

LAND EXCHANGE PROCESS

THREE PARALLEL TRACKS BEGIN

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Application Submitted



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Co-applicants, public, interest groups submit support/opposition
- DNRC notifies interested parties (email & publication)
- Initial public comments collected & summarized



CONSULTANT TRACK

- Review nominated consultant
- Discuss & finalize scope of work (roles, timeline, duties)
- Applicant commits to fund consultant



TECHNICAL REVIEW (60-DAY CLOCK STARTS)

- Initial criteria review
- DNRC technical review & flag deficiencies
- Applicant may submit rebuttal or revise application

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Preliminary Report



PRELIMINARY REPORT

Combines: public comments summary + consultant scope & funding + technical review findings + applicant responses (if any)

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Preliminary Board Review



REJECT

Project rejected. End of process.



REQUEST MODIFICATIONS

Application returned to applicant to revise. Process restarts.



REQUEST TARGETED WORK

DNRC conducts specific tasks/analysis and reports back to applicant.



APPROVE TO PROCEED

Approval letter sent to applicant. Move forward to full review.

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Preliminary Phase



Execute Land Exchange Agreement between DNRC & Applicant



Coordinate Environmental Review (MEPA): Investigations, EA/EIS



Continue analysis, appraisals, title & other due diligence



Prepare final report & compile public comment

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Public Hearing



PUBLIC HEARING

Held in the county where the land is located to further solicit public comment.

6

Final Report to Land Board



DNRC & CONSULTANT PREPARE FINAL REPORT

Includes synthesis of public comment and the proposal. Application is placed on the next available Land Board meeting agenda.

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Land Board Decision



DISAPPROVE

Exchange disapproved. Process ends.



APPROVE

Exchange approved. Proceed to closing.

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Closing & Execution



Draft exchange documents



Staff legal counsel review



Finalize documents & title report



Proration of taxes agreement executed



Closing date set

CLOSING TRANSACTION

ADDITIONAL FINAL STEPS



Record documents with county clerk & recorder



Water rights transfer filed with DNRC

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Possession



POSSESSION OF PROPERTY

Exchange completed. Applicant & State take possession of their respective properties.

KEY TO THE PROCESS



Public involvement occurs throughout the process.



Applicants fund consultant and related costs.



DNRC manages technical review and process.



Land Board makes final decision based on what is advantageous to the State.

CORE CRITERIA

- ✓ Equal or greater value
- ✓ Equal or greater income
- ✓ Water access (if applicable)
- ✓ Consolidation of state lands
- ✓ Access improvements
- ✓ Long-term appreciation

Outstanding public benefits may justify waiver of certain criteria.



Use the preliminary report gate to stop weak or risky proposals early.



Ensure the record is thorough, transparent & defensible.



Watch public input trends early and throughout.



Confirm the deal is truly advantageous to the state trust.



Clearly state reasons for approval or disapproval on record.