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# FRIENDS OF CLIFTON PARK OPEN SPACE

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## Draft Open Space Plan to be Presented July 15<sup>th</sup>

### Contact the Town Planner for a copy after that date

The Town of Clifton Park's Open Space Committee has completed the draft for the Town's official Open Space Plan. Much work has gone into this document with contributions from many groups.

The co-chairmen of the Town's Open Space Committee, Jim Romano and Dave Miller, will give the Town Board a summary of the plan on July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Town Board meeting. After that time, the plan will be available for distribution and comment before it's finalized later this year.

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*After July 15<sup>th</sup>, you can contact the town's Planning Director Jason Kemper, at 371-6651 or at [jkemper@cliftonpark.org](mailto:jkemper@cliftonpark.org) for a copy of the draft plan, or check the Town's web site.*

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Friends of Clifton Park Open Space encourages all town residents to make a point of hearing the summary presented—either in person or on the CPAN replay of the Town Board meetings which usually airs the following night. (Tape it for later viewing if the dates are inconvenient). Then get a copy of the plan to review the information and suggestions.

The draft outline of the plan called for the construction of a Greenprint document and suggested tools for implementing the findings and suggestions of the Committee and its consultant. See what the possibilities are and be involved in this process. Only with public comments can the possible become politically probable. ❖

### STEERING COMMITTEE

Frank Berlin, Friends of Veteran's Park

Margaret Catellier, Citizens Assn. for Reasonable Expansion

Gil Kortz, Clifton Park Zoning Bd, past Chair Clifton Park ECC

Ray Seymour, Land Trust of the Saratoga Region

Clark Wilson, Rexford Civic Association

Susan Burton, League of Women Voters of Saratoga County



## Residents React to Multi-Use Paths at Exit 10

### Public Hearing gets attention

Over 100 residents—mostly from the Exit 10 community—attended the public hearing on the multi-use pathways planned for Ushers Road and Vischer Ferry Road. Although there was little opposition to the paths planned for the Vischer Ferry Road section near the Clifton Commons, there was much opposition to those planned for Ushers Road. There were also plans presented for repaving and straightening part of that road as well as removing part of the tree canopy which exists there.

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*Public comment period is still open, so send your comments to Town Administrator, Mike Shaben at Town Hall if you wish.*

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Residents' concerns revolved around several issues including:

- Widening of Ushers Road would lead to increased vehicle speed and subsequent danger to motorists and pedestrians.
- Removal of mature trees would devalue properties, infringe on homeowners' privacy, and bring unwanted noise and light to homes and properties.
- Removal of mature trees would destroy the beauty of the Ushers Road area.
- Relocation of power lines would negatively impact the aesthetics of properties.
- The current walking and biking trail is sufficient for current use and safety.

However, concerns were also expressed by the Trails Committee about the upkeep and maintenance of these and other paths throughout the town.

During the presentation, Tom Karis, with Cough, Harbour & Associates, said the town could opt to upgrade the road with the trail or without the trail, or forgo the improvements altogether.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS.....

### FCPOS GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING—JULY CANCELLED

Place: Shenendehowa United Methodist Church  
Date: Thursday, July 15th, 2002

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Place: Shenendehowa United Methodist Church  
Date: Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002  
Time: 7:30 PM

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS.....

### PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT OPEN SPACE PLAN

Place: Clifton Park Town Hall  
Date: Monday, July 15th, 2002  
When: Town Board Meeting  
Time: 7:15 PM  
Presentors: Town Open Space Committee Co-Chairmen

*COME AND HEAR WHAT IS BEING  
DISCUSSED!!*

*THEN GET INVOLVED IN WHAT IS DECIDED--*

- *READ THE DRAFT PLAN*
- *COMMENT AT PUBLIC HEARINGS*
- *SPEAK TO YOUR TOWN COUNCIL*

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