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## **SULLIVAN POND**

### Situated within 3 miles of historic Chestertown Village, this private mountain retreat property is highlighted by its exclusive ownership of beautiful Sullivan Pond.



341 Tax Acres Chestertown, Warren County, New York

Price: \$250,000

### LOCATION

The 341-acre Sullivan Pond Forest is a classic mountain retreat property located in New York's southeastern Adirondacks. The property is situated within 3 miles of Chestertown Village, an historic Adirondack community with close proximity to the popular Lake George Region (22 miles south). Chestertown is a four-season bedroom community for Glens Falls (30 miles south) and also hosts a thriving summer population associated with nearby seasonal homes on Loon Lake, Friends Lake and Brant Lake. Chestertown Village is home to a local art gallery, a pub, and an historic ice cream parlor along Main Street, along with several options for gas, groceries, outdoor sporting goods and multiple dining choices.

The property is located within 5 miles of the Northway (Interstate 87) at Exit 25 which facilitates weekend travel from the Northeast's major population centers. North Creek's Gore Mountain Ski Center is situated 15 miles to the west, while the popular Adirondack gateway community of Warrensburg lies 12 miles south. Saratoga Springs is a 50 mile drive from Sullivan Pond, while Albany's Capital District and emerging Tech Valley region are located within 70 miles of the property. New York City and Boston are located 4 hours south and east respectively.

### **ACCESS/BOUNDARIES**

The property is accessed via a private gravel road extending from Ferris Road, a paved, town-maintained artery connecting the surrounding parcels with Knapp Hill Road and eventually Chestertown Village. From the terminus of Ferris Road's paved section, this seasonal access road extends for 625' across a neighboring ownership before entering the property's northeast corner. The road has a solid gravel base and is currently passable by high clearance SUV type vehicles during non-winter months.

Upon entering the property, the road continues south for an additional <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile as it works its way across gently-sloped, well-drained forested terrain. As the road eventually extends toward the pond, it reaches a prime off-grid building envelope occupying a low knoll overlooking the western shoreline. With some additional light tree clearing, this envelope could provide excellent views of the pond below and nearby Remington Mountain on the horizon.

Scenic waterfront views of Sullivan Pond



Views of Sullivan Pond from the eastern shoreline which is accessed from an ATV trail off the main access road.



A private seasonal access road extends from Ferris Road to the western shoreline of the pond.



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### **ACCESS/BOUNDARIES (continued)**

Numerous woods trails that were previously used for forest management entry provide recreational access throughout the heart of the property. One particular trail begins at the access road just north of the pond and wraps toward the eastern shoreline area. This trail can easily be used for hiking, hunting and ATV use and it provides access to a rustic camp site overlooking the water that would be an ideal canvas for a future lean-to.

An old jeep trail extends across the southern reaches of the property from nearby Stock Farm Road to the south. This former road crosses the property before continuing on to the east and eventually reaching Grandview Road (a spur off State Route 9) just south of Chestertown. The legal status of this access road is unknown at this time. Boundary lines on the property are variable and consist of a mix of stone walls, posted signs and pink flagging. Maps in this report are based on tax and deed information. Although these maps have a survey origin, buyers should not rely on them to accurately portray deeded boundary lines in the field.

### SITE DESCRIPTION

The parcel offers several of the best qualities of a prime Adirondack waterfront retreat, anchored by its exclusive ownership of beautiful Sullivan Pond. This scenic 40-acre pond offers 9 acres of open water in its center which is flanked by a system of scenic bogs and marsh ecosystems around 80% of its shoreline. One particular point jutting out along the eastern shoreline provide opportunities for lean-to

development and high-flotation kayak access. This strategic location is accessed via a 15-minute hike from the access road via an ATV trail described above. Although the water depth is shallow, the pond offers exceptional aesthetic appeal and creates a rich blanket of wildlife and bird habitat for conservation-minded buyers. Beavers, turtles, great blue heron, ducks, deer and coyotes are some of the wildlife species which use the pond and its surrounding forest as their prime habitat.

Sullivan Pond lies protected within a private forested bowl that is nestled between Ferris Road Hill to the north and the prominent Remington Mountain to the south of the property.

A picnic spot in a small clearing in the lower left of the photo overlooks the eastern shoreline of Sullivan Pond.





Views of Sullivan Pond from the western shoreline (above) and from the air (below).



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### SITE DESCRIPTION (continued)

Ferris Hill's summit (1310' ASL) defines the landscape in the property's northernmost corner, while spectacular views of nearby Remington Mountain (just south of the property) can be enjoyed from the pond's frontage. Additional highlights include a diverse long-term conifer and hardwood timber resource and the potential off-grid building site flanking the pond's western shoreline near the end of the property's private gravel road. This area includes a recently drilled well and spring which were strategically placed to take advantage of pond views in this vicinity. In addition, 4 artesian wells have been drilled on the property over the past decade along the access road leading to the southern section of the land.

