LAKE GEORGE LOOP INTERPRETIVE SCENARIO

Interpretation Scenario for Town of Bolton			
THEMES	**INTERPRETIVE VENUES : EXISTING ASSETS**	**INTERPRETIVE VENUES : WISH LIST**	**RELATED STORY**
Pre-European Influence			
Geologic histories – Shelving Rock (across Lake in Fort Ann) part of Laurentian shield; fault line glacial action, combining north and south-flowing river valleys, leaving narrow and islands	• Bolton Historical Society Museum • Bicentennial Mural • Rogers Park	• Rogers Park Interpretive sign: geology & geography • Identification signs of natural features: Huddle Brook, Finkle Brook, Indian Brook, Northwest Bay, Lake George (at Route 11 crest), 4 entrances to Town	
European Exploration, Settlement & Military Conflicts			
Strategic location -- half-way down Lake George	• Bolton Historical Society Museum • Knox Monument • Bicentennial Mural • Rogers Park		
French & Indian War: **Montcalm's signal fires** on Montcalm Point (Tongue Mtn.)			
Revolutionary War: **Knox train of artillery**, Dec 1775; **Ambush on 14 Mile Island**, July 15, 1779			
George Washington's inspection tour			
Post War: **Madison & Jefferson tour**: Lake George quote			
Industrial & Commercial Development			
Three stages of settlement -- moving northward for better landing sites	• Bolton Historical Society Museum • Bicentennial Mural • Rogers Park • Bolton Auto and Walking Tour	• Rogers Park Interpretive sign: The evolution of the town, Four Town Landings. (1.Mohican Pt. 2. Bolton House, 3.Bixby Beach/Millers 4. 1903 Rogers park.) • Sign interpreting National Register wreck.	
Lumbering industry; log booms in Sawmill Bay			
Ice harvesting – national reputation for "Lake George Ice" up until World War II			
Wreck of Steamboat, *Cadet*			
Recreation, Tourism & the Environmental Movement			
Hunting and Fishing	• Bolton Historical Society Museum • Marcella Sembrich Opera Museum • Bicentennial Mural • Nature programs, trails,	• Rogers Park Interpretive sign: The Sagamore as a grand hotel. • Veterans Park Interpretive sign for conservation of Lake	
Resort hotels -- Sagamore last survivor			
Speedboat racing – Races: 1914---1934, 35, 36 Henley Regatta, 1972			
Conservation activity -- Lake George islands part of Forest Preserve – John Apperson & friends			
Artists' summer community – Smith, Dahner, Sembrich, Homer			

Fresh Water Institute			
CCC Camp The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was a public works program during the Great Depression			
Up Yonda Farm -- environmental education center			

TOWN OF BOLTON INTERPRETIVE VENUES: EXISTING ASSETS

Bolton Historical Society Museum
In the former Catholic Church, the Historical Society of Bolton Landing displays a rich collection of artifacts covering 200 years of Town history with new exhibits on local hotels, ice harvesting, commercial and recreational boating, town development, famous resident artists, and farming. Winter camping equipment belonging to John Apperson serves as the focal point for a discussion of his leadership role in the conservation of Lake George Islands as part of the NYS Forest Preserve.

Rogers Park
This Town Park has the highest visibility and commands an excellent view of the Lake. An assembly of interpretive signs addresses several topics: Lake George geology & geography, 3 Town Landings , The Sagamore as a "Grand Hotel." A Master Plan of the site for improved visitor facilities includes new playground (tot lot) area with new apparatus, surface restoration of the basketball, handicap accessibility to the beach and swimming areas, improved landscaping, new extension of the pier providing expanded interaction with the Lake, historic interpretive area describing Bolton Landing, amphitheater for concerts, shows and festivities, new walkways and decorative lighting

Marcella Sembrich Opera Museum
The Opera Museum exhibits artifacts, photographs and memorabilia belonging to Marcella Sembrich in the studio where she taught students during the summer months from 1917-1938. The museum grounds, which include Lookout Point, offer the only undeveloped access to Lake George shoreline. An interpretive sign at the overlook at the end of the point describes the artists who frequented Bolton over the years.

Veterans' Park
This Town Park faces Sawmill Bay and Tongue Mountain. An interpretive sign here addresses conservation of Lake George resources, including the John Apperson story, ENCON and the Fresh Water Institute.

Up Yonda Farm
Outdoor recreation and education can be found at Up Yonda Farm. Located on 73 acres, this environmental education center is operated by Warren County Parks and Recreation. A popular visitor attraction for schools and the public, Up Yonda presents a variety of nature programs throughout the year. Also, works with Sagamore Hotel, Lake George Association to provide environmental educational tourism. This facility features an auditorium, museum, sugarhouse and a butterfly garden during the summer months. A series of hiking and snowshoeing trails provide access to a vista of Lake George.

Knox Monument
A monument to Henry Knox and the Noble Train of Artillery, moved from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston in the winter of 1775-76 stands in Rogers Park, where the Town maintains a beach and boat launch.

Lake George Islands Campgrounds
The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation operates 387 shoreline campsites on 44 state owned islands on Lake George. Island campsites are accessible by boat only. Most sites are well forested and private.

Bicentennial Mural
In the entrance hall of the Town Office Building, a 20-foot mural depicts highlights of 200 years of Town history.

Bolton Auto and Walking Tours
Printed for the Town Bicentennial in 1999, the brochure details both a driving and walking tour of the Town.

Websites:
Town –www.town.Bolton.ny.us
Chamber –www..boltonchamber.com
Historical Society –boltonhistorical.org
Bolton Free Library –bolton.sals.edu

TOWN OF BOLTON INTERPRETIVE VENUES: WISH LIST

Lake Overlook
The Town wants a convenient overlook where people could easily park and set up photographic equipment. Possibilities include the crest of County Route 11, the hill overlooking Up Yonda Farm or Mohigan Hill just above the NiMo substation.

Further discussion of stages of Bolton's development
Some venue for interpreting the evolution from self-sufficient farming (1799) to the advent of tourism through the increase in second homes following construction of the Northway.

Up Yonda Farm
The County Operated Environmental Education Center has a desire to advance the center with eleven projects: wetland enhancement project, starlab –portable planetarium, house renovations, wetland diorama, auditorium viewing window, cave diorama, an amphitheater, a pond viewing window, additional interpretive signage, courtyard landscaping program, and a summit complex facility.

CCC Signage
Improve signage at CCC Camp site to include photographs. This was a program designed to tackle the problem of unemployed young men aged between 18 and 25 years old. The CCC camps were set up all over the United States. The organization was based on the armed forces with officers in charge of the men. The pay was $30 dollars a month with $22 dollars of it being sent home to dependents. The men planted trees, built public parks, drained swamps to fight malaria, restocked rivers with fish, worked on flood control projects and a range of other work that helped to conserve the environment. Between 1933 and 1941 over 3,000,000 men served in the CCC

Geographic identification signs
Simple identification signs along the roadside:

- Brooks (2 each): Huddle, Finkle, Indian, Northwest Bay
- Lake George (at Route 11 crest)
- Entrances to Town
- Northwest Bay
- Additional interpretive signs would also be desirable at the CCC Camp and Alma Farm Park on Route 9N over Tongue Mountain.

