

Town Board Meeting
September 1, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Lanning, Councilor Howard, Councilor Badami, Councilor Coville, Attorney Frame. **Absent:** Councilor Howard, Attorney Smith.

Also Present: Allan Wellington, Sue Murphy, Gene LaForte, Randy Nonemacker, Jeanie Gleisner, Anne Saltman, Jonathan Monfiletto (Skaneateles Journal), Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Press), Rob Howard, Bob Eggleston, Mark Tucker, Karen Barkdull, Jim Chapman.

Department Reports:

▪*Highway, Water, Transfer Station:* Allan Wellington reported that the Highway Department spent four days cleaning ditches and mowing roadsides on Gully and Foster Roads. They delivered two loads of scrap steel to recyclers and replaced several road signs. They milled all roads in the Manor Heights development and will be repaving those roads. Millings are stockpiled at the Transfer Station for future use. He took delivery of a new pick-up truck. In the Water Department they repaired lawns on Britcher and Fisher Roads caused by water break issues. They repaired hydrants on Rt. 20, Hillside and Franklin Streets. They flow tested District #1 in Mottville and replaced several water meters. At the Transfer Station they pushed off the hard fill area, removed and reinstalled the stationary commercial compactor for cleaning and servicing and Allan conducted interviews for both full and part time positions.

▪*Parks:* Sue Murphy reported that the seasonal employees returned to college but she is able to keep the waterfront open with a reduced staff. The last day will be Labor Day and the waterfront will close early that day and will close before the parade on Sunday.

Gene LaForte updated the Board on the Austin Pavilion renovation project. He said that it is 98% finished with only a few minor things that need to be finished. John Crompton will be inspecting the renovations in order to issue the certificate of occupancy the beginning of next week.

▪*Codes, Planning and Zoning Boards:* Councilor Badami reviewed the 4 projects open with the Planning Board and one with the Zoning Board. The Codes Officer issued 22 permits of which 6 were for fireworks events.

▪*Historian:* Beth Batlle reported that the Veterans Wall at Shotwell Park was completed. The plaque with names will be added later. The Board commented on the great job that was done. Beth said that the Oswego DAR will be meeting in Skaneateles in two weeks and they will be placing a wreath at the wall.

She is researching the history of the old Welch Allyn plant for the new owners. She read a report (attached) on the history of Rodaks Restaurant in Skaneateles Falls.

Public Comments: There were no comments.

Open Space Committee Report: Anne Saltman, Principle Planner and Jeanie Gleisner Program Manager, Comprehensive Planning with Central New York Regional Planning (CNY

RPDB) and Development Board presented a PowerPoint overview (attached) of the Draft Open Space Plan currently being considered by the Town Board. Anne noted that Matt Champlain provided the first picture and the other photos were taken by Rob Howard. Copies of the draft open space plan are available at the Town Clerk's office or online at www.townofskaneateles.com. She said that the Town of Skaneateles Open Space Committee established a partnership with CNY RPDB in order to compile the Open Space Plan. The Committee's goal was to develop recommendations to protect natural and cultural resources, to support agricultural sustainability, and to protect Skaneateles Lake. The report is designed to serve as a living document that can be referenced and updated on a regular basis. The recommendations are designed to promote wise land use decisions regarding the future of open space in Skaneateles. The report was completed in cooperation with public and private partners including elected officials, residents, farmers, and agency representatives. The planning process provided an opportunity to identify unique and valued resources and to present cost effective tools and methods to protect them. The report focuses on land use practices that will reduce urban sprawl and haphazard or arbitrary growth, and potential funding opportunities are provided. It promotes the protection of scenic views, agricultural lands, forests, lake water quality, historic sites, wildlife habitats, and critical environmental areas. The project had six goals:

1. *Preserve and protect areas with natural and cultural significance*
2. *Protect water resources*
3. *Identify ways to finance open space preservation*
4. *Protect farmland and the rural agrarian landscape*
5. *Maintain a network of pedestrian and recreational trails*
6. *Provide educational opportunities for diverse target groups*

Along with the Town of Skaneateles Open Space Committee, Anne thanked the Finger Lakes Land Trust and the Town Historian for their help with this project.

Jeanie Gleisner reviewed the maps that they developed: land use; protected parcels; watershed; soils; wetlands; slope; sewer and water districts; historic sites; forests; trails and view sheds. They layered these maps in order to prioritize parcels. In addition they had 15 important conservation value criteria that were identified on parcels that were not already protected or in the Village of Skaneateles. (See report attached). The key objectives in identifying conservation values were: protect open space and agricultural lands; protect lake water quality; preserve significant blocks of beneficial wildlife habitat lands that have potential to serve as nature recreation areas. Referring to the map, "suitability Analysts for Open Space Conservation" she said that the darker green areas were parcels of the highest priority. Parcels already protected were in purple, yellow was the lowest priority and light green was moderate priority. She said many other factors also have to be considered and that open space is only one tool.

