



2012 Work Plan For Visitor and Educational Programs

- Recruit and train volunteers to staff THREE public viewing sites to provide interpretive information to eagle watching visitors. Purchase and provide equipment to volunteers.
- Provide weekend assistance to group visitors, including schools.
- Assist and participate in the Annual EagleFest in Narrowsburg (January 2012) with educational information, on-site eagle watching assistance and publicity.
- Implement and publicize our two web-based data reporting programs: the Eagle Forum and the Kitchen Counters (to increase awareness, public participation and stewardship) and provide timely and accurate material on web site for safe and positive visitor experiences.
- Research, design, create and distribute educational material about eagle habitat protection based on results of 3-year eagle habitat assessment study with National Park Service and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.
- Train volunteers for selected nest monitors (various locations in Sullivan County NY and at the Bashakill WMA, Sullivan County, NY) to collect data about breeding eagles in these locations and to assist visitors at well-publicized nest viewing locations (Bashakill).
- Work with NYS DEC to make improvements at the observation blind at Rio Reservoir, including safer visitor access and interpretive exhibits.
- Provide materials, handouts and information at Sullivan County and regional events that are compatible with EI mission/goals.
- Respond to requests for information (mostly web-based), provide speakers for events and service organizations and maintain administrative tasks.
- Provide support to Sullivan County Visitors Association as requested for information about eagle watching opportunities and media requests and opportunities.