their hike depending on how they feel/their abilities during that visit.
I strongly urge you to eliminate Loop C from your plans. Consider the effects Loop C would have on wildlife and on the landscape; it's not all about human access everywhere. That being said, I do approve of Loop A, and probably B, as a way of providing ADA access to a trail, and one of the most beautiful views around!
I think the trail system looks wonderful and will provide four season recreational opportunities. I hope trails are kept narrow and unpaved, and I hope that bicycles are kept off the trails. See my comments on parking below.
I would like to see a larger (pop up?) map of the trail system. Overall, I think it looks great.
I'm excited to see the longer loops. As a neighbor, I would definitely use these for walking or jogging.
Leave the property as it is. Don't ruin the vista.
Looks fabulous! Very sensible to limit the accessible trails to the upper fields. Looks like you are keeping trails away from the spring/pond (good). The overlooks will be fantastic - but have you considered allowing access to Two Bridge Brook for those willing to CARRY a canoe to/from the parking area? Just something I always wanted to do: launch at Bloomingdale road and take out at Glenview. Presumably you will continue to ban hunting and fishing on the preserve.
Looks good for birding with trails traversing multiple habitats allowing for sighting variety of species.
Looks good!
Looks great to me!
Looks great! I hope the parking is in a low enough spot that the across-the-street neighbors can still have their view without having to look at cars and people and potties. Could the potties be similar to the ones at National Parks like at Rocky Mountain NP? Could they be other than ugly plastic portable structures but something that is scientific, innovative, environmentally friendly, architecturally pleasing

and appropriate, even attractive, even artistic, and pleasant. Maybe someone somewhere in the world has designed a public toilet that would work well in this place?
Nicely laid out.
none
Really looking forward to using these trails!
These look like nice plans. I live between Saranac Lake and Tupper Lake but would definitely come over to use these trails. How much of the trails in Loop C would require boardwalks and/or infrastructure to keep that area of the trail out of any standing water? Who would handle routine maintenance of the trails and any infrastructure? What design issues were considered in developing the plan for these trails?
This area should not be destroyed by human development, which is your Mission Statement, our Community has so many many trails to walk , What about Climate Change? taking the vegetation out. Also it's considered Wet Land.
This is a very busy thoroughfare on Route 86. Its already a traffic nightmare. Just look at vehicular accidents over the years near Donnellys ice cream stand.
This looks awesome! It would be great to have some nice looping walking trails in the neighborhood. Since it's such a nice viewing area, I think it'd be important to add some sort of signage or structure that discourages people from walking wherever they want on the meadow right next to 86.
This looks fantastic and I am sure it will be created with the balance of use and environment in mind.
This looks terrific.
Trails and meadow are a good area to view and walk nature trails close to all with no noise and impact of snow mobiles and ATV. It reminds me of the Heaven Hill area in LP>
Trails for walking, skiing, snowshoeing would be valuable. Henry's Woods is a good model. Highway access and overflow parking likely to be significant problems. Ampersand trailhead is example of an undesirable outcome.
What is the elevation of the ridge?
Would there be any opportunity for bicycles?

Q 5. The following is an enlarged image of the parking area. A small shelter for portable toilets and a shade structure is shown near the parking area. A section is shown through the road and parking lot, to show that the parking will be below the grade of the road. Please provide us with your comments or questions

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A "below grade" parking lot may make access difficult in winter. Will it be a dirt lot?
A safe parking access for viewing the view is needed. But turning this into another VIC for tourists is insensitive to landowners
Any parking area or other development should be on the south side of 86 away from the scenic view even if that means buying more land. Hiding parking in trees is insufficient. Trees die especially from development and compaction.
Are the 3 overlook areas elevated platforms similar to the ones at the VIC?
As discussed at on person meeting the parking challenge will be how popular this becomes
Do we really want to pave paradise and put up a parking lot?
Good that it is shielded so it has little impact on the view from the road
Great visual! Thanks for including this.
Harrietstown would plow and sand in the winter so cats can get up the hill to get out?
Having the parking lot on the side you have it on will reduce the number of folks who park in that lot only for Donnelly's, which is a good idea. I do wonder though if the proximity of the pavilion area to Donnelly's will "encourage" some folks to cross the street and hang out there or still park in the lot and cross the street through the pavilion. I don't know if shooting the pavilion to where the "A" is adjacent to the parking lot might help provide some beneficial distance and a barrier to crossover traffic.
I am not in favor of a paved parking of this size and scope, nor a pavilion, even at an elevation below the road. I'm wondering if the parking lot can be smaller and not paved. The beauty of the road-scape needs to be preserved. Also, I think the proximity to the cemetery demands that any man-made development respect those buried there and those visiting the graves. I don't think the parking area should be in view from the cemetery. You would do well to locate the cemetery on this map, so that planners and the public can get a better idea of the impact on view of and from the cemetery.
I appreciate the fact that the parking area is below the sight line from the road.

