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**Cornwall Conservation Advisory Council, Hudson Highlands Land Trust, and
Orange County Land Trust to Host Public Workshop on November 7th**

*Land trust partners and Conservation Advisory Council
seek public input on Cornwall Natural Heritage Project*

The Cornwall Conservation Advisory Council, in partnership with the Hudson Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) and the Orange County Land Trust (OCLT), is hosting a planning workshop seeking public input for the **Cornwall Natural Heritage Project (NHP) in the Town of Cornwall and the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson**. This public workshop is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 7th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at **Munger Cottage, 19 Little League Drive, Cornwall**. All residents, municipal leaders, and interested stakeholders are encouraged to attend and participate in mapping activities designed to help the public identify and share what open space characteristics, areas, and activities are important to them. Behan Planning and Design, the project planning consultant, will conduct the public workshop.

The Natural Heritage Project will produce open space inventories for the Town of Cornwall and the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, building upon the *Cornwall Natural Resources Inventory (Cornwall NRI)*. Open space inventories are valuable tools for guiding a desirable balance between development and conservation. Based on public input, community leadership discussions, and the data already collected from the NRI work, the NHP will identify and prioritize open spaces, and the connections to them, that are important to our community.

Public input on the NHP will provide critical information for municipal planning, as well as engaging the public on issues related to conserving and protecting water resources, wildlife habitat, scenic beauty, walkability and recreational areas. The project will also examine the importance of open spaces to our local economy and quality of life.

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ABOUT THE CORNWALL CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Cornwall Conservation Advisory Council (CCAC) is an appointed committee of the Town of Cornwall, including the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson. The CCAC engages Cornwall residents on environmental efforts, such as recycling, native plantings, energy conservation, and natural and cultural resources. The CCAC also plays an advisory role to the Town and Village, as requested.

ABOUT HHLT

The Hudson Highlands Land Trust is a community-based, accredited, non-profit conservation organization with a mission to protect and preserve the natural resources, rural character and scenic beauty of the Hudson Highlands. www.hhlt.org

ABOUT OCLT

The mission of the Orange County Land Trust is to preserve water resources, critical habitat, rural and urban farmland, scenic viewsheds and ecosystems in and around Orange County for the benefit of all who depend on them. www.oclt.org

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