Anne Saltman answered the question, what happens now? She said that the Open Space Committee will continue working to encourage conservation easements and other tools to protect these properties and to continue to identify trails and natural bikeways that incorporate natural features such as Skaneateles Creek and to pursue funding for conservation purposes. She said there is an Open Space Fund and she said it is important to publicize its availability and replenish that fund by encouraging financial and land donations to that fund and to pursue dedicated

funding for conservation and in the future to consider a real estate transfer tax. She encourage the city and state to consider conservation easements for Skaneateles since Skaneateles Lake is a drinking source for the City and collaboration with local land trusts such as the Finger Lakes Land Trust as a way to help Skaneateles reach their goals. And finally the installation of green infrastructure to reduce storm water runoff.

Councilor Howard said that the Town received a \$45,000 grant to receive the support from CNY RPDB with a \$15,000 match from the Town. The Town never could have done this without the grant. She thanked Andy Zepp for letting her know about the funding opportunity.

Anne Saltman and Jeanie Gleisner said they really enjoyed working on this project and that it was a wonderful group to work with. The Town Board thanked them for all their support.

Resolution #16-205

Eastern Gateway Committee: On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the following members were added to the Eastern Gateway Committee with Councilor Brace designated as liaison:

Allan Dolmatch
Marty Cregg
Scott Winkelman
Bruce Kenan
Steve Datz
Doug Sutherland

Resolution #16-206

Bid Opening Date – Waterfront Repairs: On a motion of Councilor Brace, Seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board a bid opening date to do repairs to the Clift Park waterfront was scheduled for 3 p.m. on September 30, 2016.

Resolution #16-207

Janice Miller Proposal – Replacement of Sims Building: Supervisor Lanning said the proposal will be part of Senator DeFrancisco's submittal of an \$80,000 grant for the renovation of the Austin Park bathrooms. At the last meeting Janice Miller provided a design concept and the Town Board requested that she submit a written proposal.

The proposal submitted by Ms. Miller is in the amount of \$7,200. Councilor Brace earlier in the day submitted a list revising the scope of services submitted by Janice Miller. Supervisor Lanning said that a great deal that Janice has provided has been pro bono and said that Senator DeFrancisco and Assemblyman Finch have worked hard to obtain this funding for the Town.

Attorney Frame said that the Town Board could approve the proposal as submitted and approve the additional fees at a later date. Councilor Brace said she was unclear on the financing for the building and the total cost of the project. She is in favor of the project but wants to know what the cost will be.

Supervisor Lanning said that the \$80,000 covers approximately half of the total project cost.

Councilor Badami said it was unfortunate that Councilor Brace missed the last meeting as the question could have been asked two weeks ago. Now we are under a time crunch to get this to the Senator for the funding. He suggested that Councilor Brace sit down with Janice Miller to clarify her issues.

Supervisor Lanning said the project will be between \$180,000 and \$200,000. He said that Senator DeFrancisco and Assemblyman Finch have bent over backwards trying to get the \$80,000 funding.

Councilor Brace said she would be willing to approve the proposal due to the tight schedule but would like to implement a change order in the future for additional services if this moves forward. She is also concerned about affordability.

Councilor Howard asked if Bridgett Winkelman was on board with the \$120,000 that the Town would have to pay. She said it is hard to move forward without firm numbers. Supervisor Lanning said yes, Bridgett is on board. Ms. Winkelman told him that the Town could do a BAN and spread the expense over five years.

Supervisor Lanning said in order to be considered for funding the Town needs to provide a more detailed set of plans and a cost estimate. Councilor Brace said she would be willing to approve subject to providing the minimum requirements in order to obtain the grant.

On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (5-0) approval of the Board, Janice Miller's proposal in the amount of \$7,200 for the minimum amount needed to fulfill the grant application for funding was authorized, with the condition that if this project moves forward that Councilor Brace's September 1, 2016 email requesting revisions to the proposal can be considered for approval in the future.

Resolution #16-208

Transfer From General Recreation Reserve Fund \$12,100 – Repair tennis court surface – subject to the permissive referendum requirements of Town Law: On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the transfer of up to \$12,100 to repair the tennis court surface from the General Recreation Reserve Fund was authorized subject to the Permissive Referendum requirements of Town Law and General Municipal Law.

Resolution #16-209

Transfer From General Recreation Reserve Fund \$2,800 -Lawn Mower - subject to the permissive referendum requirements of Town Law: On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the transfer of up to \$2,800 to purchase a lawn mower from the General Recreation Reserve Fund was authorized subject to the Permissive Referendum requirements of Town Law and General Municipal Law.

Resolution #16-210

Transfer From General Recreation Reserve Fund \$4,600 - Plow and assembly for pickup truck – subject to the permissive referendum requirements of Town Law: On a motion of

Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the transfer of up to \$4,600 for the purchase of a plow and assembly for the pick-up truck from the General Recreation Reserve Fund was authorized subject to the Permissive Referendum requirements of Town Law and General Municipal Law

Comprehensive Plan: Supervisor Lanning said that the Article 78 has been resolved. The Town Board contracted with Joel Russell to meet with various groups on the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Russell submitted revisions based on those meetings. The draft updated Comprehensive Plan is on the Town website and available at the Town Clerk's office. The Village Planning Board and Village Trustees have now submitted comments. Joel Russell has asked for direction from the Town Board to put together the final draft of the comprehensive plan before it goes to public hearing.

