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Alexander B. Grannis
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Dear Concerned Citizen:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has initiated the planning process for the development of the Draft Pochuck Mountain State Forest Unit Management Plan (UMP). The goal of the UMP is to identify and address specific management objectives for property. These management objectives are developed to maintain healthy ecosystems that provide a wide array of benefits for current and future generations. All management activities carried out on a management unit once the planning is complete are to conform with the UMP.

The Pochuck Mountain State Forest consists of approximately five hundred acres of predominantly forested public land. The property is in the hamlet of Pine Island along Newport Ridge Road and shares a boundary with the State of New Jersey. Enclosed is a map of the property.

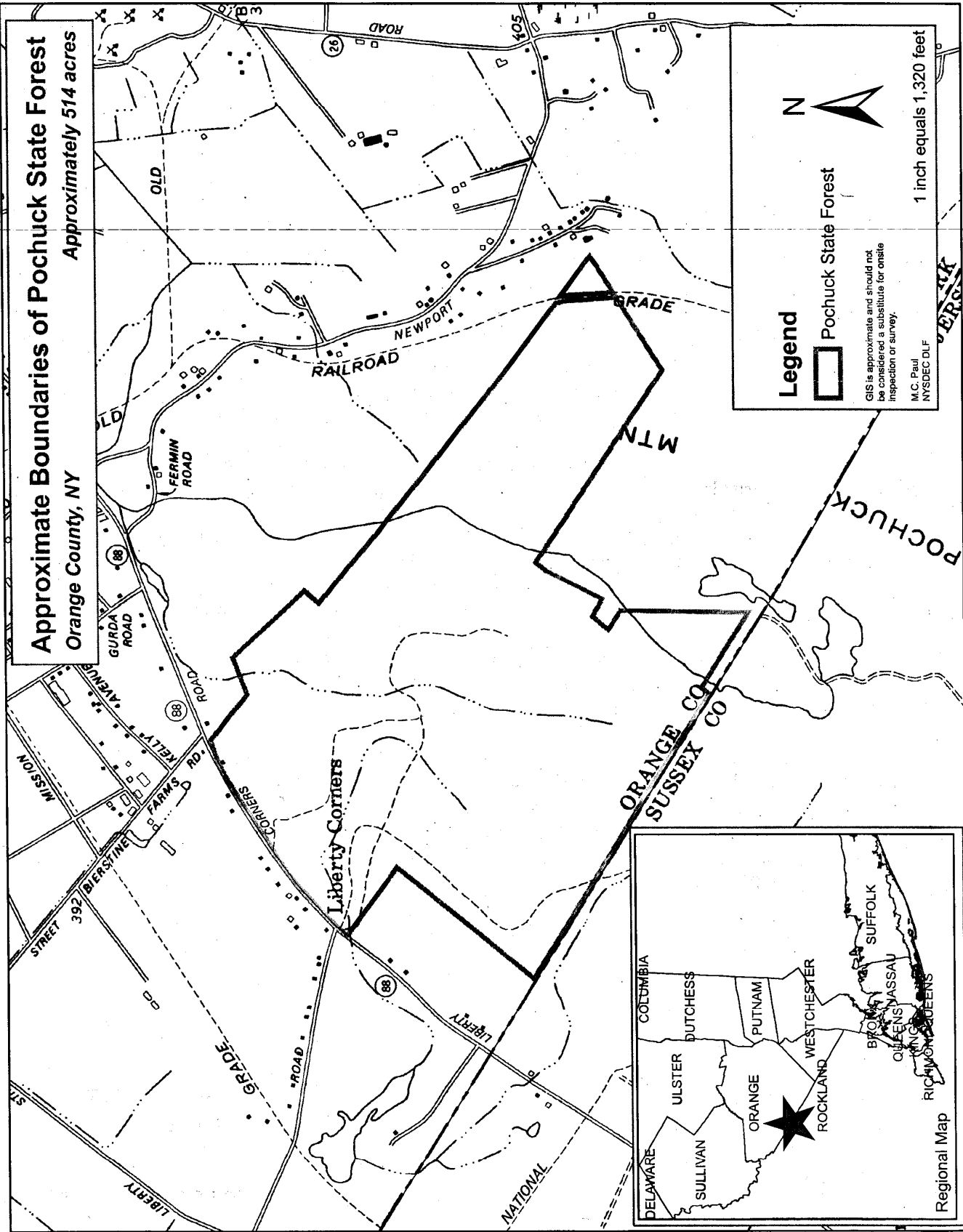
An open house for the planning process will be held on June 21, 2007 at 7:00PM at the Warwick Town Hall. The open house will give an overview of the property and provide the public an opportunity to meet with DEC staff and share their thoughts, ideas, and suggestions regarding management of Pochuck Mountain State Forest. Examples of the topics that the DEC expects to address at the meeting include forest management, wildlife management, wetlands, water resources, biodiversity, public access, and recreation. Public involvement in the planning process is essential to the development of a complete, accurate, and responsive UMP. Everyone with an interest in the Pochuck Mountain State Forest is encouraged to participate.

Written input for the Draft UMP will be accepted any time during the development process. Additional opportunity for public review and comment will be available when the draft UMP is issued. Please mail written input to my attention at NYS DEC Region 3, 21 South Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, NY 12561. If you need additional information, please contact me at (845) 256-3074 or email me at mcpaul@gw.dec.state.ny.us.


Sincerely,

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Forester
NYS DEC Region 3

Approximate Boundaries of Pochuck State Forest
Orange County, NY
Approximately 514 acres



Legend

 Pochuck State Forest

GIS is approximate and should not be considered a substitute for onsite inspection or survey.

M.C. Paul
NYSDEC/DLF

1 inch equals 1,320 feet