Bolton Community Theme: An Artist's retreat – the "American Grand Tour"

Interpretation Scenario for Town of Hague			
THEMES	**INTERPRETIVE VENUES : EXISTING ASSETS**	**INTERPRETIVE VENUES : WISH LIST**	**RELATED STORY**
Pre-European Influence			
Geologic history	• Interpretive signs at Town Park • Rogers Rock Campground	• Interpretive Kiosk at Town Park • Interpretive brochure • Non-commercialized Interpretive Kiosk/Signage at the Rogers Rock Campground	
Rock Legends: Rogers Rock –a mountain nearly a thousand feet in height Indian Kettles, Deer Leap			
Friends Point Indian Settlement An Indian encampment			
European Exploration, Settlement & Military Conflicts			
Harbor Islands skirmish, 1757 ambush	• Rogers Rock Campground	• Non-commercialized Interpretive Kiosk/Signage at the Rogers Rock Campground	• Roger's Rock –named for Robert Rogers famous escape from the Indians • Colonel John Parker with 300 men -130 where killed
Abercrombie's encampment at Sabbath Day Point, 1758			
Robert Rogers' escape from Indians -- Rogers Rock legend			
Grace Memorial Chapel (NR 1982)			
Industrial & Commercial Development			
Lumbering: logs rafted to Ticonderoga -- Poplars harvested for Ti pulp mill	• Clifton West Museum • Interpretive signs at Town Park • Rogers Rock Campground	• Interpretive Kiosk at Town Park • Mining & Bats museum display • Interpretive brochure • Non-commercialized interpretive kiosk/signage at the Rogers Rock Campground	The sunken vessel is visible from Calamity Point just south of Island Harbor 10,000 or more logs floated
Graphite Mines -- world's largest, mined by Jos. Dixon Crucible Co.			
Steamboat traffic; burning of John Jay off Calamity Rock, 1856			
Hacker Boat Company John Ludwig Hacker 1911 designed "kitty hawk" the first successful hydroplane at 50 miles per hour –made by hand			
Ice industry			
Recreation, Tourism & the Environmental Movement			
Hague Rowing Club, one of first water sport clubs in US, 1880	• Lake George Islands Campgrounds • Rogers Rock Campground • Silver Bay Association YMCA Conference Center	• Interpretive Kiosk at Town Park • Interpretive brochure ,i.e. summer hotels, camps and cabins • Non-commercialized Interpretive Kiosk/Signage at the	
Hague Regatta, began as rowing, canoeing, then power boats			
Summer Hotels, camps, cabins: Island Harbor House retreat for Naval Brass –Clifton Family; Trout House-Iroquois, Hillside House; Bartlett House; Silver Bay YMCA conference center; Sabbath Day Point, hotel from 1766 –1956 known as Boarding Houses; Phoenix Hotel –Garfields –1810; Hawkeye Inn –Hotel Uncas			

Winter harness racing before WW I			
Lake George Monster hoax, 1906. Harry Wilson Watrous			
Bat Hibernacula located in closed graphite mines –all six species of bats live here in the largest hibernacula in the northeast			

TOWN OF HAGUE INTERPRETIVE VENUES: EXISTING ASSETS

Hague Historical (Clifton West) Museum
The Town of Hague has allocated a room in the Community Building for use as a museum. The Town Historian, Ethel Andrus, staffs the museum on weekdays, helps people with historical research, and arranges the displays. Collection gathered by Clifton West.

Lake George Islands Campgrounds
The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation operates 387 shoreline campsites on 44 state owned islands on Lake George. Island campsites are accessible by boat only. Most sites are well forested and private.

Rogers Rock Campground
A New York State Department of Environmental Conservation operated campground. This recreation facility offers 332 tent & trailer sites. Campers enjoy swimming, bicycling, fishing, boating, and hiking (on state marked trails).

Silver Bay Association YMCA Conference Center
A century-old conference and training center located on 800 acres in the Adirondack Park provides an inspirational setting and quality services for cultural, environmental, religious, public, and family groups and offers youth enrichment programs to the local and regional community. Silver Bay is on the National Register of Historic Places with 28 buildings contributing to this status including the oldest extant hotel on Lake George (1904).

Wayside Exhibits (Interpretive Signs) at Town Park
Three interpretive signs describe the legends associated with rock formations on Lake George, the history of graphite extraction and the re-use of the abandoned mines as bat hibernacula, and the burning of the steamboat, John Jay off Calamity Rock.

Rogers Rock
This is a mountain nearly a thousand feet in height. It is named after Robert Rogers who while making observations at Ticonderoga was met by a party of Indians and pursued to the summit of the mountain. He escaped from the Indians by fastening his snowshoes backwards traveling down a raving to the Lake and on to Fort William Henry.

Friends Point Indian Settlement
This settlement was once an Indian encampment, received its name during the French and Indian War. One dark night two scouting parties met here and prepared for combat, discovering in the nick of time that they were friends instead of enemies.

Sabbath Day Point
This is known as Abercrombie's encampment. On the 5th of July 1758 General Abercrombie landed at Sabbath Day Point with an arm of fifteen thousand men, rested until midnight, then moved north toward Fort Ticonderoga, leaving behind a hundred burning campfires to fool the enemy. General Amherst also encamped at Sabbath Day Point in the summer of 1759 with a force of twelve thousand men. It was at Sabbath Day Point that in 1756 , a party of Provincials, under General Putman and Rogers, defeated a superior force of French and Indians.

Lumbering
In 1860 the lumber business was "booming", no fewer than 10,000 logs being floated on the lake to mills in Ticonderoga.

Graphite Mines
Samuel Ackerman discovered the graphite deposits while skidding logs. They opened the mine in 1887 and closed it in 1921. There were two mines, one in Graphite and the other in Hague. The mines closed because it was more profitable to import graphite for four cents a pound than to process it for seven cents a pound.

Bats soon discovered that the abandoned mines provided a perfect climate for winter hibernation. Temperature stays just above freezing so the bats can find water when they wake up now and then. All six species of bats that live in the Adirondacks gather each fall for a month long sleep, making this the largest bat hibernacula in the northeast.

Steamboat Traffic
Hague's most tragic disaster was the burning of the Steamboat John Jay in the summer of 1856 in which six lives were lost. The skeleton of this vessel is still plainly visible on the sandy floor of the Lake at Calamity Point, just south of Island Harbor.

Hague Regatta
One of the first water sports clubs in the country was founded in Hague circa 1880. The annual Hague Regatta for many years featured, rowing, canoeing, and swimming races then shifted to powerboats.

Harbor Islands
In 1757 Harbor Islands were the scene of a bloody massacre. Colonel John Parker with a force of over 300 men was on the lake scouting in anticipation of the Friends and Indian attack on Fort William Henry. In the ambush over 130 were killed by a large force of Indians.

Silver Bay Association
In 1904 the Silver bay Association, this summer home of the YMCA, came into being. It has grown into a conference center serving individuals, families, and groups.

Lake George Monster Hoax
Harry Wilson Watrous, well know painter, fashioned the sea monster from a pine log, painted it with green paint and gave it two green eye. By means of a pulley system from shore, he could quickly bring the monster to the surface or submerge it.

Summer Hotels and Boarding Houses
Hague was the location of a few of the known summer hotels and boarding houses. The Island Harbor House retreat for Naval Brass built by the Clifton Family in 1882. The Trout House where the Iroquois, Hillside House; Bartlett House; Silver Bay YMCA conference center; Sabbath Day Point, hotel from 1766 –1956 known as Boarding Houses; Phoenix Hotel –Garfields –1810; Hawkeye Inn –Hotel Uncas

Websites
Hague Chamber –www.hagueticonderoga.com

TOWN OF HAGUE INTERPRETIVE VENUES: WISH LIST

Interpretive Kiosk at Town Park
As the lakeshore focal point of Hague, the Town Park provides the most visible location for interpretation. A kiosk located at the visitor center provides orientation information for visitors as well as specific stories. Orientation includes a map showing Hague's location within the Lake George/Lake Champlain corridor and directions to the Historical Museum and Grace Memorial Chapel

Brochure
A brochure for distribution by the Chamber of Commerce that tells the priority stories mentioned above.