Councilor Brace said that one area that the Board was previously criticized for was that we were not responsive to comments that were made. She would like Joel Russell to take a stab at adding the comments and then it would come back to the Town Board for approval before being submitted to the public.

On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Coville, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Joel Russell was authorized to consolidate the various comments including those of the Village Planning Board and Village Trustees and to submit the revised draft for the Town Board approval and further public comment.

Resolution #16-211

Minutes of August 18, 2016: On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Coville, the minutes of August 18, 2016 were accepted as presented.

Councilor Howard	Yes
Councilor Brace	Abstain
Councilor Badami	Yes
Councilor Coville	Yes
Supervisor Lanning	Yes

Carried 4-0

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

▪*Letter from Onondaga Co. DOT Jordan Road Railroad Bridge:* On a motion of Councilor Brace seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the Town Board agreed on the following regarding the Jordan Road Railroad Bridge.

“That the Town is interested in the said bridge modification to remain in place for a possible future trail system and that the Town of Skaneateles agrees to take over the improvements and assumes all responsibilities and liability pertaining to the modified structure when construction is complete.”

▪*Letters from NYS DOT and SMTC Re: funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program*
▪*FEMA and NYSDEC hosting open house meetings regarding the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps*

▪*Transfer Station Events: 9/17 9-noon Shred Event and 9/24/16 7:30 am-1 pm Household Hazardous Waste Drop off Day*

Resolution #16-212

Budget Amendments: On a motion of Councilor Badami, Seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the following budget amendments were authorized:

General Fund

\$ 50.00	Increase	070204.01.004.00	Recreation Admin – C/E
\$ 50.00	Decrease	070204.01.004.85	Recreation Admin – C/E - Telephone

Additional cost for office Supplies

\$ 85.00	Increase	071404.01.004.52	Winter Recreation – C/E - Supplies
\$ 85.00	Decrease	071401.01.001.00	Winter Recreation – P/S

Supplies for Austin Pavilion

Resolution #16-213

Abstract #16-17: On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board voucher #16-1163 to #16-1210 were authorized from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$15,455.19	Part Town:	\$ 454.53
Highway:	\$ 701.62	Highway P/T:	\$75,774.62
Lighting:	\$ 1,379.35	Water:	\$ 2,329.83
T & A:	\$ 8,855.70		

Total: \$104,950.84

Public Comment: No Comments.

Resolution #16-214

Executive Session: On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue.

Open Meeting: On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the meeting was return to open session at 8:22 p.m.

Resolution #16-215

Appointment of Full Time Motor Equipment Operator: On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, James Rusin was appointed full time as Motor Equipment Operator at \$17 per hour effective September 17, 2016.

Resolution #16-216

Appointment of Part Time Laborer: On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Louis Loiodice was appointed part time Laborer at \$15 per hour effective September 20, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Janet L. Aaron
Town Clerk

A Historic Hotel Beth Batlle

This original hotel in Skaneateles Falls was built by Henry D. Huxford in 1875 on the north-east corner of Stump Road and Jordan Road. The ground floor was a general store, restaurant and bar. The upper floors were the residence of the family and a hotel. Woolen buyers came from all around the country and stayed at the Huxford while they examined the products of the Glenside Woolen mill across the street.

Henry and his wife, Eliza, turned the building over to their son, James H. Huxford and his wife, Mary, about 1880. James ran the business as a grocery store, bar, and restaurant, plus a rooming house until 1930. They operated the premises while raising 10 children.

At one time, when Jordan Road was widened, the building was pushed back 40 feet east into the hillside. Also, during prohibition Joe, the cobbler, who worked from the small store on the south end of the building, would take his cart out and go from door to door to serve his customers. Hidden under his shoes, however, he also carried whiskey.

Andrew Rodak was also a bootlegger. When he, his wife, Mary, and his family lived on Stump Road behind the mill, the police would on many occasions raid his house. Then too, he would often take his dog along with him when he went out into the woods to bury his liquor. The local winos knew this, so they would collar the dog and have him lead them into the woods to the exact spot where Andrew had buried his liquor.

Andrew would know that they had gotten into his stash when they turned up drunk. This would make him so mad; he just couldn't understand how they kept finding his stash. Apparently he never suspected his dog was the snitch.

