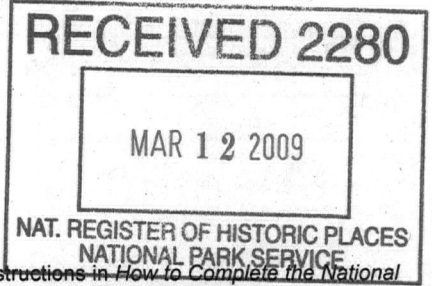


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Lake Pleasant Town Hall

other name/site number Lake Pleasant Town Hall & Library, Old Town Hall

2. Location

street & town 2885 State Route 8 not for publication

city or town Speculator vicinity

state New York code NY county Hamilton code 041 zip code 12164

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Ruth A. Purpoint ASHPO 3/5/09
Deputy SHPO Date

New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that the property is:
 entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Edson H. Beall Signature of the Keeper Date of Action 4-23-09

Lake Pleasant Town Hall
Name of Property

Hamilton County, New York
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(check as many boxes as apply)

- public-local
- private
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(check only one box)

- district
- building(s)
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

n/a

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Function
(Enter categories from instructions)

GOVERNMENT/town hall

EDUCATION/library

Current Function
(Enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete/Stone

walls _____

roof _____

other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Continuation Sheet

Lake Pleasant Town Hall
Hamilton County, New York

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Narrative Description

The former Lake Pleasant Town Hall is located on the north side of State Route 8 in the Village of Speculator, Town of Lake Pleasant, Hamilton County, which is in the southern section of the Adirondack Mountains. The building occupies a small parcel of land one block away from the main intersection of routes 8 and 30, the commercial center of the Village of Speculator. Its immediate surroundings are mixed use with contemporaneous residences flanking it, and other public (Senior Citizens Center and the new Library and Health Center) and commercial properties nearby.

Constructed in 1894 by a vote of the citizens of the town of Lake Pleasant, the building is a remarkably intact example of late-19th century, modest, rural, civic architecture, which served solely as the town hall until 1937 when it also began housing the town library. In 1961, a new town hall was constructed leaving the library as the sole occupant of the former town hall building, which remained there until 2003 when a new library was constructed. The building is currently vacant, but in November of 2005, the town board gave permission for the building to be used as a museum and plans are being put into place for that to happen.

The former town hall building is a simple 1-1/2 story, 3 x 3 bay, front-gabled, clapboard-sided building, which features: original 2/2 windows, narrow corner boards, cornice band, metal seam roof, scroll-sawn rafter tails and a full-width covered front porch with turned posts, decorative scrollwork and a peaked roof over the main double-door entry. The metal roof and metal storm windows are not original to the building; otherwise, all features listed are original. There is a small shed-roof addition at the rear of the building, which appears to have been built at the same time or shortly after the main block. The building's stone foundation on its east and west sides has been replaced with concrete blocks. The interior of the building retains its original floor plan, which is comprised of a single, large auditorium space with a door leading into the rear addition. Original window and door trim is intact, as are the original paneled doors with their hardware. Other than the removal of original wainscoting and chair rail in the main room (now covered by paneling), and the addition of a drop ceiling covering the original beadboard ceiling intact above, the interior of the building remains as built.

8. Description

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Areas of Significance

(enter categories from instructions)

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

EDUCATION

SOCIAL HISTORY

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1894 - 1959

Significant Dates

1894; 1937

Significant Persons

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

UNKNOWN

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other Name of repository: _____

Lake Pleasant Town Hall
Name of Property

Hamilton County, New York
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

1 18 551278 4816608
Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Nominated property is outlined in bold on attached tax map

Boundary Justification

Boundaries drawn are consistent with historic & current property associated with the former town hall

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Town of Lake Pleasant date 2/06/09

street & number Route 8 telephone 518.548.3625

city or town Lake Pleasant state NY zip code 12108

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and **white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name/title _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*).