Non commercialized Interpretive Kiosk/Signage at the Rogers Rock Campground
As a major camper tourist destination, the Rogers Rock Campground provides the great visible/central location for interpretation. A kiosk and/or interpretive signage located close to either the entrance/exit of the park or the central information exchange facility at the park would provide the visitor with non-commercialized cultural heritage educational and orientation information for area along the Lake George Loop corridor and the Town of Hague. Orientation includes a map showing Hague's location within the Lake George/Lake Champlain corridor and directions to major Cultural Heritage sites in the area and more specifically all the Cultural Heritage sites identified in this Interpretation Scenario for and within the Town of Hague.

School Site Marker
Identifying 1925-79 Central School location, at Community Building.

Hague Community Theme:The Rustic Lake George

Interpretation Scenario for Town of Lake George			
THEMES	**INTERPRETIVE VENUES : EXISTING ASSETS**	**INTERPRETIVE VENUES : WISH LIST**	**RELATED STORY**
Pre-European Influence			
Lake as water highway for Native Americans	• Lake George Battlefield Park with it's Interpretative Signage & Historic Monuments	• Lake George Battlefield Park AAM & AASLH accredited Museum • Non-commercialized Interpretive Kiosk - Signage at the Hearthstone Point & Battleground Campgrounds & Million Dollar Beach • Lake George Battlefield Park theme oriented interpretive trails with improved signage and historic site overlooks	
European Exploration, Settlement & Military Conflicts			
Early Colonial Wars King William's, Queen Anne's, & King George's French & Indian War: **Colonel William Johnson's Camp**, 1755; **Battle of Lake George**, Sept. 8, 1755; **General Winslow's Camp**, 1756; **Provincial's Camp during the Siege of Fort William Henry**, 1757; **General Abercrombie's Camp & Point of Embarkation**, 1778; **General Amherst's Camp and Citadel**, 1759; **Land Tortoise shipwreck**, 1758 (National Landmark); **Bloody Pond**, 1755; **Fort Gage**, 1759; **Military Road** Revolutionary War: **Northern Army Headquarters**, 1775-1776; **Knox Train of Artillery**, 1775; **Smallpox hospital**, 1776; **Northern Army Supply & Transportation Hub**, 1775-1777; **Battle of Diamond Island**, Sept. 1777; **Frontier Fort**, 1777-1780; **Carleton's Raid**, October 1780	• Lake George Battlefield Park with it's Interpretative Signage & Historic Monuments • Warren County Bike Trail interpretive signs • NYS Submerged Heritage Preserve • Bloody Pond Historic Monument • Lake George Historical Association Museum • NYS Submerged Heritage Preserves brochure • NYS Military Dock Historic Site Marker west of Million Dollar Beach	• Lake George Battlefield Park AAM & AASLH accredited Museum • Lake George Battlefield Park and Battleground Campground Guided Historic Interpretation Tours • Lake George Battlefield Park theme oriented interpretive trails with improved signage and historic site overlooks • Evaluate (conduct a cultural resource survey –to determine the site) the site of Bloody Pond Massacre • Lake George Battlefield Park theme oriented interpretive trails self guided tour brochure • Nomination of the Lake George Battlefield Park to the National Register of Historic Places • Trade Expo Center interpretation • Non-commercialized Interpretive Kiosk - Signage at the Hearthstone Point & Battleground Campgrounds & Million Dollar Beach • Classify the Lake George Battlefield Park a Historic Area in the State of New York Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan • Reprint & Update of NYS Submerged Heritage Preserves Brochure	

Peace Obelisk on Diamond Island	•	•	
Submerged Heritage Preserve			
Military Dock			
Industrial & Commercial Development			
Steamboats home port, HQ of steamboat company	• Walking Tour Brochure	• Transportation system Interpretive program • Non-commercialized Interpretive Kiosk - Signage at the Hearthstone Point & Battleground Campgrounds & Million Dollar Beach • Trade Expo Center interpretation	
Trolley to Warrensburg (electric railway; Fort William Henry restaurant = powerhouse)			
Lake George Ice (advertised in the deep south)			
Lumber mills at north and south ends of village			
Lake George diamonds (quartz)			
Recreation, Tourism & the Environmental Movement			
Stage & Railroad link to steamboats. 22 trains a day at one time (experience of the lake included getting to it	• Lake George Beach State Park • Prospect Mountain Summit, Veterans Memorial Parkway & foot trails • Kiosk on the Inclined railway • Walking Tour brochure • Lake George Islands Campgrounds • Lake George Battlefield Park with it's Interpretative Signage & Historic Monuments • Lake George Battleground Campground • Hearthstone Point Campground	• Bicycle lanes on the Prospect Mountain Veterans Memorial Parkway • Non-commercialized Interpretive Kiosk/Signage at the Lake George Beach State Park Beach House • Trade Expo Center interpretation • Non-commercialized Interpretive Kiosk/Signage at the Hearthstone Point & Lake George Battlegrounds Campgrounds • Traveling exhibit for Abenaki Camp • NYS D&H Marine Track Historic Site Marker	
Million Dollar beach "big" beach house			
Inclined Cable Railway to summit of Prospect Mountain; Hotel secured by cables			
Cobble mountain ski tow			
Toboggan Slide, Horse racing on ice			
Winter carnivals, bobsled run			
Ice boating			
Conservation Activities - Forest Preserve & NYS Day Use & Camping Activities			
Abenaki basket makers selling to tourists			
Deer Hunting at Finkle Farm **, Ice fishing**			
Dude ranches in '20s –60s: Roaring Brook,			
Post-WWII attractions: Animal Land, Gaslight Village, Sunny Brook Acres, Hurricane Hattie, Wiawaka House			
Wiawaka House (National Register)			
D&H Marine Track			
Native American History			

TOWN OF LAKE GEORGE INTERPRETIVE VENUES: EXISTING ASSETS

Bloody Pond Historic Monument
A granite monument with bronze plaque description of the significance of this historic site on Route 9 in the southern end of the Town of Lake George.

Hearthstone Point Campground
A New York State Department of Environmental Conservation operated campground. This recreation facility offers 251 tent & trailer sites. Campers enjoy swimming, fishing, boating, hiking & easy access to the area's restaurants, theme parks, theaters & historic sites.

Kiosk on the Inclined Railway
At the corner of Cooper and Montcalm Streets, a kiosk offers interpretive information about the inclined railway that ran to the top of Prospect Mountain.

Lake George Battlefield Park
Run by NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, this extensive park maintains important open space and a nationally significant military historic site (battleground) at the southern end of Lake George. A system of interpretive signs was installed in 1999. This Park is supported by the **Lake George Battleground Park (Fort George) Alliance**, a "friends" not-for-profit organization formed to promote, preserve, interpret, maintain, improve, develop, secure and publicize the historic significance of Fort George and its surroundings.

Lake George Battleground Campground
A New York State Department of Environmental Conservation operated campground. This recreation facility offers 68 tent & trailer sites. Campers enjoy swimming at the close by Million Dollar Beach, the scenic vistas and recreational activities on Prospect Mountain and the day use activities and historic sites flanking the campground at the Lake George Battlefield Park.

Lake George Beach State Park (Million Dollar Beach)
Run by NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, this park maintains additional open space adjacent to Lake George Battlefield Park and also provides public boating access and sand beach swimming on Lake George.