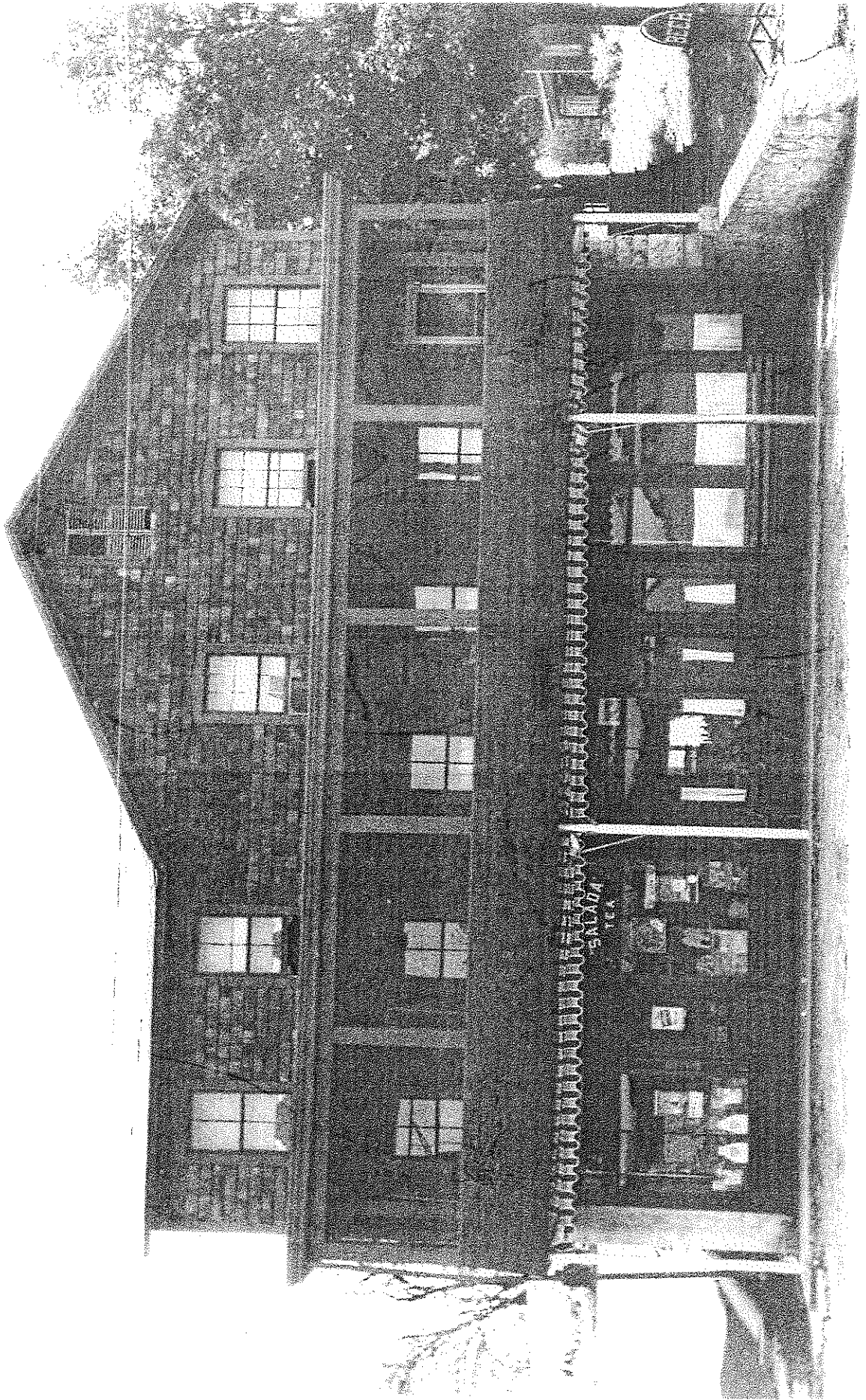
Then, in 1930, just as prohibition was winding down, he had earned enough money from his bootlegging to purchase the 3-story building. Andrew and Mary, with their 13 children, moved in. Only their youngest, George, was born there. Daughter Julia ran the adjoining grocery store. Eventually they moved the bar to where the grocery store was and extended the restaurant into the small cobbler's shop. They now had a full restaurant.

Andrew died in 1954 and sons Billy and George stepped in and ran the business until Billy married Betty in 1959. For the next 38 years the husband and wife team ran the restaurant, with Betty doing all the cooking. Billy's sister, Annie Ryan, baked the bread and also waited on tables. With the jukebox playing diners enjoyed their favorite fish dinner on the the small white covered tables.