I do not see the enlarged image. How much parking capacity? I imagine this will be an extremely popular place.
I like getting the lot off of the road, which will probably help with some of the traffic. I'd hope to see an entrance sign below (from the south) as well.
I like it. In deference to neighbors hope that plenty of vegetative screening is provided to dampen impacts. Given need for winter access, not sure about trees in parking area... given snow plowing. Also a plan for regular maintenance - litter pick up, toilet checks etc. Will you need a shed for a mower? The area is below Rt 86 so hope the access drive will have a flatish area to allow ease into traffic rather than a slope at the junction.
I like the layout of the parking and entrance areas.
If it's below road grade, that at least partially answers my concern above.
Instead of outhouses, which have come a long way, what about a bathroom with septic. The septic could be designed into a tiered system towards the road, as part of the retaining wall system for the parking lot cut. It's more expensive but long run will provide ease of use for those using the space and those maintaining the space.
It looks great!
Leave the property as it is. Don't ruin the view of Whiteface.
looks good
Looks good.
Looks good. And the existing area of trees also keeps this new facility out of view for those zipping past and for the people who live across the street.
Looks great! Maybe add some benches for people who just stop on the side of the road to enjoy the view?
Looks like 22 car parking. That's about 50 to 75 people when at capacity. Is this the number you are planning for?
Loop A should be extent of entire plan, parking and short multi use handicap accessible loop
More parking spots to accommodate Donnelly's consumption!
Nice location for the shelter/portable toilets.
none
parking lot is too big. need maybe 10 spaces to park
please include at the parking/trailhead area a kiosk with a map, leave no trace information, the ten essentials, ranger information, trail registry. This kiosk should be set up so that any hiker/person recreating in the area must pass the kiosk prior to getting onto the trail. This information is invaluable.
Please, no lights after dark!
Restrooms are so important. Without them, some people will not visit. Thank you for including them.
So glad to see plenty of parking spaces with public restrooms - often a challenge in the Adks.
The parking area alone will cut down on the frustration that automobile drivers must feel not now having a safe place to pull over and enjoy the views. I have ridden my bike along here for 25 years and have never failed to stop and admire.
The parking area seems reasonable. Will the size of the pavilion provide enough shelter/gathering space for groups before they head out to explore the preserve?
The parking lot looks well screened for noise and visual impact.
This is most problematic element. Without active oversight I see long term problems. DOT abandoned a much more simplistic pull out about 15 years ago due to traffic and high demand for access to the scenic view in most seasons
What is the building shown on the right side of section A-A? There is no building indicated on the plan view. Please see my comments to number 3. above for items to possibly include near the pavilion. Below Rte. 86 grade is good to screen the facilities from the roadway. However, the access road should be built up to the road elevation further east to enable better sight distance and enhance safety when exiting the parking lot.
While I understand that the intersection of the drive and Rt 86 needs to be perpendicular to the main road, have you considered angling the access drive across the slope a bit to avoid a greater incline as currently shown. Driveways in adjacent properties beyond Donnelly's fields are positioned in this way. Maybe there is enough depth into the field to provide a gentle slope up to the road with this plan so this is not an issue.

Who will pay to keep the area clean, empty trash cans and service the portable toilets? Looks like 20 spaces in the parking lot... sounds perfect. How will you keep RVs out?
Will the lot be gated after hours?
Wonderful idea if this is a day use facility for picnics, first come first serve birthday parties and events at the pavilion, etc. Would be nice if the field near the pavilion is mowed as a place for kids to run and play. There's not a lot of areas like this in the immediate area. Would be a great spot to grab some Donnelly's ice cream and go view the mountains!

Q 6. Do you have any other comments or questions?

