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Cornwall Residents Invited to Complete Online Public Survey on Natural Heritage Project

Online survey intended to help guide municipal planning and protection of water resources, farmland, wildlife habitat, scenic beauty and recreational areas

The Cornwall Conservation Advisory Council (CCAC), in partnership with the Hudson Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) and the Orange County Land Trust (OCLT), is seeking public input for the **Cornwall Natural Heritage Project (NHP)** via an online survey designed to identify which open space characteristics and natural areas residents value most in their communities. The survey can be accessed at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/CornwallNHP

The survey should take only 7-10 minutes to complete and will be open through the end of November.

The NHP will result in an open space inventory for the Town of Cornwall and the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, building upon the Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) work already completed by the CCAC. Based on public input, community leadership discussions, and the data collected through the NRI process, the NHP will identify and prioritize open spaces that are important to the community. The project will also examine the importance of open spaces to our local economy and quality of life.

Information gathered from the public via the survey will provide critical information for municipal planning and the conservation and protection of water resources, farmlands, wildlife habitat, and scenic and recreational areas. Participation in the survey will also educate and engage the public on issues related to land use in their community.

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ABOUT THE CORNWALL CONSERVATION ADVISORY

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 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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