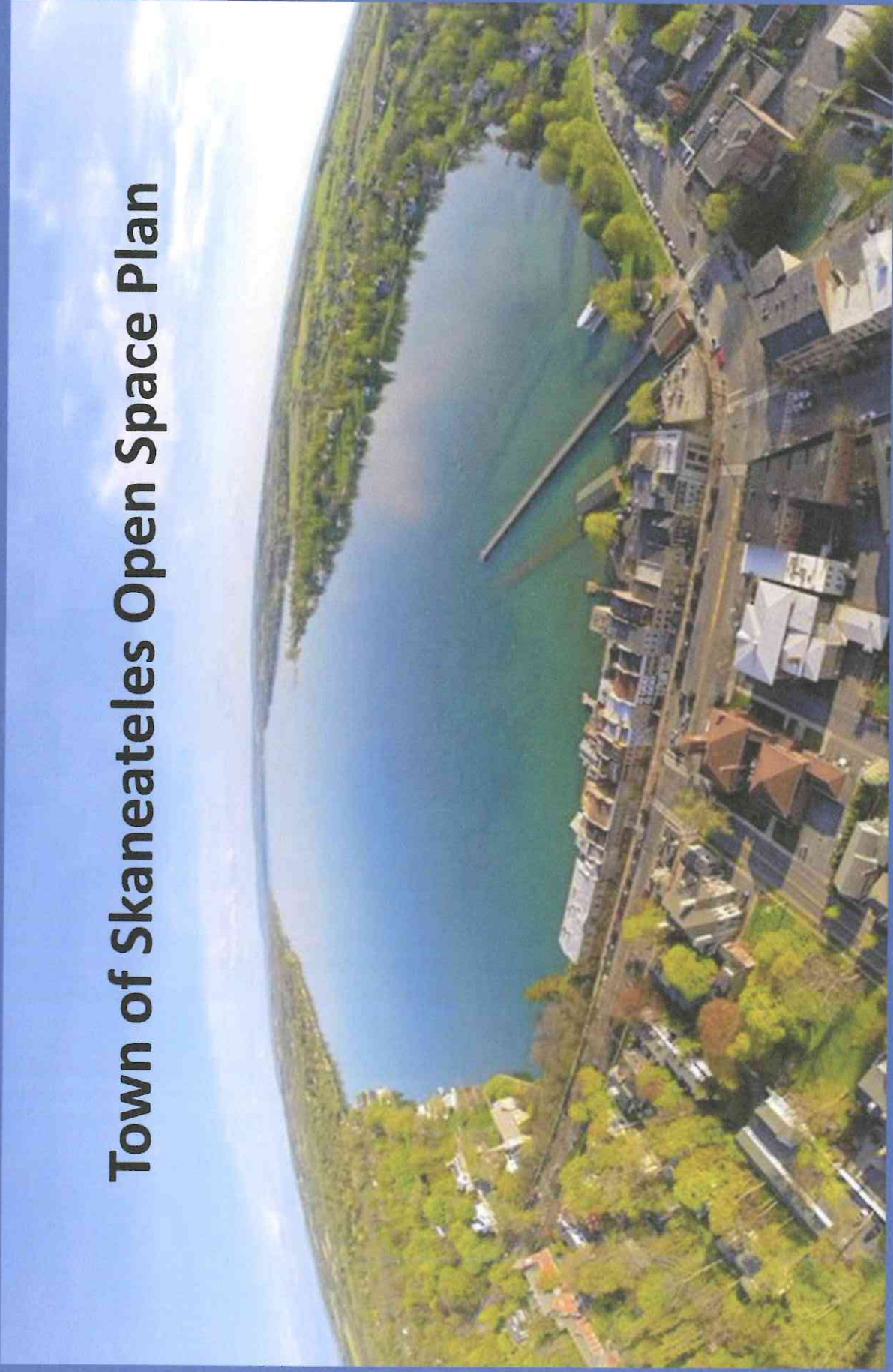
Billy died in 1997 and Betty closed the restaurant. In 2004 it was purchased by Deborah Schneider Moore and named the Red Rooster Pub. Debbie previously owned the Framboise in the Village of Skaneateles. She is the one who added booths to the dining area and added a salad bar. The building has had several other owners since, with a third one pending.

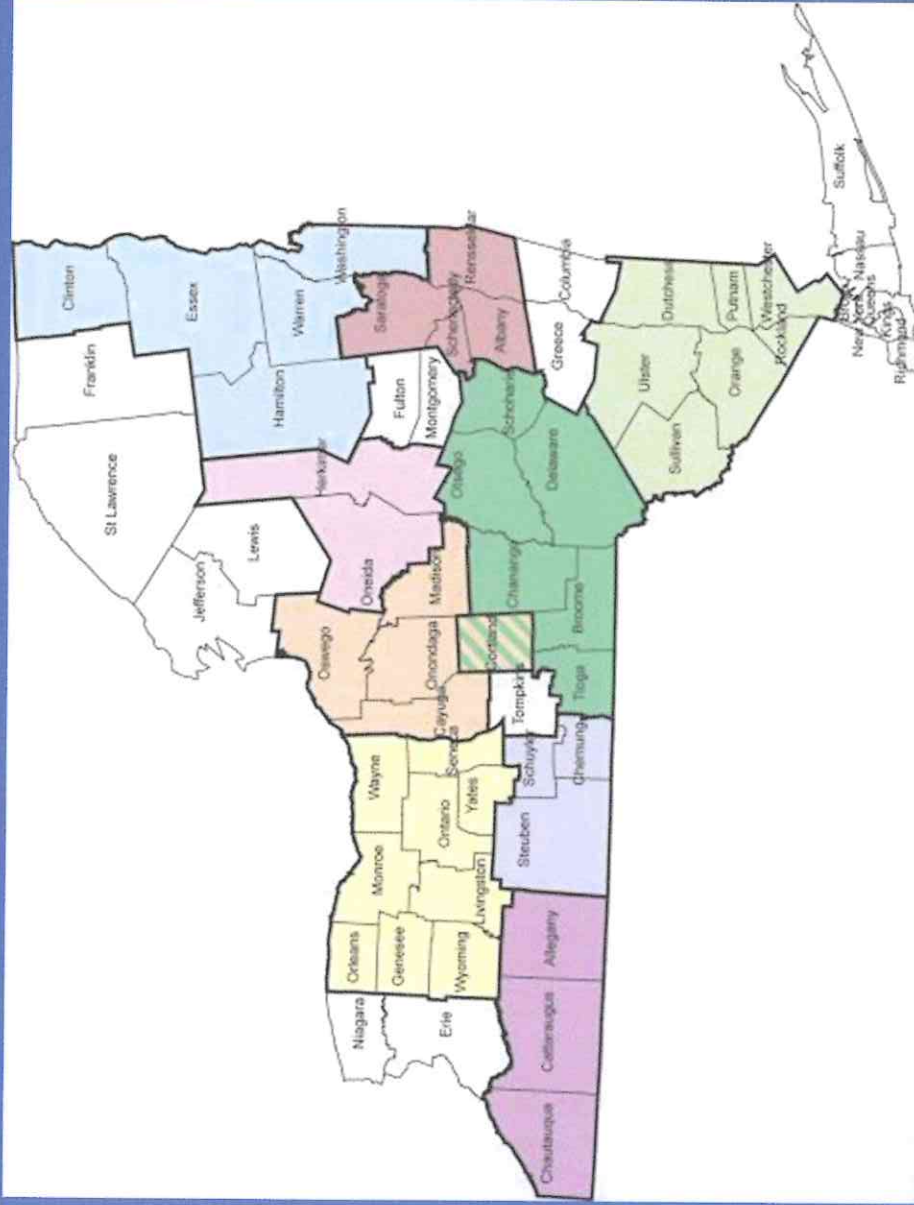
Note: Pvt. Andrew Rodak, son of Andrew and Mary, was first soldier from the Town of Skaneateles to be killed in action in World War II. He was died on May 7, 1943, during the Allied invasion of North Africa, under the leadership of General Dwight D. Eisenhower. He was first buried in Tunisia, North Africa. Then, in 1949, his body was shipped stateside for burial in Half Acre Cemetery in Cayuga County.