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Lake Pleasant Town Hall
Hamilton County, NY

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Significance Statement

The former Lake Pleasant Town Hall (now the Town of Lake Pleasant Museum) is historically significant in the areas of Government/Politics, Education, Social History and Architecture. Constructed in 1894, the building is a remarkably intact example of a late-19th century modest, rural civic building that served as the town hall until 1961 and as the town library from 1937-2003. This building is an important local historic resource that represents not only the seat of the town's governing body, but also as a center for social activities, as well as an educational center with the library used by both local and summer people, the memories of which live on in the hearts and minds of the local community.

Historic Context

The town of Lake Pleasant is located in the southern region of Hamilton County, which is fully within the Adirondack Park. First settled in 1794, the town was not officially formed until 1812. Today, the town of Lake Pleasant is the county seat of Hamilton County and a very active tourism destination. The town is surrounded by vast amounts of New York State Forest Preserve. Within the town lies the village of Speculator, which was incorporated in 1925, the economic and social center of the town. The former town hall is situated in the Village of Speculator and is only a block from the center of shopping, dining and lodging. The first settlers of the town were farmers, with lumbering and guiding as off-season occupations. Gradually, grist and sawmills appeared, but it was a hard life for farmers because there were small results from the rock-hewn soil.

On April 7, 1812, the first town meeting was held at the home of Joshua Rich. Future town meetings were either held in area homes or in local hotels. At a town meeting of January 13, 1894, held at the Sturges House, it was decided by a vote of 72 to 35 to raise funds to build a town hall. Different local men provided furniture, goods for the town hall, spittoons and wood. Others painted the floor and graded the grounds. It is not recorded who built the town hall and for now we are assuming the local town crew built it. The town hall was built near the center of Newton Corner's (Speculator today) because the location would be easy to reach by all town people. Construction was completed and official meetings were held in it by the end of 1894.

Under the auspices of the National Youth Administration (NYA), a New Deal program designed specifically to address the problem of unemployment among depression-era youth, the town gained a public library in 1937, which was located in the town hall. When the NYA was discontinued, the library remained in the town hall.

See continuation sheet

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Hamilton County, NY

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In 1961, the town constructed a new town hall where the highway department was located, and the library became the old town hall's sole tenant until 2003. In the 1970's, the interior of the old town hall was renovated as part of a federal program to provide local jobs. It was during this time that the original interior wainscoting was removed, paneling was put up, and the suspended ceiling tiles were installed covering the original beadboard ceiling. By 2003, the library had outgrown the old town hall and the local health center was renovated to provide for a larger library.

Since 2003, the old town hall remained empty except for use as a storage space for local groups; however, in 2005, the town agreed to use this building as a local museum. In the near future, the old town hall will once again function as a civic and educational building for the local community. In 2006, the building was cleaned out and spruced up for the use as a museum in the future. The old town hall has always been used for the community since it was built in 1894. Its central location in the town of Lake Pleasant and in the village of Speculator continues to be one of the central focus buildings in the community

See continuation sheet

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Lake Pleasant Town Hall
Hamilton County, NY

