

Town of Clifton Park Conservation Project Application Form

Date: _____

The purpose of the Town of Clifton Park's Open Space Program is to protect the publicly supported conservation values for a wide range of resources:

- Lands that help to protect drinking water resources
- Open space and natural areas / wildlife habitat
- Working farmland and agricultural soils, and working woodlands and forest
- Scenic, cultural and historic places and landscapes
- Lands for recreational parks, and public access to waterfronts and the Mohawk Riverfront
- Town trails and pathways connections

Please use this form to identify a specific property and landowner that may be interested in exploring conservation options with the Town of Clifton Park and potentially with other conservation partners. Please fill in what you know. This information will help the Open Space Coordinator and Open Space, Trails and Riverfront Committee evaluate this candidate property or project. Some of the resource analysis information is available by contacting the Town of Clifton Park Open Space Coordinator directly, Jennifer Viggiani at (518) 371-6054 or by e-mail at jviggiani@cliftonpark.org, who will meet with you to discuss your conservation interest and to help complete the form together with you.

Nomination / Applicant Contact Information:

Name of person/entity nominating the parcel if not the property owner:

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Property/Project Description:

1. Property Name (if applicable): _____
2. Location: _____
3. Tax Parcel ID# (s): _____
4. Acreage: _____
5. Property Owner Name (list all actual owners): _____

6. Property Owner Address: _____

7. Property Owner Phone: _____
8. Property Owner E-Mail: _____
9. Realtor/broker contact information, if applicable: _____
10. Zoning District: _____
11. Property Description: _____

(For additional details, please feel free to use a separate page to explain why the Town of Clifton Park should acquire the land or rights for this property. Attach a map, a deed (if available) and photographs as necessary or available.)

12. **Proposed Type of Conservation Option Desired for the Property:**
(Please check all items that may apply)
- a. Donation of Land or Rights: _____
 - b. Bargain Sale (partial donation) _____
 - c. Purchase/sale of the entire property: _____
 - d. Purchase/sale of a portion of the property: _____
 - e. Purchase/sale of a permanent conservation easement:..... _____
 - f. Purchase/sale of a trails conservation easement/trails right-of-way: ... _____
 - g. Other conservation proposal: (please share your idea)

13. **Applicable Resource Categories of the Property:**

Please check all items below that may apply:

- a. Farmland – active..... _____
- b. Farm fields – fallow / open lands _____
- c. Forest land – active or formerly timbered lands, woodlots..... _____
- d. Lands of important wildlife habitat/ecologically significant area / known migration routes/known wildlife corridor _____
- e. Wetlands, aquifers, groundwater recharge areas, lands important for the protection of water quality _____
- f. Streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, reservoirs _____
- g. Unique geological or physical features or forms..... _____
- h. Lands with historic, cultural features or value, or lands adjacent that will help protect the integrity of the historic or cultural features _____
- i. Lands with scenic features or that provide scenic views or vistas..... _____
- j. Lands with potential for active recreation uses _____
- k. Lands with specific potential for public waterfront, water access _____
- l. Lands with potential for passive recreation uses _____
- m. Lands with potential for on-site trails _____
- n. Lands with potential for key town-wide connections _____
- o. Lands with potential for creating regional/intermunicipal trail connections..... _____
- p. Other: _____

14. **Participation in Conservation Options/Tools to date:**

- a. Is the property enrolled in the Town of Clifton Park’s Term Conservation Easement Program? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, which one?
 - Open Space Term Conservation Easement? _____
 - Historic Term Conservation Easement? _____
 - Farming Term Conservation Easement? _____
- b. Is the property located in an Agricultural District? _____
- c. Is the property in the Agricultural Assessment Use program? _____
- d. Is the property on the state or national historic register or within a state or federal historic district? _____

15. **Basis in Public Planning for Conservation:** *(Note: town open space coordinator can help you fill this out)*

- a. Is the property identified in the Clifton Park Open Space Plan? _____
- b. Is the property identified in the Town of Clifton Park Land Conservation Plan or Land Resources Map of the Western Clifton Park GEIS? _____
- c. Is the property identified in the Mohawk Riverfront Concept Plan? _____
- d. Is the property identified in the Clifton Park Comprehensive Plan? _____
- e. Is the property identified in the "Join Us: ... A Master Plan for the Historic Erie Canal Towpath Trail"? _____
- f. Is the property identified in the Town of Clifton Park Trails Master Plan? _____
- g. Is the property identified in the Vischer Ferry Nature and Historic Preserve Master Plan? _____
- h. Is the property identified in a local list of historic properties or sites? _____
- i. Is the property identified in the 2006 Saratoga County Green Infrastructure Plan? _____

16. **Is the property adjacent to other protected lands in town?** _____
If yes, describe adjacent parcel(s): _____

17. **Are you aware of any known environmental conditions or hazardous conditions related to this parcel?** _____

18. **Starting point for understanding the value of the property:**

- a. Assessed value: _____
- b. Date of Assessed Value: _____
- c. Appraised value: _____
- d. Appraisal date: _____
- e. Asking price for the property/conservation easement? _____

19. **Understanding Other Potential Funding Opportunities:** Are there likely outside funding sources to leverage towards helping defray the costs of this acquisition/conservation project? *(indicate yes, no, or unsure)* _____
If yes, please describe potential funding sources:

20. **Additional Reasons / Support for the Town to Explore the Conservation of this Property?:** _____