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Town of Skaneateles Open Space Plan





Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board



What is an Open Space Plan?

- A strategy for the preservation of unique and valued open space
- Identify and protect scenic views, agricultural lands, forests, unique habitats, wildlife habitats, and critical environmental areas, and areas that define community character
- Mitigate pollution, improve water quality, and reduce stormwater runoff and soil erosion
- A guide for municipal leaders to promote wise land use decisions



Who Has Participated?

CNY RPDB

Open Space Planning Committee
agricultural community and other land owners
Federal and State agencies
Community groups, non-profits, town historian

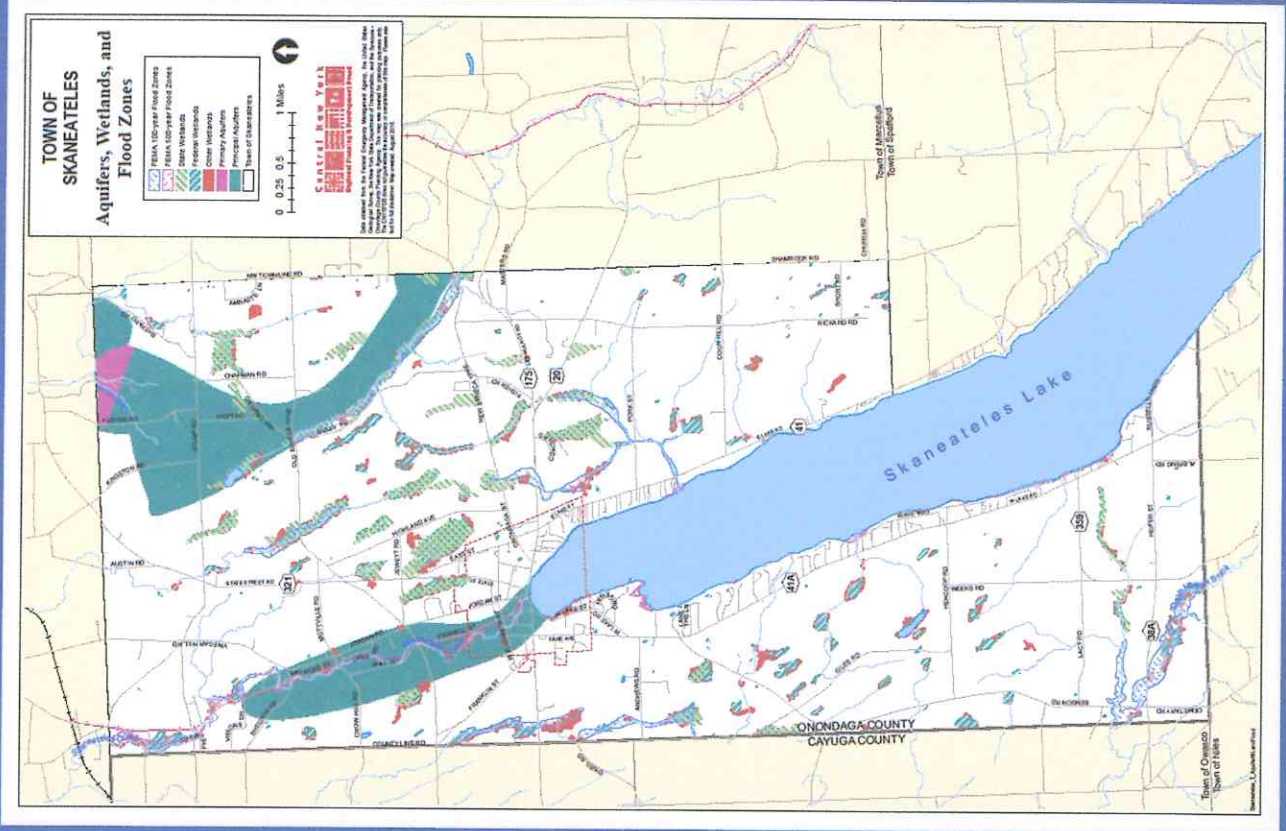


Project Goals

- Preserve and protect areas with natural and cultural significance
- Protect water resources
- Identify ways to finance open space preservation
