

# GREAT SACANDAGA LAKE PERMIT SURVEY

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

### **What prompted the Board to initiate the survey of the Great Sacandaga Lake permit system?**

Pursuant to its enabling statute, the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District Board acts as a steward to the lands placed under its jurisdiction by the NYS Legislature. As the Board began the process to update the Permit System Rules in 2005, it determined that conducting a survey would be one of the most effective steps it could take to protect the lands surrounding and underlying Great Sacandaga Lake.

### **What is the purpose of the survey?**

The survey will allow the Board to create an inventory of the structures and uses associated with the various access permit areas surrounding Great Sacandaga Lake. The inventory will provide another tool to the Regulating District Board as it makes determinations regarding the Permit Rules. Over time, an accurate inventory will facilitate the consistent application of the rules governing the Permit System.

### **Will there be a penalty if a permit holder does not return the survey?**

No, there will be no penalty. However, accurate and complete responses to the Survey will provide the Regulating District Board and Access Permit holders with better information should issues arise regarding future compliance with Permit System Rules.

### **If I do not return my survey will my access permit renewal be processed?**

Yes. Renewals are processed as they are received. When an envelope containing a renewal is opened, if the renewal form and fee are correct, the renewal is processed whether or not a survey is enclosed.

### **My access permit has no dock, stairway or any of the other items listed on the survey. Should I submit a survey anyway?**

Yes, please submit a survey and write "none" if that is the case.

### **I plan to submit a survey but I am not certain of my dock dimensions. What should I do?**

It may not be possible for many permit holders to accurately complete a survey until they return to Great Sacandaga Lake in late spring or early summer. Permit holders are encouraged to submit incomplete surveys. Note the survey is incomplete, and then submit a revised survey later in the spring or early summer when more complete and accurate information can be obtained. Note whether the new survey replaces or is an addition to your previous survey.

**I submitted my survey but I now realize it is not complete or accurate. What should I do?**

Please submit another survey, completing it accurately. Please state that this is a revised survey. Please indicate whether this new survey replaces or is an addition to your previous survey.

**How will the Board complete their inventory if I do not submit my survey?**

The Board decided that voluntary compliance is the most efficient and cost-effective means of completing the inventory. The Board is pleased with the response from permit holders as the vast majority of permit holders have returned their surveys. The Regulating District personnel will inspect these and complete surveys for access permit areas for which a survey has not been received.

**Will everything I list on the survey be “grandfathered” in the new rules?**

Not necessarily. The new rules will determine what can be “grandfathered”.

**Where can I get another survey form?**

Survey forms can be downloaded at <http://www.hrbrd.com/formsapplications.html>  
Survey forms can also be picked up at Regulating District offices in Mayfield and Albany.

**2007 permit holders were provided with the survey when their renewal notice was mailed to them. Are new permit holders also being asked to complete a survey?**

Yes

**Where can I get answers to other questions about completing and submitting my survey?**

Please call our Sacandaga Field Office at 518-661-5535 or send an e-mail to [sacfo@hrbrd.com](mailto:sacfo@hrbrd.com).

Thank you.