

Columbia County Shooting Range Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)  
and  
Columbia County Planning Group (CCPG) Masterplan Amendment  
On-Line Survey Results

Question 6: What other enhancements would you like to see incorporated into the design for a shooting range in Columbia County?

1. Limit hours from 10 am to 4pm..?  
Having it checked sometimes to keep rules adhered to and not let it become a garbage dump.
2. The bottom seven items on the list above were shown to us over and over in an attempt to make the people think they would not mind having this shooting range in their backyard. It is not hard to see their concern as to why the DNR is asking if these items are important. They were obviously important enough to use them to put the people at ease, they should continue to be important now that the DNR is doing the actual planning. Anything that is for safety and comfort of the businesses and residents of the area should be put in place or the site should not be used.
3. Keep it simple for low maintenance and safety. Dumpsters for trash
4. Unable to actually see the sound data on the PDF, so it was not helpful. Berms blocking the sound toward the road, we hear conversations from across the lake and certainly do not want to hear shooting every day.
5. Target stands for closer pistol shooting on site.
6. All of the above, except for the 200 yard range, were used as a selling point to the people of the area to try to get them to support this range. If your salesmen are going to use these items to sell their range they should not bait and switch by later asking if they are important. They were used to sell the idea that a shooting range was good, safe and would not be loud. Perhaps the DNR should stick to their word.
7. Safety for shooters and neighboring areas is paramount.
8. Gates to be locked when not open
9. If someone wants to be stupid they are going to be. I believe the majority of the people use this facility will be very responsible.
10. I was at the meeting back in March 2014 and our Lowville town ship member stated she felt there was no need for a 200 yard range because the only people that wanted that were hunting out west. I live within 1 mile of this site and after speaking to fellow hunters we would love to have a 200 yard range included. I feel this Lowville member should not represent her personal opinions on such a matter. And I hope it will not have any impact on getting a 200 yard range added to this site. I thank you for all your hard work in this matter and can't wait for a place to shoot so close to my home.

11. I would only like to see the longest range being a 100 yard.
12. Closed at night and gated otherwise it will be a mess, no shooting after dark. Should require shooting from tubes so water fowl won't be shot at or other flying objects. Local wishes should take priority over transits.
13. Most firearms sighting mechanisms can be adjusted based on a 100 yard range target to hit points of aim at greater distances. 200 yards would be nice.  
  
Pistol ranges, such as Action Pistol/defensive pistol/three gun, bull's-eye pistol, and Cowboy action make sense as well.
14. Move-able target stands.  
A design I liked had PVC tubes buried in rows every 5-10 meters. Target stand legs would drop into PVC pipes.  
  
A working toilet would be nice, especially for women.  
A dumpster or garbage cans.  
A gravel or concrete path to the downrange targets.  
Shooting benches as well as areas to be able to shoot off-hand and prone.  
A dud box for bad ammo.
15. Signs - keep this site clean.
16. Do not build it.
17. Do not include a beer vending machine.
18. 200 yard range.
19. Add a gate and a perimeter fence around the range site.
20. Please consider cameras and someone or an organization to monitor the shooting range.
21. Hours it will be open. Who will police to prevent illegal shooting (auto weapons) and littering?
22. The timeline that DNR has distributed covered only the first step in the rulemaking process. There is substantial public and local concern about the promised but long delayed rulemaking process. The timeline that DNR distributes should be amended to include the expected schedule for the completion of the rulemaking process.