- Protect farmland and the rural agrarian landscape
- Maintain a network of pedestrian and recreational trails
- Provide educational opportunities for diverse target groups

Maps

- Land use
- Protected parcels
- Watershed
- Soils
- Wetlands
- Slope
- Sewer and water districts
- Historic sites
- Forests
- Trails
- Viewsheds





15 Important Conservation Value Criteria Were Identified

Quality of agricultural land

Parcel Size

In the Skaneateles Lake Watershed

Feet of lake shore

Proximity of the parcel to protected lands

Proximity of the parcel to active recreation

Average slopes on the parcel

Feet of stream corridor

Proximity of the parcel to an existing public water or sewer line

Length of road frontage in feet

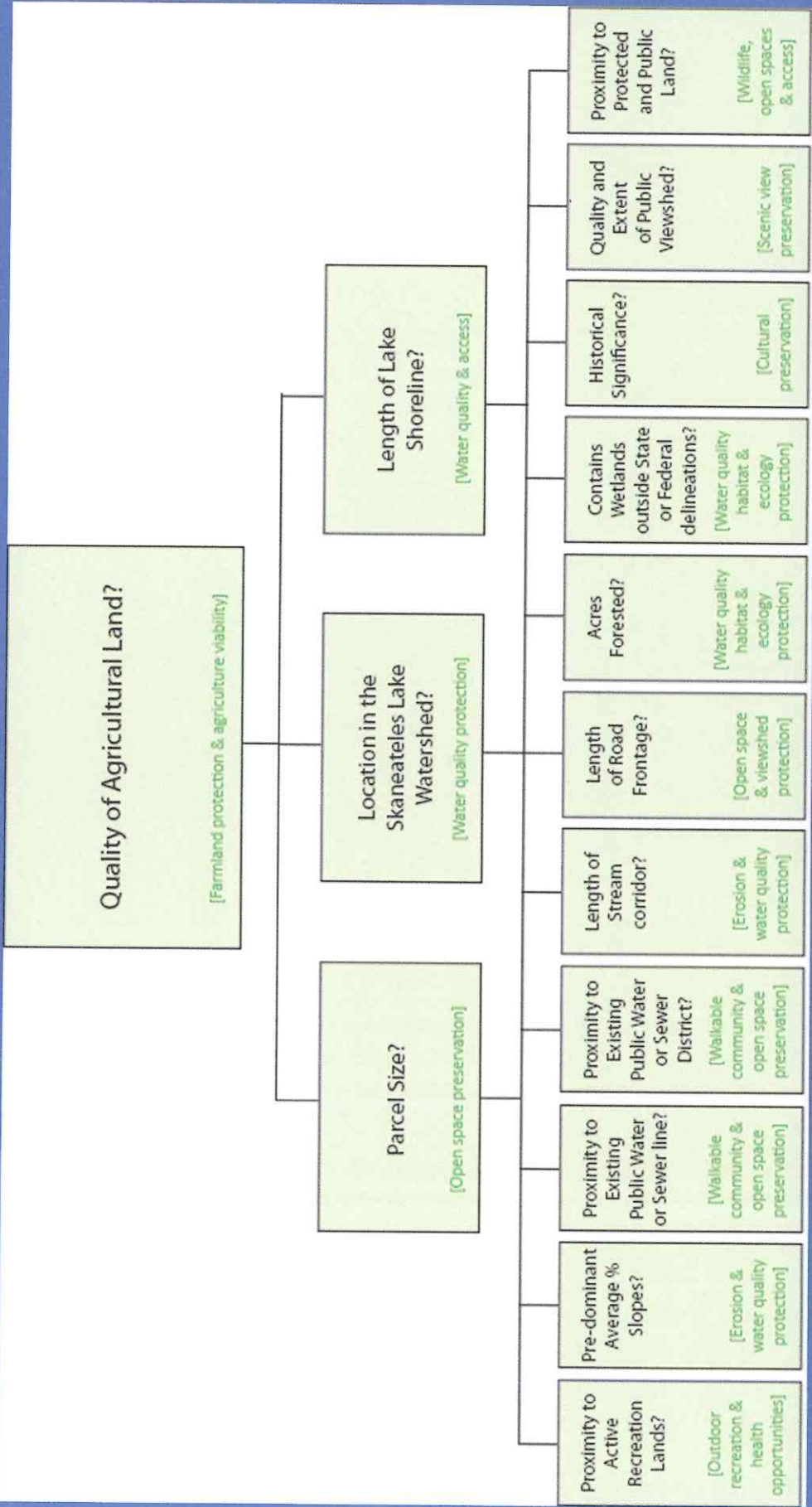
Acres forested

Wetlands

Historically significant structure or landscape

Proximity of the parcel to a sewer or water district

Quality and extent of the public viewshed assessed at roadside



Quality of Agricultural Land?