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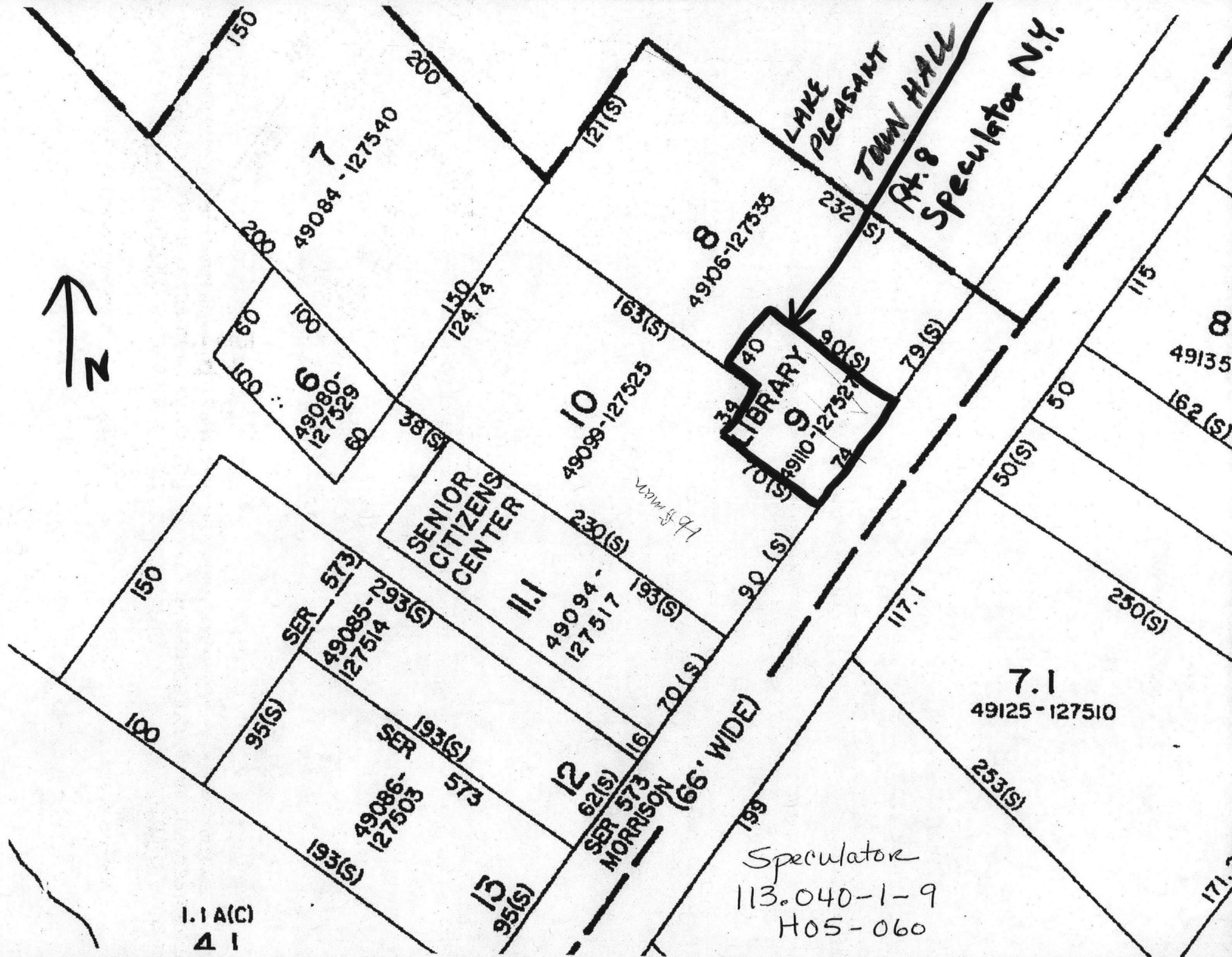
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Additional information was obtained from the oral histories of several men in their 70's and 80's. One of whom, helped take the beadboard walls down inside the building and lowered the ceiling. We also have an oral history from a lady who was an assistant town clerk when the town hall was in this building.



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CENTER

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TOWN HALL
Speculator N.Y.

(66' WIDE)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Lake Pleasant Town Hall
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEW YORK, Hamilton

DATE RECEIVED: 3/12/09 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 3/27/09
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 4/11/09 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/25/09
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

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REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

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ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 4.23.09 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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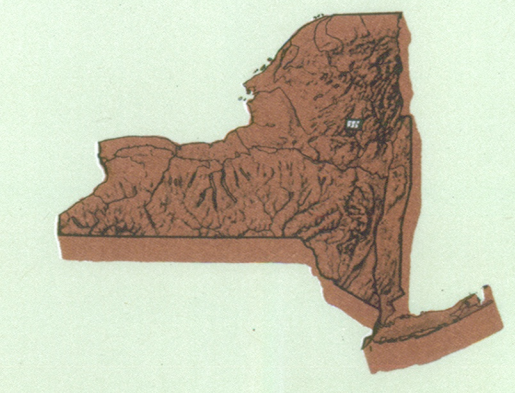


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1:25 000-scale metric
topographic map



7.5 X 15 MINUTE QUADRANGLE SHOWING

- Contours and elevations in meters
- Highways, roads and other manmade structures
- Water features
- Woodland areas
- Geographic names