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A pull over along the road may be sufficient.
Are there any plans or thoughts on allowing or building in opportunities for mountain biking? I'd be happy to get more involved with the development of this trail system :)
Can't wait to hike & bird here!
Hoping you will have educational/environmental/natural signage at overlooks, with plenty of benches. I like the loops which will spread out pedestrian traffic.
How did you go about sizing the proposed parking lot?
How much of the trails would be accessible to people with disabilities? Will you have QR codes to go along with your signage? What kind of surface do you have for trails?
I am in support of this project.
I expect plenty of dog walkers to use such an area and hope for signage and rules like those at Henry's Woods and Heaven Hill plus disposal for dog waste. Dogs to be leased please.
I have lived here (across the street t) for thirty years. The view is why I stay here. I don't want to look at traffic and people coming and going.
I imagine this will be a popular loop for dog walking; has that been discussed in the plans?
I like the design of the proposed Glenview Nature Preserve. You did a great job in site selection of parking and trails. I would hope the kiosk would provide information the various habitats found on the preserve and the wild life that lives there. Also, the grassland habitat should be mowed regulary for grassland species and to maintain the senic view. The uniqueness of the preserve requires this. My only concern about the development of the parking area is that people will use it after sunset. It may be hard to keep people from camping there. I hope to make it to meeting to learn more about about Glenview.
I oppose this project. It's a beautiful area just the way it is. There are other areas people can go to, the bog trail or the VIC, which is handicapped access and has bathroom facilities, tours, speakers. Please leave this area alone
I think as long as the pavilion and bathrooms are not painted in bright colors (like light green), this is a good idea. Hoping the plan would be dark brown with dark green or black roofs similar to DEC buildings. The design should be mindful of the view from the road and houses across the street. Otherwise I believe this is something that has been needed there for awhile.
I think you should leave nature untrammeled in all ways. That is what is best for the environment.
I'd be really excited if the walking trails came to fruition. It'd be awesome to have somewhere convenient to walk that's just a couple miles down the road and on the way back from town.
I'm all for trails, education, etc., but I hope the human intrusion necessary to accomplish those admirable goals can be kept as minimal as possible.
In my view, the less development at the site the better. It is perfect as it is. Any development could degrade its natural beauty and spiritual impact. At the same time foot trails and skiing/snowshoeing trails would enhance the experience without disturbing its character. Please keep it it as undisturbed as you can. Thank you asking for input. I am a part-year resident of Paul Smiths.
Is the size of the parking lot small enough that if all the spaces are full it won't feel over crowded on the trails? This is something worth keeping in mind. Overuse of the trails never leads to anything good.
I've driven past this every day for close to 20 years and I'm looking forward to having it preserved for its' amazing vistas as well as its' bio-diverse habitats. I'm all in favor of this project!

Looks beautiful! What will be the policy for going off-trail to walk or pick blueberries? Will you allow horses (hope not)? Dogs? Have you ruled out cultivation in the upper fields, or just not part of the current plan?
Looks like a great plan.
Making all sorts of activities and sights accessible to people with limited mobility and people with strollers is of the utmost importance. The Adirondacks could and should be a model of accessibility to nature.
Maybe include signs to identify trees and plants.
Most of the pushback I've heard about this project is asinine. If ANYONE should be spearheading projects like this, it's the Land Trust, because of your mission. We drive past this vista all the time, particularly with friends who are visiting the ADKs for the first time, and it would be lovely to have a place to pull over, park, and walk. Also, people who don't own property here deserve to have places where they can go to be in nature without doing strenuous hiking - a table to picnic at or read a book, a little walk, a view, etc. Just because we have the VIC doesn't mean we don't need more places to be in nature, I think that argument is just ridiculous. THANK YOU for your work on this, y'all are great.
Much needed spot to finally view the Adirondacks from afar. Many national parks or otherwise throughout our country offer scenic overviews to varying extent. The ADK's offer none.
no
Starting out as expanded parking and trail for scenic views has turned into a full blown recreation area. Proposed trails penetrating deep into the preserve provide no view and seem contrary to the mission of a preserve to manage wildlife habitat. Paul Smith's VIS has most of what's purposed already covered except this particular view.
Thank you for the information session at Mt. Pisgah, and for this survey. Keeping Loop A and B but eliminating Loop C would align with your mission statement regarding advancing the quality of life for the community, and maintaining ecological integrity
The neighbor across the road is pretty upset about this. Hopefully you have a plan to avoid this becoming a party spot . But, Kate Mt. Town Park seems to manage fine.
The plan is safer and better than people capriciously pulling off now with cars.
This can be a great addition to the area, particularly for those who want to spend time in nature and have mobility needs.
This is a state super highway, cars & log trucks racing down that highway. It's hard to pull off anywhere on that road
We love the Trust, we are a young couple that recently moved to the area and can't wait to see this come to fruition for our family to enjoy in the years to come.
What happened to Forever Wild? The "need" to open to public is not valid.
Why not leave the property alone, but develop the meadows for grassland bird habitat? That would mean no trails, because ground-nesting birds cannot nest successfully with humans and dogs tramping through their habitat.
Will hunting (especially small game) be allowed on the property? Hunting is probably not compatible with the expected level of visitors, but it looks like a great property for small game.
will the view be seen from the parking area for handicapped individuals to enjoy that can't do the trails?
With regard to accessibility, what is the maximum slope limit for trails?
would want to ride ebikes on trails
You need to clearly and prominently post the borders

Q. 7 Please provide your contact information (optional).

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