[Farmland protection & agriculture viability]

Parcel Size?

[Open space preservation]

Proximity to Active Recreation Lands?

[Outdoor recreation & health opportunities]

Pre-dominant Average % Slopes?

[Erosion & water quality protection]

Proximity to Existing Public Water or Sewer line?

[Walkable community & open space preservation]

Proximity to Existing Public Water or Sewer District?

[Walkable community & open space preservation]

Length of Stream corridor?

[Erosion & water quality protection]

Length of Road Frontage?

[Open space & viewshed protection]

Acres Forested?

[Water quality habitat & ecology protection]

Contains Wetlands outside State or Federal delineations?

[Water quality habitat & ecology protection]

Historical Significance?

[Cultural preservation]

Quality and Extent of Public Viewshed?

[Scenic view preservation]

Proximity to Protected and Public Land?

[Wildlife, open spaces & access]

Length of Lake Shoreline?

[Water quality & access]

Location in the Skaneateles Lake Watershed?

[Water quality protection]

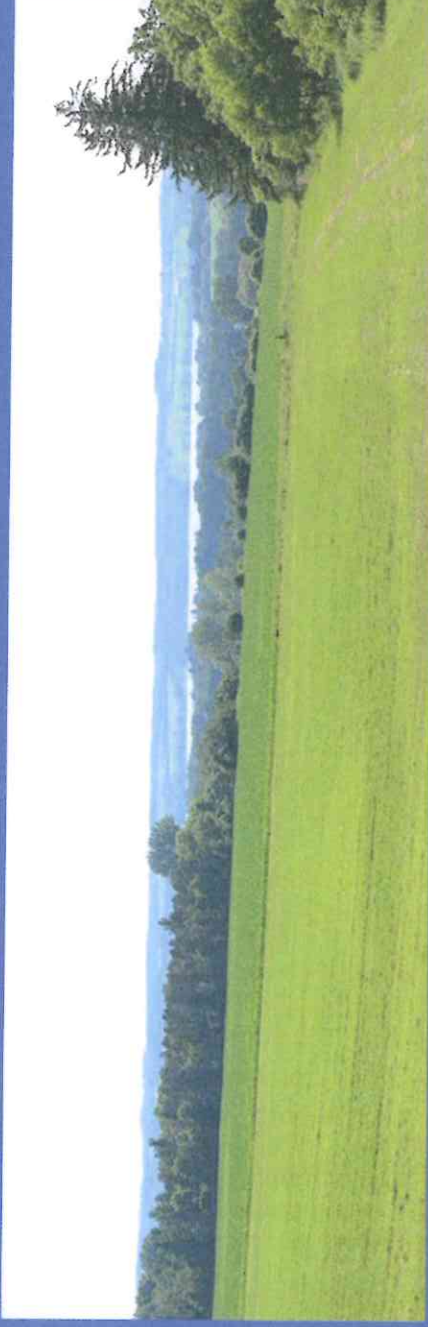


Key Objectives in Identifying Conservation Value

- Protect open space and agricultural lands
- Protect lake water quality
- Preserve significant blocks of beneficial wildlife habitat lands that have potential to serve as nature recreation areas

Suitability Analysis for Open Space Conservation in Skaneateles





Qualities the Community Identified as Important

- Open space
- Agricultural lands
- Lake water quality
- Beneficial wildlife habitat
- Nature recreation

The Open Space Plan and Maps are Intended to

- Inform good decision-making for development and opportunities to conserve lands
- Other factors beyond the scope of the Open Space Plan will need to be considered in conservation decisions, including:
 - availability of lands
 - cost
 - value to the community

The Open Space Plan is one tool among several to help the Town in making these decisions

Where Do We Go From Here?

- Use **conservation easements** and other preservation tools (Use the Open Space Conservation Land Prioritization model and other considerations)
- Identify and develop **trails and bikeways** that incorporate natural features such as the Skaneateles Creek corridor, segments of the lake shore and stream corridors
- Pursue funding for conservation purposes
 - Use the **Open Space Fund**. Publicize its availability and intended use. Encourage financial and land **donations from the public**. Pursue dedicated funding for conservation such as a real estate transfer tax
- Encourage the City of Syracuse, the State of New York, the federal government, and the private sector to **secure land** through the acquisition of conservation easements
- Collaborate with local land trusts such as the **Finger Lakes Land Trust**
- Install **green infrastructure** to reduce stormwater runoff and pollution loading

QUESTIONS?

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