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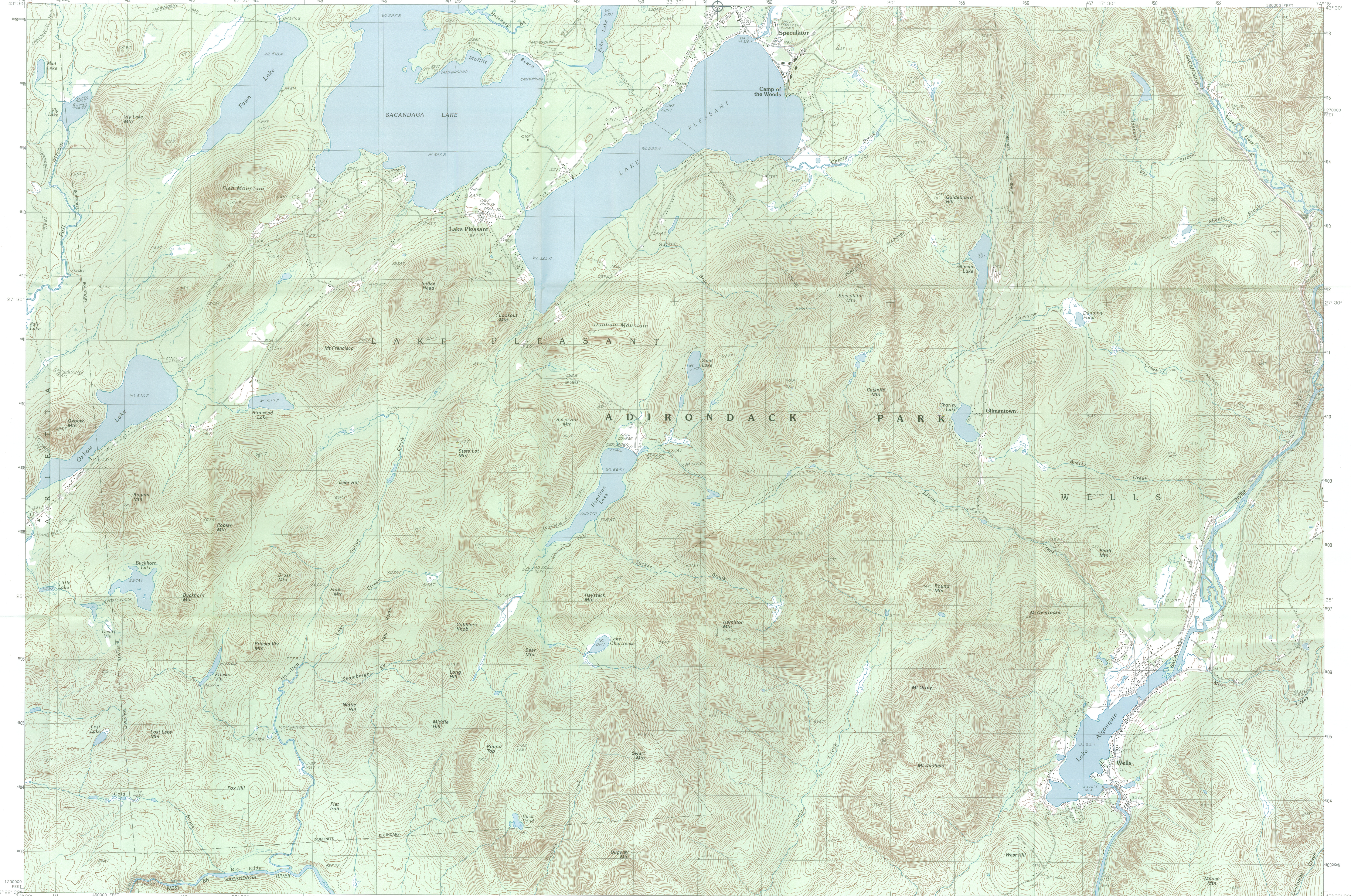
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Garofalini, Lynn (PEB)

From: Steven Engelhart [steven@aarch.org]
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2008 9:10 AM
To: Garofalini, Lynn (PEB)
Subject: National Register nominations

Lynn,

We just got the notices that the Gates Homestead and the Lake Pleasant Town Hall will soon be reviewed by the State Review Board. We fully support and endorse these nominations.

All the best,

Steven

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