Lake George Islands Campgrounds
The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation operates 387 shoreline campsites on 44 state owned islands on Lake George. Island campsites are accessible by boat only. Most sites are well forested and private.

Lake George Historical Association Museum
The Lake George Historical Association Museum occupies the former County Courthouse (National Register 1973) in the Village. Exhibits include an overview of the military history of Lake George, hotels and mansions of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the ice industry, and the inclined railway up Prospect Mountain. A walking tour brochure provides a guide to sites between the Museum and the beachfront.

Military Dock Historic Site Marker
A New York State Historic Marker describing the significance of this historic site on Beach Road just west of the Million Dollar Beach.

New York State Submerged Heritage Preserves and Brochure
This collection of historic shipwrecks has been mapped by Bateaux Below, and is described in a brochure distributed by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

Prospect Mountain Summit and Veterans Memorial Parkway
A series of scenic vistas to & at the summit of the 2,030-foot high Prospect Mountain providing a breathtaking panorama of the area and the Adirondack Mountains. Area is accessible via car, snowmobile on paved surfaces only, or hiking trail. Operated by NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Walking Tour Brochure
A brochure with map that enables the visitor to conduct a self guided tour of the historic sites located within the Village of Lake George and those located within the Town of Lake George that are within easy walking distance of each other.

Warren County Bike Trail
The trail to run from Lake George Village through the towns of Lake George and Queensbury to the City of Glens Falls along the abandoned Delaware & Hudson Railroad bed, Trolley line, the 1755 Military Road, and utility rights of way (NIMO). Descriptive and interpretive historical signs are installed along the Trail.

Caldwell - Lake George Public Library
The Library maintains an exhibit space for changing displays. People often come in asking what happened to places they saw when they visited as children. They have photographic collections that could complement interpretation of Village and Town history, hotels, transportation and recreation.

Submerged Heritage Preserves
Three sites in Lake George are available for exploration: The Sunken Fleet of 1758; the 1906 motor-launch Forward; and the radeau, Land Tortoise, a 1758 floating gun battery which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Land Tortoise and the Sunken Fleet of 1758 were intentionally scuttled to store them under the winter ice and prevent their capture or destruction by enemy forces. The Smithsonian Institution as "the oldest intact war vessel in North America" has designated the Radeau, Land Tortoise. You must register and be assigned a time slot to dive the Land Tortoise. Register with the DEC at the Lake George Beach. The Sunken Fleet of 1758 includes seven bateaux, which are spread out over a 450-foot-long area at a depth of 25 to 59 feet. Diving is on a first-come, first-served basis. The Forward is perhaps the earliest gasoline-powered vessel on Lake George. The 45-foot wooden hull sits in 25 to 45 feet of water and features a specially prepared underwater trail system and stations. Removing artifacts or damaging these resources is forbidden by law and deprives others of the opportunity to view and study them.

Websites
Lake George Chamber of Commerce –www.lakegeorgechamber.com
Town of Lake George –www.town.lakegeorge.ny.us

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Abenaki Camp Traveling Exhibit

Lake George Battlefield Park (Fort George) Museum
A professionally – run museum chartered through the NYS Museum by the Board of Regents, NYS Department of Education interpreting the pre-historic and historic history of this historic site and area.

Lake George Battlefield Park Interpretive Trails, Signage & Site Overlooks
Develop a number of theme oriented (French & Indian War, Revolutionary War, etc.) trails with new and/or improved maintenance friendly signage and site overlooks that would greatly enhance the visitors' educational experiences at the Park.

Lake George Battlefield Park Interpretive Trails Self Guided Tour Brochure
Develop and print a Self Guided Tour Brochure with interpretive information that would guide the visitor along the theme oriented trails at the Lake George Battlefield Park.

Lake George Battlefield Park National Register of Historic Places Nomination
Prepare and submit a Nomination Application (The applicable NPS Form 10-900) to the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for formally nominating the Lake George Battlefield Park to the National Register of Historic Places.

Lake George Battlefield Park New York Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan Historic Area Classification
Make application to the Adirondack Park Agency to classify the Lake George Battlefield Park a Historic Area in the New York Adirondack State Land Master Plan.

Lake George Battleground Campground Guided Historic Interpretation Tours
Establish the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Campground Nature Recreation Program at the Lake George Battleground Campground and amend that program at that campground to include Cultural Heritage Interpretation and guided tours into the Lake George Battlefield Park to educate the public on the Historic Significance of that site and the area.

Caldwell - Lake George Public Library
The Library would like to expand into the basement, which would open up additional display space. The Library needs a replacement for the former display case. They could also accommodate an orientation panel guiding people to surrounding interpretive facilities.

Lake George Trade Expo Center (Lake George Forum)
The Forum is located in beautiful Upstate New York, in the foothills of the Adirondacks. The Lake George Forum is a newly constructed multi-purpose trade show, expo center and ice arena. This all-new 50,000+ square foot, state-of-the art facility features, 30,000 square feet of "column free" open gathering space, an Olympic size ice arena, fitness center, meeting rooms, arcade, and a large greeting area that is in addition to and links our gathering space to the other areas of the Forum. This facility would provide an ideal location for interpretation of the wide range of recreation activities that happened in the area

New York State D & H Marine Track Historic Site Marker
A New York State Historic Site Marker and/or other appropriate signage is greatly needed to interpret this site to the public.

Non-commercialized Interpretive Kiosks/Signage at the Hearthstone Point and the Lake George Battleground Campgrounds and the Lake George Beach State Park
As major camper and recreation destinations these locations provided great visible/central point for interpretation. A kiosk and/or interpretive signage located close to either the entrance/exit of these campgrounds and park or their central information exchange facility would provide the visitor with non-commercialized cultural heritage education and orientation information for the area along the Lake George Loop corridor and the specific venues within the Town & Village of Lake George. Orientation includes a map showing the Town's location within the Lake George/Champlain corridor and directions to major Cultural Heritage sites in the area and more specifically all the Cultural Heritage sites identified in this Interpretation Scenario for and within the Town & Village of Lake George.

Submerged Heritage Preserve Brochure
The updating and reprinting of the New York State Submerged Heritage Preserves Brochure is greatly needed to provide up to date information to the public.

Prospect Mountain Veterans Memorial Parkway Bicycle Lanes
Constructing bicycle lanes on this scenic parkway would open the popular Prospect Mountain Summit and its approaches with their spectacular panoramic views of the area and the Adirondack Mountains to this ever-growing segment of the touring public.

Transportation System Interpretive Program

Walking Guide/ Self guided Tour Brochure
A brochure discussing the architecture of the town, particularly the history of the churches and public buildings.

Lake George Historical Association Museum
The Association is looking to renovate the existing building. This would entail complete restoration of the outside of the window's wood trim, to install light posts similar to the existing ones on Canada Street and removal of existing flood lights, move current showcase type signage closer to Canada Street sidewalk and add an illumination

to the sign, to upgrade the HVAC system including humidification control with UV coating added to the windows, replacement of several rotted out windows (i.e. bookstore, bathroom, office, and others), and replace all window curtains.

