

## Protect Bluestone Wild Forest – Friends of Bluestone Wild Forest

Dear Neighbor,

January 22, 2020

Preserving and protecting our shared natural resources, quality of life and, especially within the Catskills, the integrity of the beauty and landscapes that draw so many tourists and associated income to our region, is one of most important actions that a people and a municipality can take.



An industrial steel and concrete manufacturing plant, *850 Route 28*, in the Town of Kingston, is being proposed to be sited on a privately-owned inholding, entirely within the Bluestone Wild Forest; adjacent to two of the very few public lakes to be found within the Catskills (see map). Siting such a plant in such a location could potentially deliver numerous significant and negative impacts to the surrounding Park, Wild Forest lands and local businesses, affecting the air, water, wildlife, natural systems and quiet enjoyment by the tens of thousands of local and visiting tourists, that our local economies so depend on. It also serves to diminish a major public investment by DEC, with NYS tax dollars, preserving important natural resources for the public's long-term enjoyment.

We ask you join to us to **help protect Onteora Lake, Pickerel Pond, Bluestone Wild Forest and the newly opened Ashokan Rail Trail**, as part of the ecotourism industry that draws some 2 million nature lovers to our area, generating over \$150 million in revenue and supporting over two thousand local jobs.

What we are asking for is simple and straight forward:

- That the Town of Kingston Planning Board fully consider and assess the potential long and short-term impacts that such a development might have
- That they complete a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- Issue the requested “Positive Declaration”, under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and provide a formal, comprehensive look at potential impacts, and as importantly,
- Allow residents and recognized experts to consider, assess and, where warranted, raise concerns and be heard as to the impacts of and to: years of blasting, traffic, noise, air quality, water quality, wildlife, recreational and tourism opportunities
- That rezoning of the parcel-in-question *not* be enacted to accommodate the development, which would shift the current, preferred district of MU-2 to MU-1
- That you consider finding out more and join us, by signing the petition at:  
[https://www.catskillmountainkeeper.org/bluestone\\_forest\\_petition](https://www.catskillmountainkeeper.org/bluestone_forest_petition)

We deeply appreciate your concern for our town, our economic stability, and our quality of life.  
Very sincerely yours,

### Town of Kingston Residents and Supporting Agencies

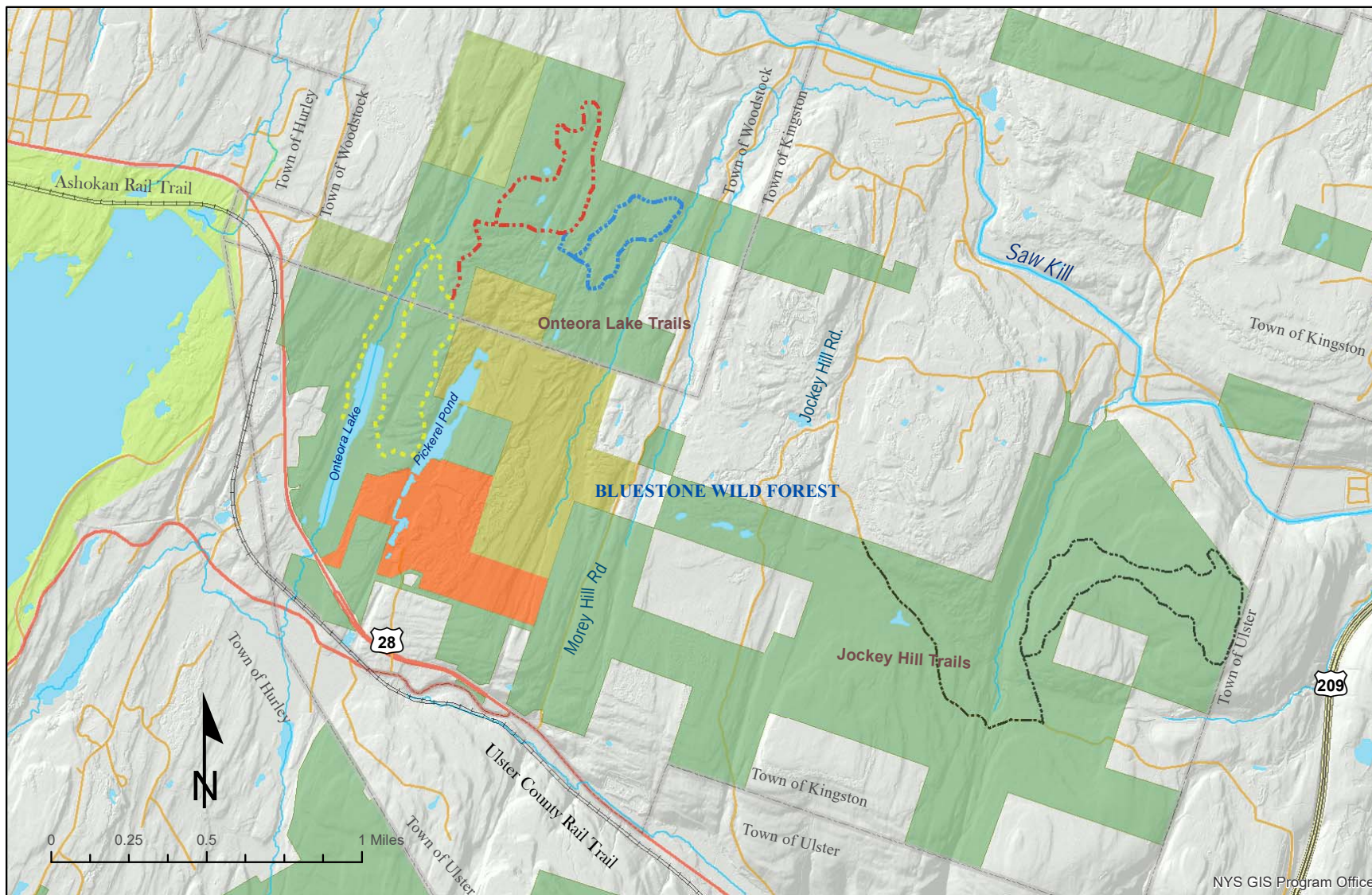
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## Onteora Lake, Pickerel Pond and Bluestone Wild Forest

with proposed steel-and-concrete fabrication plant location. Jan. 2020



- Proposed Industrial Development
- DEC Lands - Bluestone Wild Forest
- OSI Acquisition- Now DEC BWF
- Twn Woodstock Protected Lands
- DEP Lands

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