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**Cornwall Community Invited to Attend**

**Cornwall Natural Heritage Project Presentation on November 19th**

*Open Space Inventory intended to help guide municipal planning and protection of water resources, farmland, wildlife habitat, scenic beauty, and recreational areas*

The Cornwall Conservation Advisory Council, in partnership with the Hudson Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) and the Orange County Land Trust (OCLT), will host an event with Behan Planning and Design to present the results of the **Cornwall Natural Heritage Project (Cornwall NHP): Open Space Inventory** for the Town of Cornwall and the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson on **Tuesday, November 19th**, 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.

The Natural Heritage Project was a two-year project resulting in an open space inventory and map 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 Cornwall NRI work, the Cornwall NHP open space inventory identifies and prioritizes open areas, and the connections to them, that are important to our community.

The NHP open space inventory provides 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. It also illustrates 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](http://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](http://www.oclt.org)

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