Lake George Community Theme: Fun and Frolic – theme parks & steamboats

Interpretation Scenario for Lake George Village			
THEMES	**INTERPRETIVE VENUES : EXISTING ASSETS**	**INTERPRETIVE VENUES : WISH LIST**	**RELATED STORY**
Pre-European Influence			
Lake as water highway for Native Americans	Fort William Henry exhibit	•	
European Exploration, Settlement & Military Conflicts			
Early Colonial Wars King William's War, Queen Anne's War, & King George's War	•	• Lake George Visitor Information Center •	
French & Indian War: Battle of Lake George; Siege of Fort William Henry, Montcalm's camp; **Revolutionary War**: **Peace Obelisk on Diamond Island**	• NYS Submerged Heritage Preserve • Lake George Historical Association Museum • Shepard Park Kiosk • Fort William Henry reconstructed Fort and Museum	• Caldwell-Lake George Public Library interpretation • Boardwalk interpretive signs • Lake George Visitor Information Center	
Submerged Heritage Preserve	• NYS marker behind Lake George Historical Association Museum • NYS Submerged Heritage Preserves brochure	• Reprint & Update of NYS Submerged Heritage Preserves Brochure	
John Richards Cemetery			
Industrial & Commercial Development			
Steamboats home port, HQ of steamboat company **Trolley to Warrensburg** (electric railway; Fort William Henry restaurant = powerhouse) **Lake George Ice** (advertised in the deep south) **Lumber mills** at north and south ends of village	• Lake George Historical Association Museum • Walking Tour brochure • Shepard Park Kiosk	• Transportation system Interpretive program • Kiosks • Caldwell-Lake George Public Library interpretation • Boardwalk interpretive signs	
Recreation, Tourism & the Environmental Movement			
Stage & Railroad link to steamboats. 22 trains a day at one time (experience of the lake included getting to it) **Inclined railway** to summit of Prospect Mountain; Hotel secured by cables	• Lake George Historical Association Museum • Shepard Park Kiosk • Kiosk on the Inclined railway	• Caldwell-Lake George Public Library interpretation • Boardwalk interpretive signs	

Cobble mountain ski tow			
Toboggan Slide, Horse racing on ice			
Winter carnivals, bobsled run			
Ice boating			
"Smashing baggage" Stories of local boys from RR to hotels or boats			
Worden Hotel Square dances			
Fort William Henry Hotel; Pergola of shops on the lake shore			
Abenaki basket makers selling to tourists			
Deer Hunting at Finkle Farm **, Ice fishing**			
Dude ranches in '20s –60s: Roaring Brook,			
Post-WWII attractions: Animal Land, Gaslight Village, Sunny Brook Acres, Hurricane Hattie,			
Native American History	Fort William Henry Fort and Museum	•	

LAKE GEORGE VILLAGE INTERPRETIVE VENUES: EXISTING ASSETS

Fort William Henry
Fort William Henry was an important British fort during the French and Indian War. The current building is a reconstruction completed on the original site using the original architectural blueprints. It houses a small museum of artifacts collected during the excavation of the site including examples of British, French and Native American everyday items. Adjacent to the Fort is a small cemetery where some of the soldiers that served here are interred. A guide, as an 18 century British soldier garrisoned at the Fort, conducts hourly interactive tours explaining the history of the area, the importance of the French and Indian War and the events that occurred during and following the siege of 1757. Native American history is also on display. Fort William Henry is supported by the French and Indian War Society a not for profit corporation

Lake George Historical Association Museum
The Lake George Historical Association Museum occupies the former County Courthouse (National Register 1973). Exhibits include an overview of the military history of Lake George, hotels and mansions of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the ice industry, and the inclined railway up Prospect Mountain. A walking tour brochure provides a guide to sites between the Museum and the beachfront.

The Lake Walk
The Village of Lake George has constructed over 2,500 feet of walkway from the Million Dollar Beach on the east to the Foot of Amherst Street terminating at the Lake George Historical Society Museum. The walkway was finance by funds from the Village of Lake George, private landowners, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, and the Department of State.

The Lake Walk is accessible to pedestrians at over the entranceways, adjacent to the Warren County Bikeway and by public docks on the lake itself. It contains two parks, a bathing beach, two public restrooms, six restaurants and many other recreational activities, including five cruise vessels.

Thousands of visitors and residents utilize the walk annually. It is line with trees, benches and a children's playground. A bronze plaque along the Lake Walk describes the British Radeau Land Tortoise (floating gun battery) that lies off shore. (NB: The plaque commemorating Diane Struble's swim should be moved to the walkway.)

Shepard Park Kiosk
An information kiosk on the southwest corner of Shepard's Park provides a venue for a revolving display of Lake George Village activities and historic photographs.

Kiosk in Village Hall
Changing photo display of history of the area from yesterday to today.

New York State Submerged Heritage Preserves
This collection of historic shipwrecks has been mapped by Bateaux Below, and is described in a brochure distributed by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

Caldwell - Lake George Public Library
The Library maintains an exhibit space for changing displays. People often come in asking what happened to places they saw when they visited as children.. They have photographic collections that could complement interpretation of Village history, hotels, transportation and recreation.

Kiosk on the Inclined Railway
At the corner of Cooper and Montcalm Streets, a kiosk offers interpretive information about the inclined railway that ran to the top of Prospect Mountain.

Websites
Village of Lake George –www.lakegeorgevillage.com

LAKE GEORGE VILLAGE INTERPRETIVE VENUES: WISH LIST

Caldwell - Lake George Public Library
The Library would like to expand into the basement, which would open up additional display space. The Library needs a replacement for the former display case. They could also accommodate an orientation panel guiding people to surrounding interpretive facilities.

Lake George Visitor Information Center
The Village received a $350,000 Local Waterfront Revitalization EPF grant to finalize construction of the Center which will include interactive interpretive exhibits, restrooms, a staff office, and outdoor covered patio, and will be used to launch the Scenic Byways "Lakes to Locks Passage" initiative.

The Lake Walk (Blais Park and Walkway)
The Walk is in need of interpretation. There is a desire to erect several interpretive plaques along the walkway of interest depicting points of historical significance, events of importance, photos and narratives lifting up the lake's natural heritage and significance. A bronze plaque has already been placed at one entrance to the lakeshore walkway. Additional interpretive panels could introduce the transportation interface (Stage coach, and later railroad, to Steamboats) and the Pergola as an earlier form of lakeshore leisure activity.

Past history of the Warren County Courthouse	Edward Morse Shepard –his gift of Shepard Park	The Lake House Site –photo
Site of former Jolly Roger –Ed Wright history	Hammond Lodge -photo and history	Former Benhan estate
Recreated plaque to Jerry Solomen, to match others	Site of Sky Harbor –plane landing etc.	Historic Fort William Henry Hotel –photos
Site of Dian Struble swim	Fort William Henry Pergola and Toboggan Run –photos	Fort William House –History
D &H Railroad Station	Lake George Steamboat Co. –history and photos	Underwater Rail Line
Bateaux Below	Map of approximate location of proposed plaques	

(Financing estimates have been calculated at: 16 bronze plaques with pedestals at $750 each; installation incl. Labor, concrete, and landscaping at $2,500 –where the total project is to be about $14,500.

Walking Guide
A brochure discussing the architecture of the Village, particularly the history of the churches and public buildings.

Fort William Henry
Fort William Henry is supported by the French and Indian War Society and is in need of a structure dedicated to the collection, conservation, cataloging, storage, and display of period artifacts.

Lake George Historical Association Museum
The Association is looking to renovate the existing building. This would entail complete restoration of the outside of the window's wood trim, to install light posts similar to the existing ones on Canada Street and removal of existing flood lights, move current showcase type signage closer to Canada Street sidewalk and add an illumination to the sign, to upgrade the HVAC system including humidification control with UV coating added to the windows, replacement of several rotted out windows (i.e. bookstore, bathroom, office, and others), and replace all window curtains.

