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Glenford Dike Forest Management Project Awarded to Local Timber Harvester

Acting Commissioner David B. Tweedy of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced today that the Glenford Dike Forest Management Project has been awarded to local timber harvester Kevin Ryan of Holland-Irish Timber Associates. The project is one of numerous land management projects by the DEP to protect or enhance long-term water quality and ecosystem integrity.

"We are fortunate to have many trained and experienced local professionals able to complete land management projects on City-owned lands," said Commissioner Tweedy. "Their expertise assists the City in fulfillment of overall objectives for sustainable natural resource management while carefully protecting water, soils and other natural resources."

The project's primary goal is to control vegetation on the dam consistent with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation guidelines. A secondary goal is to thin the adjacent forest area to release natural white pine seedling regeneration and promote increased diversity and health of the woodlands. Thinning the white pine trees surrounding these new seedlings encourages their development into the next generation of forest.

Dead or dying ash timber and firewood – the result of ash dieback disease and past drought conditions on the site - is being salvaged and, as a result, sustainably produced wood products are available to the local community. The wood collected will contribute to the firewood demands of Ulster County residents.

Commissioner Tweedy added, "Responsible management of projects in the DEP forest management program assists the City in long term production and protection of quality water while environmentally sensitive management of natural resources can encourage maintenance of open space and promote economic benefits in the watershed communities."

The contractor has begun to move equipment into the area and work should begin within the next week, conditions permitting. Work is expected to last 12 months.

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