

Appendix D

Primitive Camp Site Analysis

The following table illustrates the siting and selection process OPRHP and Reliant Energy used to set up and install the four water-access camp sites along the Hudson River.

Potential Site Analysis The following sites were selected because they met preliminary criteria. These criteria are: • Ease of access from river. • Dry, level site for several tents. • Prefer 150' buffer from water's edge. • Site is partially or fully screened from the main channel. • Site is fairly open (little or no understory brush). • Site can be accessed from land side. • Site is not too close to a roadway (to discourage partying). • Potential for non-Hudson River water supply. • Potential to cluster two or more campsites. • Potential to locate sanitary facilities 150' from water's edge.	
Spier Falls Impoundment	
1. Bennie Brook Site 1 	• An existing site (evidence of use present). Currently signed by Park, no camping and no campfires. • A wood road near by leads up to Hawk Road. • Accessible by both water and land. • If land side access camping is allowed, parking will be needed. • There are remnants of a hunting camp on the site. • A pit privy may be necessary. • Good stream flow in Bennie Brook.
2. Bennie Brook Site 2 	• Would be a new site (not currently in use). • Requires clearing approximately 12 trees all under 6" dbh. • No land side access. A trail would have to be cut to the wood road for land access. • Providing land access would require crossing Bennie Brook. • Good stream flow in Bennie Brook • Could possibly fit two tents.

3. Murray Foundation



- No clear view of water's edge (would be difficult for campers to monitor their craft, would have to be pulled well up on shore)
- Well screened from the river channel.
- Large grassy, cleared area. There is enough space for 2 or three tents (group camp potential).
- The well and foundation could be a hazard. Signing, protection measures and stabilization would be needed. Good interpretation opportunity.
- Well could be reestablished for a water source.(hand pump)
- Wood road is near by a trail could be cut for land side access.

Sherman Island Impoundment

1. Hartman Creek Site 1



- Existing site, evidence of use
- Signed by Park, no camping, no campfires.
- Steep climb from river or from creek shore.
- Screened from road and river channel.
- Almost directly across from Sherman Island Launch.
- Requires a trail to be cut to reach a wood road for land side access.
- Good stream flow in creek.

2. Hartman Creek Site 2



- This would be a new site. Not currently in use.
- Very flat and close to shore.
- Potential to be wet or flood from high water.
- Less screening from road or river.
- Requires a trail to be cut to reach a wood road for land side access.
- Good stream flow in creek

3. Other sites upstream	• Sites appear to be on higher ground and would be more attractive. • Land side access would be relatively easy as they are off a wood road. • Existing sites currently signed by Park, no camping, no campfires. • Sites are not near an alternate water source (creek, stream or well). • May be too many sites too close together to be under DOH requirements for potable water and sanitary facilities.
4. Old Boat Launch Site (Warren Co Shore)	• Close to road, potential “party site” • Could be redesigned for use as a boat launch or improved to be used as a water-accessed docking/day use/ picnic area. • Poor land side access. • Potential for partnership with Town of Queensbury for development of another boat launch. • Access would potentially be through lands owned by Niagara Mohawk.
4. Potter's Point	• Existing sites (two are currently signed by Park, no camping, no campfires.) • Former location of hunting camps. • Potential for further development (campground or cabin colony) • Access from land side could be an issue since the road is gated by the Town. Access would have to be negotiated. • The landing area will have to be improved (cleaned up). There are remains of docks or piers (metal pipes) jutting into the water. • A second potential landing area has had some stone work installed making it a very attractive site. • The potential to create 5 or more sites exists here. If 5 or more sites are created, meeting potable water and sanitary facility requirements of DOH will have to be addressed.
Preferred Option: Spier Falls Impoundment Alternatives 1 and 3 Sherman Island Impoundment Alternatives 1 and 2.	