Submerged Heritage Preserve
The Village of Lake George – received $220,000 to undertake a heritage and recreational tourism promotion project based on the establishment of underwater dive sites as part of a Blueway Trail system. This project also will include the communities of the Village of Freeport (Nassau County), the cities of Oswego, Dunkirk (Chautauqua County), Plattsburgh (Clinton County) and Geneva (Ontario County).

Lake George Community Theme: Fun and Frolic – theme parks & steamboats

Interpretation Scenario for Glens Falls			
THEMES	**INTERPRETIVE VENUES : EXISTING ASSETS**	**INTERPRETIVE VENUES : WISH LIST**	**RELATED STORY**
Pre-European Influence			
The Great Carry –Native American travel around the Falls		• Upper Hudson History Center	
Lime and Black Marble	Wayside exhibits along Feeder Canal Trail	•	Kilns & quarries; house foundations
Glens Falls/ Cooper's Cave geology	Cooper's Cave viewing platform and interpretive material, Glens Falls/S.Glens Falls		
European Exploration, Settlement & Military Conflicts			
Ethnic mix of Glens Falls population	Folk life Center programs & exhibits		
Quaker Settlement	Warren County Historical Society (WCHS) Quaker Settlement archeological collection		
Military Road (French & Indian, Revolutionary war)	WCHS survey Chapman Historical Museum paintings commissioned by Glens Falls Insurance Co.		
Industrial & Commercial Development			
Logging and Paper making	Hyde House	Wayside signage Upper Hudson History Center Historic Building in Glens Falls -signage	Sandy Hill Brassworks (Hudson Falls) papermaking machinery manufacture
Transportation evolution: stagecoach, RR, trolleys	Warren County Bike Trail-wayside exhibits J&H carriage at CHM	Upper Hudson History Center	Gateway to Adirondacks before Northway.
Glens Falls Insurance Co	Chapman Museum- lobby & archive		
Electricity/harnessing flow of Hudson River at the falls		Wayside exhibits Upper Hudson History Center	
Regional economic center (Retail, banking, services, etc.)	Historical Walking Tour guide	Wayside exhibits in downtown	

Historic Architecture	3 Squares Historic District	GF Intermodal Transportation Center exhibitory	
Feeder Canal	Wayside exhibits along trail and in park	Replace vandalized picnic tables and increase interpretive signage along trail	
Recreation, Tourism & the Environmental Movement			
Stoddard's tourism promotion: stereo views, maps & guidebooks	Chapman Museum temporary mini exhibits	Permanent exhibit at CHM	
Crandall Park Other Neighborhood parks include**:** East Field, Haviland's Cove, Sagamore Street, Murray Street, Montcalm Street, and Ridge Street.	Crandall Park, on the city's north side, is home of Glens Falls Recreation Field which includes baseball, softball, soccer, and football fields, a winter hockey-box, paved tennis and basketball courts, a field house for crafts and games and picnic area. Crandall Park is also the home of the famed Glens Falls International Ski Trail System, a part of the National Recreational Trail System, the Glens Falls Family YMCA and several historical monuments, including a refurbished Soldier's Civil War Monument and the Victory and Peace Monument to all wars.	Interpretive signage about Crandall Brochure/map for neighborhood park locations	
Coopers' Cave: 19th c. inspiration for book & tourism destination through mid 20th c.	Cooper's Cave viewing platform and interpretive material, Glens Falls/S.Glens Falls		
Feeder Canal: trail, canal and parks for biking, walking, canoeing/kayaking and picnicking	Interpretive signage on trail and in parks	• To build interpretive center in Murray Park (Main and Melbourne) Hudson Falls, NY • Guide brochure for hiking, biking, and water activity	Safe family recreational opportunity handicap accessible

Cultural Hub	• Adirondack Theater Festival • The Chapman Museum • Charles R. Wood Theater • Glens Falls Community Theater • Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra - • The Hyde Collection • Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council (LARAC) • World Awareness Children Museum (WACM) •	Warren County Historical society desires to have a changing exhibit gallery to interpret local history.	
Finch Pruyn Story and the formation of The Hyde Collection Museum	Hyde House	• Interpretive Plan/ Permanent Exhibit/Orientation Gallery Content Focus on The Museum's founders, family history, Finch Pruyn paper mill connection, contributions to the Glens Falls Community, Collecting of art and formation of Museum	
Professional Sports -Athletic Teams of the City	• Utilize the existing Glens Falls Civic Center and East Field Stadium Complex. • Adirondack Frost bite –ice hockey, • Adirondack Wildcats – basketball, • Glens Falls Green Jackets – football, • Glens Falls Golden Eagles - baseball		

GLENS FALLS INTERPRETIVE VENUES: EXISTING ASSETS

Adirondack Theatre Festival
The Adirondack Theatre Festival (ATF) is a professional summer theater for the Northeastern United States

Charles R. Wood Theater
In 2004 the former Woolworth store in the heart of downtown was transformed into a unique regional treasure. This 300 seat theater offers drama, music, dance, concerts, lectures and more.

Cooper's Cave
Made famous by James Fenimore Cooper's novel *The Last of the Mohicans, v*isit the hiding site of Hawkeye and his companions where they attempted their escape. A viewing platform offers interpretive signage. Part of New York State's historic Independent Trail.

Chapman Historical Museum
The regional museum features a restored Victorian house, which interprets life in the area between the Civil War and World War I, a time when the community experienced great population growth and industrial development. The Chapman also has changing exhibit galleries featuring topics of local history and the works of 19th century photographer Seneca Ray Stoddard, the Glens Falls Insurance Company Collection of historical paintings of the French & Indian and Revolutionary Wars, and a local history research center.

Crandall Public Library & Folklife Center
Crandall Public Library & Folklife Center strives to preserve and present the living and historical cultural heritage of the upper Hudson Valley and Adirondacks of upstate New York. Features a research library and archives, Folklife Gallery with changing exhibitions, workshops, performances and other free public programs.

Crandall Park
Created by lumber baron Henry Crandall a over a century ago, the park on the city's north side features restored ponds, athletic fields, a field house for crafts and games, monuments and picnic area. Crandall Park is also the home of the Glens Falls International Ski Trail System, a part of the National Recreational Trail System.

Feeder Canal Park
The Feeder Canal provides water from the Hudson River to the Champlain Canal, and from the early 1800s until 1928 provided a means of transportation by canal boats for people and goods. In 1928 the canal was abandoned, and the canal and towpath became overgrown and littered with trash. Due to the efforts of the Feeder Canal Alliance, which was created in 1987 to preserve, promote and maintain the historic Feeder Canal, the canal and towpath today provide recreational opportunities (hiking, biking & canoeing/kayaking) to members of our community as well as providing a glimpse into the past.

Glens Falls Community Theater
The Glens Falls Community Theatre is one of the oldest and most successful community theatre groups in New York State.

Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra
The Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra a non-profit cultural organization with a small urban professional orchestra with fifty-four (54) tenured and paid musicians.

Heritage Hall (Glens Falls Civic Center):
A series of framed wall panels highlighting the contributions of significant individuals from the greater Glens Falls area.

Historical Walking Tour Guide:

Printed guide to architecture on the travel route between the Chapman Historical Museum on Glen Street and The Hyde Collection on Warren Street.

The Hyde Collection
The Hyde Collection is a historic house and art museum complex that combines the heritage of the Adirondack Region with a distinguished permanent collection consisting of works by European old and modern masters and American artists, important decorative arts and antique furnishings. In 1912, Charlotte Pruyn, daughter of Finch, Pruyn paper mill owner Samuel Pruyn, and her husband Louis Fiske Hyde built the Italian Renaissance style home on land adjacent to her father's company.

Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council, LARAC Gallery:
The Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council (LARAC) is an arts service organization for Warren, Washington and northern Saratoga Counties in New York State. LARAC was formed in 1972 by a coalition of arts-minded residents, to unify the arts and cultural community and establish a cultural identity. Each year LARAC expands programs and services, evolving in response to community needs.

Three Squares Historic District:
National Register District encompassing the commercial and residential properties in downtown Glens Falls.

Warren County Bike Trail
The trail to run from Lake George Village through the towns of Lake George and Queensbury to the City of Glens Falls along the abandoned Delaware & Hudson Railroad bed, Trolley line, the 1755 Military Road, and utility rights of way (NIMO). Wayside signage, developed by the Warren County Historical Society, interprets historic sites and events along the route. Bicyclists may follow signs to connect with the Feeder Canal Trail.

World Awareness Children Museum (WACM):
The World Awareness Children's Museum was created in 1995 and our mission is to foster awareness, understanding and appreciation of worldwide cultural diversity for children and adults through Museum exhibitions, the International Youth Art Exchange, Traveling Treasures, our Exhibitions on Loan program as well as our special events and through our community of members.

Warren County Historical Society Lawrence Street Building
The Society is developing a library and has long range plans for a museum for historical research, providing a place to gather, preserve and display materials relating to the history of the Warren County region and New York State. The Society is located in the historical Troy Shirt Factory Building at 71 Lawrence Street in Glens Falls.

Websites
Adirondack Theatre Festival – www.ATFestival.org
City of Glens Falls –www.cityofglensfalls.com
Chapman Museum –www.chapmanmuseum.org
Charles R. Wood Theater – www.woodtheater.org
Cooper’s Cave – www.independencetrail.org
The Crandall Public Library & Folklife Center – www.crandalllibrary.org
Feeder Canal Park – www.adirondack.net/orgs/feedercanal
The Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra – www.glensfallssymphony.org
The Hyde Collection –www.hydecollection.org
Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council –www.laracarts.org
World Awareness Children Museum –www.worldchildrenmuseum.org

GLENS FALLS INTERPRETIVE VENUES: WISH LIST

Wayside signage:
to interpret the history of site-specific industrial development around the falls on the Hudson River (paper, electricity) [This would expand on existing signage along the Feeder Canal Path]

Wayside signage:
to interpret the history of Henry Crandall and Crandall Park

Wayside signage:
to interpret the significant historical buildings in downtown Glens Falls

Upper Hudson History Center:
Exhibits to interpret the significance of the falls and the Hudson River, industrial and commercial development, and regional transportation systems

Permanent Stoddard Exhibit at Chapman:
General display about Stoddard's work with computer stations providing user directed virtual exhibits

Orientation Exhibitory in Glens Falls Intermodal Transportation Center:
parking garage or bus terminal for pubic transit and tourism operators, planned for downtown Glens Falls

Feeder Canal
A scenic seven mile canal and trail which runs through the City of Glens Falls from the Hudson River through Queensbury to Hudson Falls connecting to the Champlain Canal. Build an interpretive center, which will be located in Murray Park (Main Street and Melbourne Avenue) Hudson Falls, NY. In addition, the Feeder Canal Alliance desires to put together a brochure guide for the canal about the biking, hiking, and water activities available along the canal.

Walking Guide
A brochure discussing the architecture of the City with maps, images, and description of historic building in downtown Glens Falls

Directional Signage
Street side signage or banners leading tourists into downtown and to designated cultural interests stops (museums, theater, etc.)

Warren County Historical Society Lawrence Street Building
Warren County Historical society desires to have a changing exhibit gallery to interpret local history

Interpretation Plan /Permanent Exhibit/ Orientation Gallery at the Hyde House
Focus on content for the Museum Founders, family history, Finch Pruyn paper mill connection, Contributions to the Glens Falls community, and collecting of art and formation of museum

GLENS FALLS COMMUNITY THEME: America's Hometown for the 21st Century

Glens Falls, New York is located at the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains, in Warren County, mid-way between Montreal, Canada, and New York City. Used as an Indian War Trail from Ticonderoga to Saratoga Springs, it was originally known as "Chepontuc". Later know as "The Corners," in 1766 it changed names again to

“Wings Falls,” in honor of Abraham Wing, who developed a permanent settlement and utilized the power of the waterfalls of the Hudson River for a sawmill, gristmill and an inn known as “Wings Tavern”.

The area played a significant role during the Revolutionary War due to the Hudson River and Halfway Brook. Many important generals, including George Washington, traveled and stayed in the area. In 1788, claim and title of the falls was transferred from Mr. Wing to Colonel Johannes Glen who spent summers on the Hudson River, hence the name Glen’s Falls was inaugurated, now Glens Falls.

The industry of Glens Falls was established on a base of lumber, limestone, black marble and waterpower obtained from the falls. The abundant lumber of the Adirondacks caused many mills to be built along the river in Glens Falls, and the limestone which underlies most of the area provide the raw material for “Jointa Lime,” and later for the manufacture of Portland Cement, which is still an important part of the local economy. The Feeder Canal, opened in 1832, provided transportation of these products to national markets.

The Glens Falls Paper Company Mill was built on the falls in 1864; the mill eventually became part of International Paper. Finch, Pruyn & Co., which started in 1865 as a sawmill, quarry and lime manufacturer, constructed a paper mill in 1905. Today the company produces high quality printing papers. Another major industry, shirt and collar manufacturer, began in 1867, and the Troy Shirtmakers Guild continued until 1996.

In the years following the Civil War the community grew rapidly, becoming a commercial center for the region. Stores, banks and office buildings lined the streets in the downtown district, which is listed on the National Register. The community also featured a hospital, civic and cultural organizations, and residential neighborhoods that contributed to a quality of life captured LOOK Magazine in a 1944/45 series of articles entitled “Hometown, USA”.

The history of Glens Falls is intertwined with that of the surrounding township of Queensbury, nearby Hudson Falls, the attractions of Lake George, upriver communities on the Hudson River, and the natural resources of the Adirondack Mountains. To present it in isolation would be inaccurate, and would misrepresent the rich history that developed around regional relationships and connections that changed over time with the introduction of new technologies and social trends.

(Material taken from the City of Glens Falls Website)

Interpretation Scenario for Queensbury			
THEMES	**INTERPRETIVE VENUES : EXISTING ASSETS**	**INTERPRETIVE VENUES : WISH LIST**	**RELATED STORY**
Pre-European Influence			
Dunham's Bay hunting/fishing site	Hovey Pond Signage	Kiosk	
Lake George hunting/fishing site	Hovey Pond Signage	Kiosk	
Hudson River hunting/fishing site	Hovey Pond Signage	kiosk	
European Exploration, Settlement & Military Conflicts			
Hamlet Settlements: Oneida, Harrisena, French Mountain	NYS and Hamlet Markers	Development of Historic Districts	
Queensbury Patent early settlement	Queensbury Heritage Trail Map	Visitor driving tour for overall interpretation	
Quaker settlement	Three historic markers at burial site	Complete Nat Register nomination	
Halfway Brook – Seven Mile Post stockade (1756); Rogers' raids; British encampment, 1758; Fort Amherst (across the road), 1759. Scuttling of fleet in Van Wormer's Bay	Historic Marker	Visitor center or historic kiosk near the intersection of Route 9 and Halfway Brook	
Schools & churches	Markers currently located at the scotch church and Queensbury School	Replace wooden markers at cemeteries; install signs for schools and churches	
Adirondack Community College (1958)	Vietnam Memorial Arboretum		
History of Town Hall (First Government building)	Centennial Marker		
Old Military Road: French & Indian war skirmish & fortification sites (Fort Williams, Three-mile post, Blind Rock)	Col. Williams Monument	Archaeological exploration. Historical marker	
Knox Trail	Knox Noble Train of Artillery monuments		
Revolutionary War use of Old Military Road: Baron & Baroness von Reidesel		Interpretive signage along Route 9	
Washington, Franklin & Jefferson visits			
War of 1812 quartering of troops & spotted fever epidemic			
WW I & II, Korea, Vietnam	War Memorials		
Industrial & Commercial Development			
Establishment of roads: Plank Rd, Route 9, Northway		Visitor Center	
Lumbering in W. Glens Falls, Wing Mill			
Log rafting on Hudson River		Signage in town's River Park	
Feeder Canal	Canal trail	Interpretation of diversity of ethnic population	

