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Town of Skaneateles Seeks Public Input on the Open Space Plan

Skaneateles, N.Y. — Members of the Skaneateles Open Space Committee invite the public to submit comments on the draft Open Space Plan. The report contains goals, recommendations, maps, and photographs and is posted online at <http://www.townofskaneateles.com>. A hard copy is also available at the Skaneateles Town Hall.

The report was compiled in cooperation with community stakeholders including elected officials, residents, farmers, and agency representatives. To help guide the planning process, the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board (CNY RPDB) is serving as a consultant to the Open Space Committee. Funding was awarded through Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Cleaner, Greener Communities (CGC) program, which aims to affect fundamental changes to local and regional sustainable growth strategies to offer economic growth through jobs and lowered infrastructure costs, while also addressing environmental issues and improving community health, resiliency, safety, and livability.

The Committee goals were to identify and prioritize land parcels for open space conservation and to develop recommendations that would protect natural and cultural resources, support agricultural sustainability, and protect Skaneateles Lake water quality. The planning process provided an opportunity to identify unique and valued sites and to present cost effective tools to protect them.

The online review period for the report will end on August 31st. A public meeting is scheduled for **6:30 PM on September 1st at the Skaneateles Town Hall** (24 Jordan Street) at which time comments will be received.

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