

Canandaigua Town Board:

Conservation Easement

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(See map)

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Environmental Significance

1. Preserving of old growth forest land as it has been for thousands of years. Keeping the ecosystem intact as it was before the European settlers arrived has great value in a historic town like Canandaigua.
2. Keeps a small segment of the wild forest in northern Canandaigua essentially untouched by technology and farm chemicals.
3. Protects birds, animals, fish and soil life from human intervention.

Environmental benefits

1. Nature will be allowed to continue being what it is, subject to all the wonders of weather, forestry, animal survival and all that nature has done for thousands of years without being modified by humans.
2. The trails could become a teaching area for future generations, as the farmland around us is rapidly being replaced by housing and industry.
3. By not paving or allowing building construction on the easement area, approximately 9 Acres will remain uncontaminated by the demands of modern construction and chemical farming.

Habitat for local wildlife

1. Currently no poisons are being used anywhere on the land, making it safe for all small mammals, trees and plants. Most benches are made of fallen tree logs, held together by wooden pegs and using a minimum of metal fasteners.
2. The land supports deer, rabbits, coyotes, wild turkeys, foxes, squirrels, chipmunks, field mice, muskrats, ducks, fish and many species of birds. There is a large spread of the endangered flower, Trillium.
3. We have been advised about how to keep it natural by a professional Cornell University forestry manager, a Native American shaman and a doctor of tree and plant pathology from NJ who is healing distressed trees and farm plants without chemicals. Even the bridge across the brook was created by slicing a fallen tree in half the long way and connecting the two halves together, flat side up. The trails have been kept narrow enough so as to not allow motorized 4-wheelers or tractors on them.

Photos are available if you are interested in seeing them.

This is an unusually nice piece of land which the owner believes should be kept in its natural state forever.