### TIMBER

Sullivan Pond's woodlot opportunity offers a developing conifer and hardwood forest that can simultaneously support long-term forestry objectives and provide privacy and open space in support of a future waterfront estate. Red maple, hemlock, red oak, sugar maple and white pine are the dominant species. The forest was most recently thinned in the last 5-7 years. Residual stand structure is

essentially two-aged, dominated by middle-aged pole-sized hardwood and hemlock stems (40-50 years old) in the overstory with a younger 2-4"

age class developing from a harvest that took place approximately 25 years ago. Well-stocked white pine and hardwood regeneration is abundant in areas that were recently harvested and this component diversifies age stand structure and provides browse and cover for resident wildlife and birds. No forest inventory data is available at this time.

### **PROPERTY TAXES**

Annual property taxes in 2011 were approximately \$4,762. The property is **NOT** enrolled in New York State's Real Property Tax Law 480-A, which could significantly reduce the annual tax burden by as much as 80%. For more information about the 480-A, contact Fountains Real Estate or the Department of Environmental Conservation office located in Ray Brook, NY (518) 897-1283. The property is listed in the Warren County Real Property Tax Service in Lake George NY as Town of Chester tax map parcel #121.-1-2. Deed information can be found in the Warren County Clerk's office and filed in Deed Book 1205 Page 206.

> A well-stocked white pine saw timber stand occupies the far southwestern corner of the land to the south of the pond.

