
FRIENDS OF CLIFTON PARK OPEN SPACE

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Friends Sets Goals for 2015-16

FCPOS Sets Both Long and Short Term Goals

Having completed work on our “Green C” project and presented the findings to Town government organizations, FRIENDS is working to establish a new set of long and short-term goals for the future. These include:

1. Continue to promote the concept of the *Green ‘C’* in western Clifton Park – *an ongoing activity.*
2. Promote & assist with planning for a potential North-South trail through the *Green ‘C’*
3. Promote & assist with the development of a draft management plan for 41 acre parcel owned by the town on the Mohawk River
4. Creation of Welcome Packet/Procedure – *to invite interested people*
5. *Community News* letters/articles
6. Promote & participate in one or more stewardship “clean-up” days at a preserve in town
7. Propose a formal project review package based on the 23-point development checklist.



Friends is Always Looking for Help or New “Friends”

There are many ways to get involved with Open Space

FRIENDS is always looking for people who are interested in the work of our group. Please contact us if you would like to get involved in any of our projects.

You can participate in a long-term project or a single event.

You can make a suggestion or share a skill you might have.

Here are some ideas, but feel free to tell us yours:

- Attend a Town Event and man a table for FRIENDS
- Invite a speaker from Friends to your group’s meeting
- Help us create database inventories for birding sites, parks by type, wetland area, Conservation Easements, e.g.
- Provide photos for our web site: www.cpopenspace.org
- “Like Us” on Facebook
- Visit town parks and waterways & make a note of needed improvements, repairs, etc.
- Help us maintain an email list and/or develop mailings
- Apply for grant money
- Develop a school / classroom program
- Assist with the newsletter—articles or ideas for distribution
- Help us build a list of definitions for the general public, e.g. fee title, conservation easement—permanent or temporary, buffers, set-backs, SEQR, etc.

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Let’s keep the “Park” in Clifton Park. Our town is unique and that is a valuable resource in itself. Let’s protect it.

To help, contact us at: friends@cpopenspace.org

Together We Can Keep the Park in Clifton Park!

FRIENDS OF CLIFTON PARK OPEN SPACE.....WHO WE ARE

Friends of Clifton Park Open Space (FRIENDS) is a private citizens group dedicated to the following goals:

- Define what natural resources exist in the community
- Maintain an independent force for advocating protection of those resources
- Publicize how open space is valuable to our economy as well as our quality of life
- Investigate what is possible and what has been done in other, similar towns
- Be a creative force—generating ideas for consideration by the town and other groups
- Communicate those ideas to the community and facilitate a broad discussion of ideas
- Solicit active participation by the public in Open Space protection

Our work in the Town of Clifton Park started in 1996 with representatives from various grassroots organizations sitting down to talk about open space planning possibilities. In 1998 the entity, FRIENDS, was awarded \$3000 from the Rural New York Grant program and hired a planning consultant to prepare a report documenting some of the ecological, recreational, agricultural, and historical assets of the Town. Since then we have continued our work with the Town and with the public on issues ranging from the Open Space Plan and hiring of the Open Space Coordinator, to commentary on building requests, development projects, zoning code development, open space planning tools, etc.

FRIENDS is not the Town of Clifton Park Open Space Committee. We existed before and exist independently now as a 501C3 non-profit corporation. This work has been contracted for by FRIENDS and is not a town project.

Our recent “Green C” endeavor is intended as long-term project dedicated to the identification, preservation and protection of water and woodland resources in western Clifton Park, the potential for a contiguous greenbelt in this area, and encouragement of agriculture as a non-natural but valuable open space resource.

FRIENDS OF CLIFTON PARK OPEN SPACE would like your **financial help** in sustaining our research and outreach efforts. If you would like to help in this way, please detach, complete and mail the form below with your check made out to: **FCPOS, P.O. Box 821, Clifton Park, New York 12065**

--Or—Go to our website: www.cpopenspace.org and make a contribution directly from there.

Thank you very much for your support!

Yes, I want to help Friends of Clifton Park Open Space in their work to preserve the “Park” in Clifton Park

I would like to contribute: \$10 \$20 \$30 \$40 \$50 \$75 \$100

Other \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please make checks payable to: Friends of Clifton Park Open Space—or—FCPOS

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