



Public Workshop Thomas Prince School Princeton, MA
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Summit Rehabilitation at Mount Wachusett State Reservation

Workshop Response Form

Overview:

Below are five guiding components for you to discuss in your small groups. Please use the questions below to guide your discussion, but do not be limited by them and provide details. The information you provide to us about what's important to you in the summit experience will assist us in better developing the final design.

DCR's goal is to enhance our visitors' experiences at our parks, forests and beaches throughout the state. As you go through the guiding components, think about which of these are components are most important to you.

Scenic Landscape/Viewscape:

What summit features would enhance the ability of visitors to enjoy the surrounding view? (lookout stations, a viewing platform, etc.)

Would you favor a public viewing platform as a component of a new fire tower on the summit?

Should the DCR invest the time and money to relocate and/or consolidate the communications towers and equipment at the lodge to improve the summit setting and view?

Recreational Use:

What features do you want to see as part of the final design? Examples include:

- benches
- pedestrian paths or walkways
- picnic tables
- interpretive features

What do you think is the best use for the old barn area (parking, picnic, etc)?

Environmental/Natural Resources

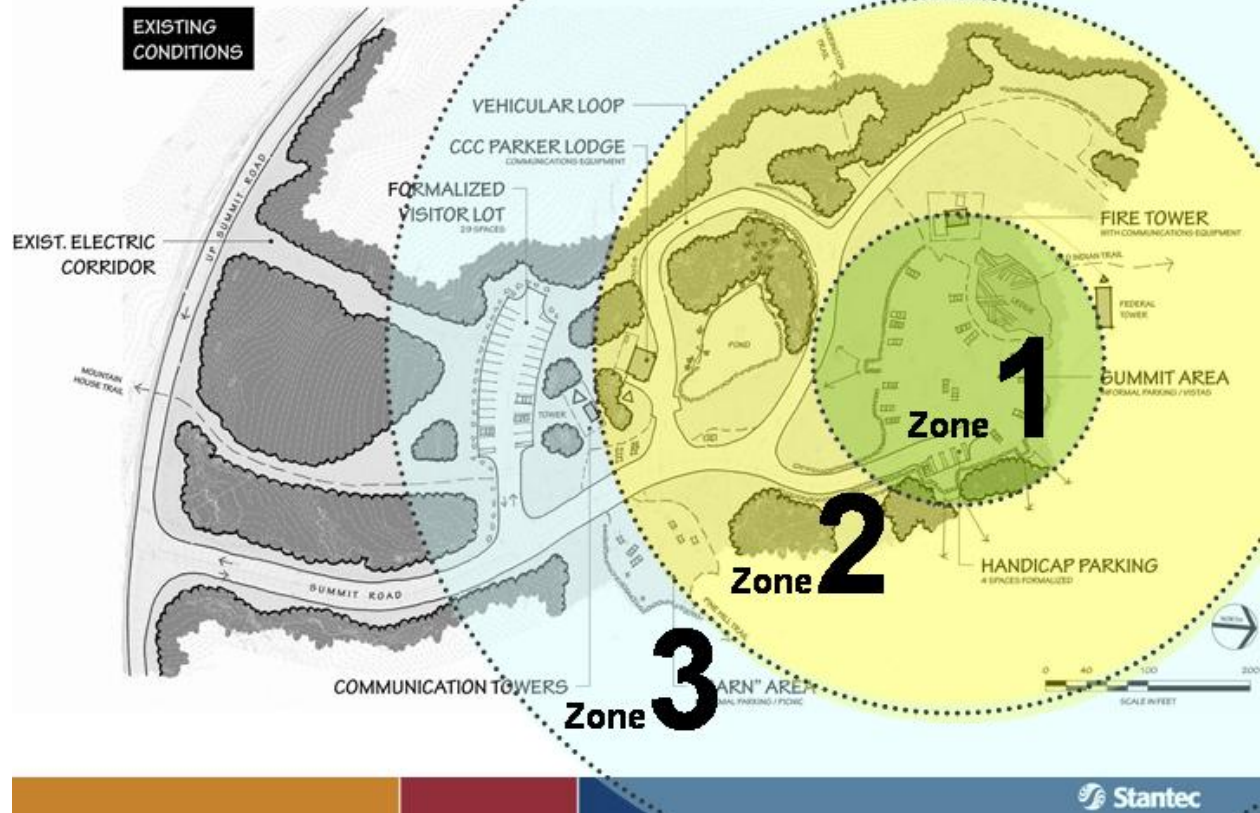
Would you consider limited tree impacts acceptable if they would enable the relocation of parking and/or improve views?

Do you want to see native plantings as part of the final design? If so, where?

Historic/Cultural Resources:

The CCC Parker Lodge is considered an underutilized historic building, currently used to house communications equipment. What is the best use of the lodge?

Activity Zones



Circulation/Access/Safety:

Should auto traffic be removed from the summit area (see Zone 1 in above image) in favor of a pedestrian safe environment focused on the vistas?

Should auto traffic around the pond / Parker Lodge area (see Zone 2 in above image) be restricted in favor of pedestrian pathways; or should this area be retained for circulation and overflow parking during peak periods?

Should auto parking be limited to Zone 3 and the existing paved lot expanded in size?

Once at the summit, should bikes be limited to certain areas, similar to autos?

Other Comments

Work Group Summary

Describe three key elements that you think are most important to enhancing our visitors' experiences on the summit of Mt. Wachusett State Reservation.