Notice of Availability - Draft Environmental Assessment: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Adirondack Land Trust, on behalf of the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC), has completed a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluating the potential environmental impacts of the High Meadow Preserve project (the Proposed Action). NEPA requires that federal agencies consider the effects of a proposed action and any reasonable alternatives on the human environment. This Draft EA evaluates the potential impacts that would result from the implementation of the Proposed Action as compared to the No Action alternative.

The Draft EA is available upon request. Please send an email request to nepa@nbrc.gov. The Draft EA will be provided in electronic format unless a hard copy is specifically requested.

Project Title: High Meadow Preserve
Grantee: Adirondack Land Trust
Federal Funding Agency: Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC)
Project Location: Town of North Elba, Essex County, New York

Purpose of the Proposed Action: The Proposed Action aims to provide universally accessible trails and supporting infrastructure at the Adirondack Land Trust's High Meadow Preserve. The project would provide outdoor recreation opportunities for people of all abilities and comfort levels while enhancing equitable public access to nature and supporting community well-being and the regional recreation economy.

Project Description: The project would include development of universally accessible and sustainable trails and associated visitor infrastructure at High Meadow Preserve, including a new access drive and parking area, pavilion, restroom enclosure, signage, stormwater management features, landscaping, trail construction and upgrades, and improvements to an existing scenic pull-off on Adirondack Loj Road. The preserve would be open for free public day use following construction.

Public Comments: NBRC is accepting comments on this Draft EA from September 2, 2026, through the end of the day of October 2, 2026. Comments should be submitted by email to nepa@nbrc.gov or mailed to The Clark Group LLC, 137 Elm Street, Montpelier, VT 05602.

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