Terra Cotta Brick Manufacturing		Permanent exhibit	
Lime & other industries at turn of (20th) century			
Trolley & Railroad		Signs along Bike Trail	
Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport	Marker at the Queensbury School	New interpretive signs at new airport	
Million Dollar and Aviation Malls		French Mountain marker at the Million Dollar Mile malls.	
Dairy & Poultry farming	Historic barn survey		
Ice harvesting at Harvey Pond (& others)	Hovey Pond Time line and exhibit.	Interpretive Kiosk	
19th century agrarian period: dairy and poultry farming		History of 19th century agriculture in Queensbury.	
Recreation, Tourism & the Environmental Movement			
Glen Lake, Paradise Lake & Lake Sunnyside entertainments Dunham's Bay		Greenway trails connecting historic, recreation & conservation sites	
Top O' the World & Cronin golf courses			
Warren County Bicycle Trail	Interpretive signage	Interpretive brochure	
Hiking trails west of town, & East Lake George			
Rush Pond		Hike/bike trail. Canoe access. Karner Blue butterfly nature preserves.	
Carnivals			
Storytown, Great Escape, Animal Land & Indian Village Theme Parks	L2L Orientation kiosk		
Grange – Mountainside, Oneida	Oneida State Marker	Interpretive signage	

QUEENSBURY INTERPRETIVE VENUES: EXISTING ASSETS

Chapman Historical Museum (City of Glens Falls and Town of Queensbury)
The regional museum features a restored Victorian house, which interprets life in the area between the Civil War and World War I, a time when the community experienced great population growth and industrial development. The Chapman also has changing exhibit galleries featuring topics of local history and the works of 19th century photographer Seneca Ray Stoddard, and a research center featuring the Glens Falls Insurance Company Collection of historical paintings of the French & Indian and Revolutionary Wars.

Crandall Library & Center for Folklife, History & Cultural Programs
Crandall Public Library's Center for Folklife, History & Cultural Programs: strives to preserve and present the living and historical cultural heritage of the upper Hudson Valley and Adirondacks of upstate New York. Features a research library and archives, Folklife Gallery with changing exhibitions, workshops, performances and other free public programs.

Warren County Historical Society
The Society offers a research library along with a collection of historical documents, maps and photographs with an emphasis on Warren County and the southern Adirondacks. There are long range plans to expand with a museum for the public. The Society is located in the historical Troy Shirt Factory Building at 71 Lawrence Street in Glens Falls.

Mountainside Library
A community library at Dunham's Bay started by Edward Eggleston and the Seeley family in the late 19th century. The library was built with funds donated by the philanthropist Andrew Carnegie.

Balloon Festival
This is an annual outdoor festival featuring balloonists from around the world. There are a variety of activities at the Adirondack Community College, Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport and downtown Glens Falls. Techniques are shared amongst visitors and professionals on how to fly balloons, often there is an opportunity to take a ride in a balloon –looking over warren county sites.

Hovey Pond Park
This is a recreation area open to the public with a nature walk around a small pond and through botanical gardens. There is a historical kiosk explaining history of Queensbury and the importance of Hovey Pond for the brick making industry. Also, the Eddy Botanical Gardens are planted and cared for by volunteers.

Town Hall Foyer
Located at the Town of Queensbury Town Hall is a glass showcase exhibit area where a copy of the original Queensbury Patent is displayed

Adirondack Community College, Scoville Center
This is a revolving showcase and exhibit area open to the public for viewing. The displays are often students' works of art.

Aviation Mall
The Mall has extensive wall space available for historic and interpretive displays.

Warren County's Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport
There is an exhibit area to interpret aviation and the history of Queensbury

Websites
Town of Queensbury –www.queensbury.net

QUEENSBURY INTERPRETIVE VENUES: WISH LIST

Historic markers on Route 9
Complete fence at Old Quaker burying Ground, place on National Register
Visitor Kiosk at Hovey Pond Park
Signage for Feeder Canal
Traveling exhibits to move around the venues
Terra Cotta Bricks into Town Hall; permanent exhibit
Rush Pond Hike and Bike trail
Rush Pond outdoor classroom/endangered species preservation habitat

Suggested Lakes to Locks Kiosk locations and script:

Corner of Glen Street (Route 9) and Glenwood Avenue (old Sonoco station, new Ozbay gas station and convenience store). Script content: Old Military Road – Followed original Native American trail. French and Indian War fortifications - Oldest most northern English fortification Soldiers garrisoned here during French and Indian war Jeffrey Cowper's Block house, area's first European settler. Nearby is Blind Rock. Visits by George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin. Nearby Hovey Pond brickyard and dam. Terra Cotta Plank Road tollbooth. Quaker settlers, pioneers. Burial ground. History of famous Halfway Brook Feeder Canal. War memorials for WW I, WW II, Korean War and Viet Nam War at ACC.	**Great Escape, Route 9, adjacent to new pedestrian bridge entry.** Military Road site. Five Mile Run. Site of French and Indian War skirmishes. Revolutionary War – Baroness Von Riedesel journey – she chronicled the war. Site of Storytown, one of the nation's oldest theme parks. Animal Land, oldest zoo park? Plank Road. One of the original stagecoaches still exists. Peat moss mining. Glen Lake/Paradise Lakes Native American camps – going back to the early archaic period.	**Proposed Main Street Redevelopment park, just off and east of Northway exit 18.** 1762 Queensbury Patent. Bought by Abraham Wing, Quaker leader. Settlement by Quakers, interrupted by American Revolution. History of the Northway and resultant changes. Logging Industry. 19th century farming Hudson River dams. Karner Blue preservation sites and efforts. Recreation in the town: West Mountain Ski center, hiking trails, bike trail, nature preserves and golf. Feeder Canal. Historical significance as a major north south route for Native Americans and later the Europeans.
Aviation Mall, south of Northway exit 19. Geologic history, glacial deposits, Lake Albany, etc. Post WW II housing for soldiers. Queensbury School. Mall history, first destination malls in the north country. Airport, named after Admiral Byrd's pilot to the North Pole. Training field for WW II pilots. Karner Blue preservation sites and efforts.	**Warren County Municipal Center, just off of Northway exit 20.** History of Warren County Bike trail	**Million Dollar Mile shopping area, Route 9 between exit 20 and Route 149.** Railroad and trolley. Plank Road. Military Road. French Mountain Hamlet
Mountainside Library	**Town Office Complex**	**K Mart Plaza**
Hovey Pond Park	**Dunham's Bay canoe access parking area**	

Note: Stewarts Stores are located in four different areas in the Town of Queensbury

QUEENSBURY COMMUNITY THEME: From Warpath to Bikeway