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City of Saratoga Springs Open Space Plan Update – Community Survey and Project Website Live

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Saratoga Springs, N.Y. – The City of Saratoga Springs is working on updating the 2002 Open Space Plan and is asking for your input through a community survey. Survey results will aid the City in updating the 2002 Open Space Plan and establish open space goals for the next five years. Community members can participate in the survey through the link provided on the project website at www.saratogaspringsopenspaces.com. The survey will close on April 16th, 2021.

"Saratoga Springs is blessed with an abundance of natural resources and exquisite open spaces – spaces preserved by planning and the dedication of residents, city leadership, and state resources. These spaces are essential to the quality of life and economy of our city," Mayor Meg Kelly said. "In the past year, simple things like a walk or run in the park or on a trail with friends and family have been incredibly important to our health. Building off of this renewed interest in the outdoors, the City is now looking forward and wants to hear from citizens about their priorities for the future of open space in Saratoga Springs."

The Open Space Plan Update is being developed by the Office of Planning and Economic Development and guided by the Open Space Plan Steering Committee. Membership of the Steering Committee includes the City Center Board, City's Open Space Advisory Committee, Saratoga PLAN, Saratoga Recreation Commissioner, Saratoga Spa State Park, and Saratoga Springs School District. The planning process will be facilitated by City staff with technical assistance from MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C.

Public engagement is a key component of the project and fundamental to the implementation and success of the plan. A project website has also been created to keep the community informed of the process, ongoing public engagement opportunities, and to provide ongoing information about the effort. Please visit the project website at www.saratogaspringsopenspaces.com to stay up to date on the project and share your thoughts and ideas.

Paper copies of the survey are available upon request from the Administrator of Parks, Open Lands, Historic Preservation, and Sustainability at 518-587-3550 extension 2534.