



# Kingston Open Space Plan Public Visioning Workshop September 25, 2018



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## ***Welcome!***

*The City of Kingston Conservation Advisory Council would like to thank you for attending this evening.*

### ***Agenda***

<i>5:00-5:30pm</i>	<i>Intro Presentation</i>
<i>5:30-6:00pm</i>	<i>Resource Prioritization</i>
<i>6:00-7:00pm</i>	<i>Map Table Discussions</i>
<i>7:00-7:30pm</i>	<i>Summary Wrap Up</i>
<i>8:00pm</i>	<i>Library Closes</i>

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### ***What is an Open Space Plan?***

An open space plan is a document which analyzes all of the natural and cultural resources in a community and prioritizes certain areas with the goal that these could be preserved or protected in the future. These can include natural wooded areas, farmland, scenic views, special animal habitats or historic places. Open space plans can also identify ideas for future trails, boating, public parks and similar local recreation projects desired by the community. The Open Space Plan is then used as a guidance document by the city in making future land use decisions.

### ***Why are we doing this now?***

The City of Kingston Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) has recently completed the process of conducting a Natural Resource Inventory, which has cataloged and mapped all of the natural, scenic and cultural resources found in the city. Now that we have this important inventory, the next step is to begin reviewing this information and make informed decisions about long-term resource planning. Many of these resources contribute to the local scenic beauty and recreational opportunities of the area, which help to make Kingston an attractive place to live and work.

### ***How is the public involved?***

The public is instrumental in this process because we need your input on the plan to make sure that it reflects the ideas and values of the people who live and work in Kingston. We look to the public to help us confirm that the resource inventory is complete, identify priority conservation areas, develop ideas and review the draft materials developed by the project team.

### ***Will there be other public meetings?***

Yes. There will be a second public workshop later this winter which will be held to present the draft ideas and recommendations of the Open Space Plan. The public is invited to provide comments and suggestions on the draft before it is finalized.

***What if I can't attend one of the meetings?***

Draft materials, such as copies of the presentations and draft reports will be posted online through the city website over the course of the project so that people can keep up-to-date on how things are progressing. Comments or suggestions for the Open Space Plan can be emailed to the Kingston Conservation Advisory Council at: [CAC@kingston-ny.gov](mailto:CAC@kingston-ny.gov). Follow up comments on tonight's workshop will be accepted for a period of two weeks until October 9<sup>th</sup>.

***How is this project being funded?***

This project is being funded in part by a grant from the Hudson River Estuary Program, a program of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, with funding provided by the NYS Environmental Protection Fund.

***What is the Project Schedule?***

The following is our anticipated project schedule, however this may change. Check back on the city website for more up-to-date scheduling information as the project gets under way.

<b>Part</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Anticipated Timeline</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Project Kickoff &amp; Analysis</b>	July – August 2018
<b>2</b>	<b>Public Meeting 1 - Vision</b>	September 2018
<b>3</b>	<b>Draft Plan Prepared</b>	Nov – Dec 2018
<b>4</b>	<b>Public Meeting 2 – Draft Plan</b>	Jan 2019
<b>5</b>	<b>Present Final Plan</b>	Spring 2019

***Thank you for attending this evening!***