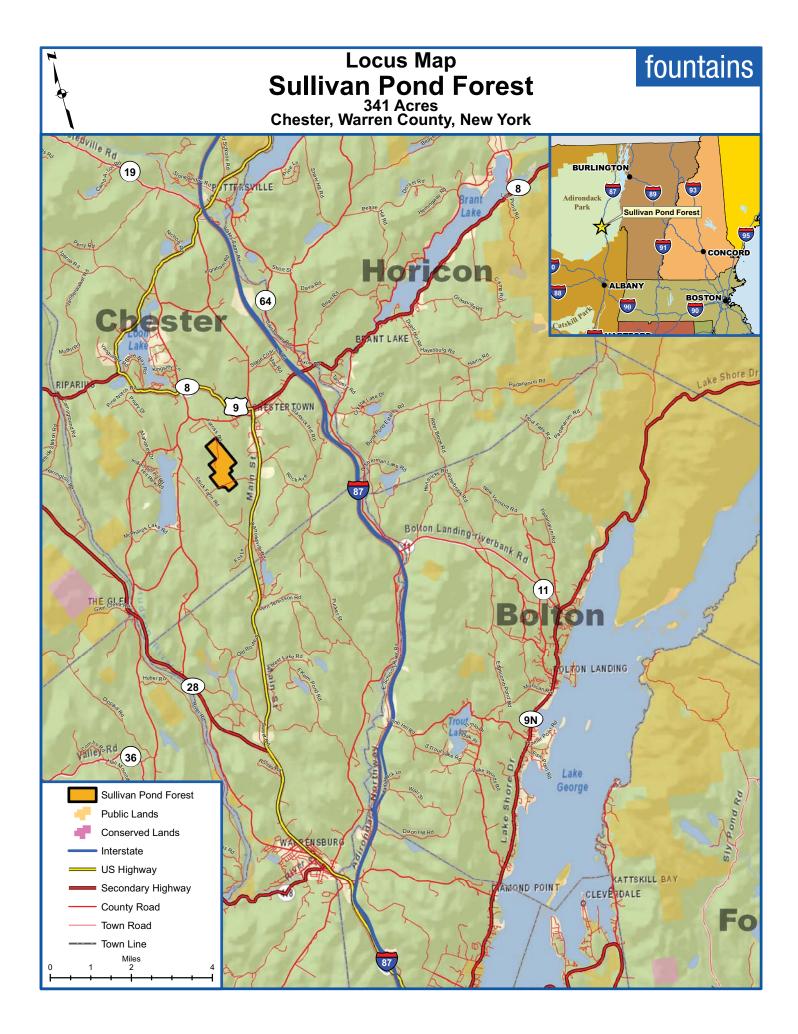


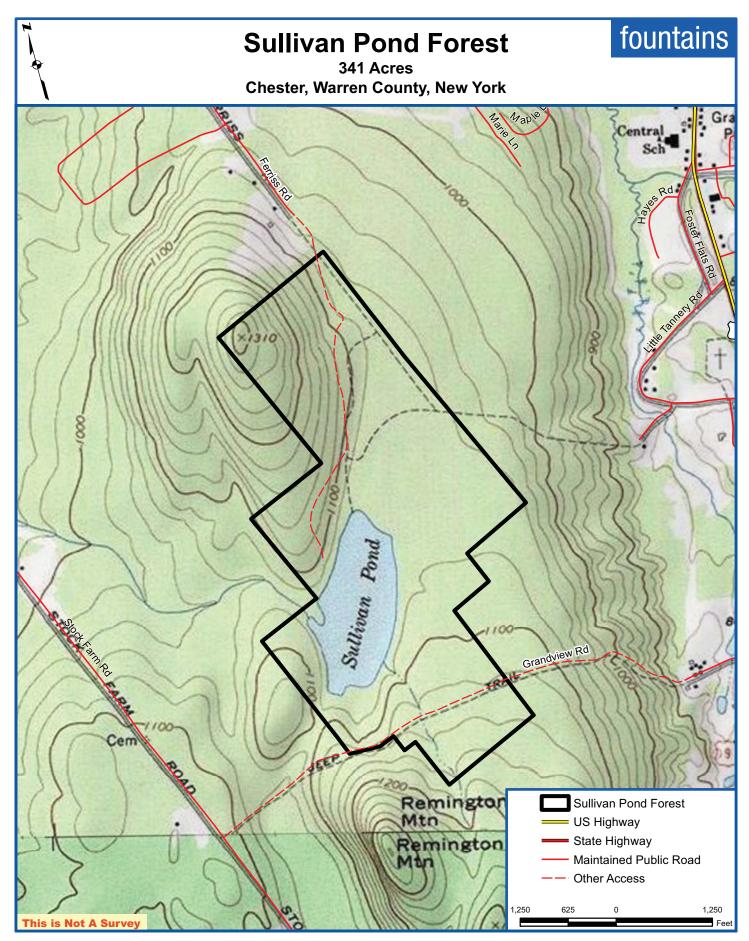
A developing northern hardwood stand in property's northwest quadrant upon Ferris Hill.



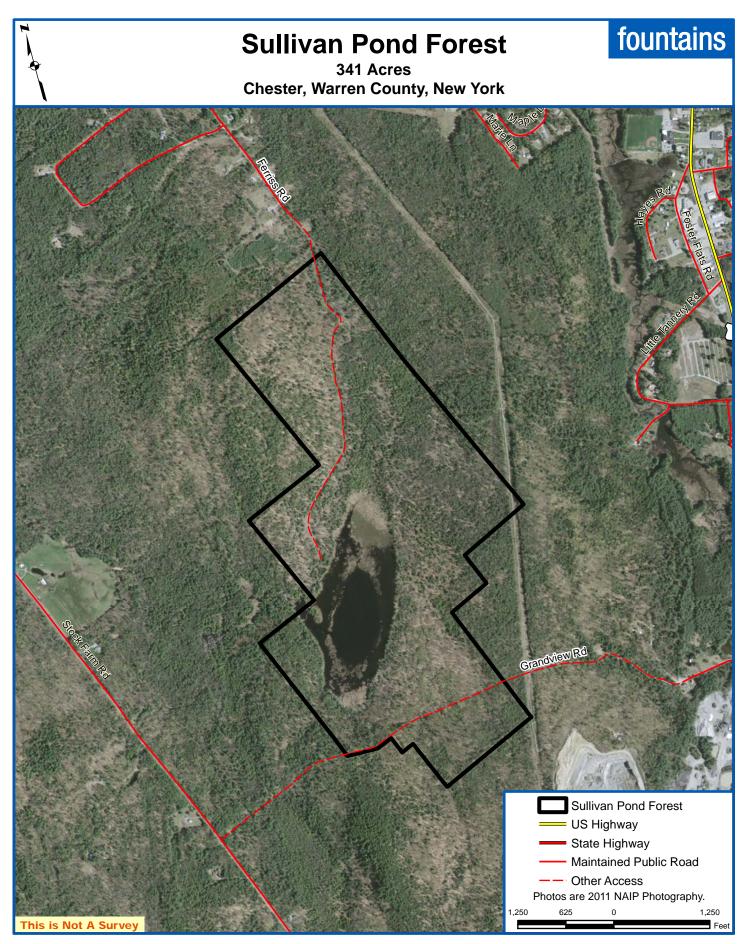
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A real estate broker may represent both the buyer and seller if both the buyer and seller give their informed consent in writing. In such a dual agency situation, the agent will not be able to provide the full range of fiduciary duties to the buyer and seller. The obligations of an agent are also subject to any specific provisions set forth in an agreement between the agent, and the buyer and seller. An agent acting as a dual agent must explain carefully to both the buyer and seller that the agent is acting for the other party as well. The agent should also explain the possible effects of dual representation, including that by consenting to the dual agency relationship the buyer and seller are giving up their right to undivided loyalty. A buyer or seller should carefully consider the possible consequences of a dual agency relationship before agreeing to such representation.

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