

# Draft Scoping Document

For Preparation of a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement  
For the Joseph Davis State Park  
4130 Lower River Road, Lewiston, New York 14092

**Classified Action:** Type I

**Lead Agency:** Town of Lewiston Town Board  
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## Description of Proposed Action

The Town of Lewiston is considering various capital improvements to Joseph Davis State Park. The proposed improvements include:

- Boat Launch and Riverside Area Improvements - Construction of a public boat launch, fishing pier and additional park roads to increase access to the Riverside Area.
- Campground and Mainland Improvements - Construction of 60 Recreational Vehicle and 10 Camp Sites, with a 4,800 square foot building containing supporting amenities/facilities within Joseph Davis State Park.
- Canoe Trail and Eastern Area Improvements - Construction of a 7 acre pond and associated canoe trails to connect two existing ponds.

## Site Description (As characterized in the 2004 Joseph Davis State Park Master Plan)

Joseph Davis State Park includes approximately 388 acres of land in the Town of Lewiston, Niagara County, New York. It is located directly west of the Robert Moses Parkway, and includes approximately 1,400 feet of frontage along the Niagara River, (which represents an internal boundary between the United States and Canada). With the exception of some steep slopes adjacent to the River, the park is characterized by level topography. It includes a mix of mowed lawn and natural vegetation, primarily shrub-dominated old fields interspersed with forested areas.

The park is currently used for family and small group picnicking, disc golf, birding, hunting, fishing (along the river and in man-made ponds), walking and a variety of other passive recreational activities. A large swimming pool complex in the Central Day Use Area of the park has been closed for several years due to major repair needs. Large mowed areas are used for

day use activities. The park is included in the Niagara River Corridor Important Bird Area, and the undeveloped portions of the park are considered important habitat for resident and migratory birds.

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