



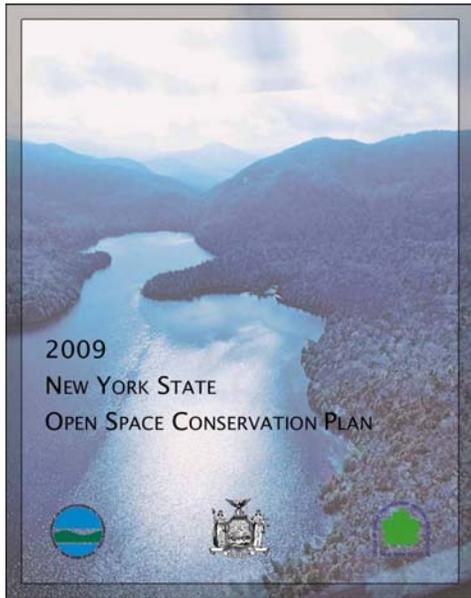
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Local Land Use Planning Resources



Providing information for communities to protect open space and adapt to climate change, using local land use planning





2009 Open Space Conservation Plan

[www .dec.ny.gov/lands/47990.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/47990.html)

This statewide plan takes a fresh approach to conserving our vital natural and recreational areas. Small or large areas; urban, suburban, rural or wilderness; can be protected with a combination of public land protection and thoughtful use of our own land. Discover how open space conservation works for today's New Yorkers and future generations.

The new plan identifies conservation priorities with a **new look**, a **renewed commitment** to plan, prioritize, and enable government and citizen actions, **an action agenda** oriented to:

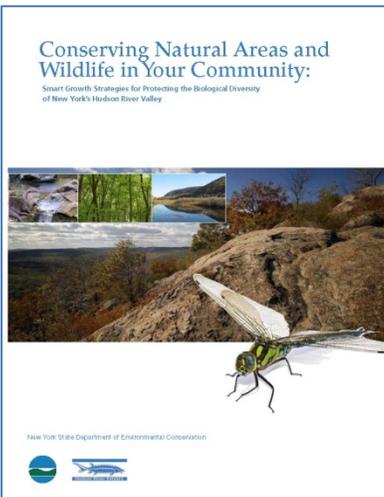
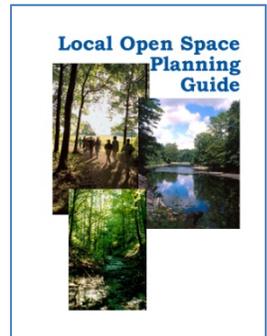
- respond to climate change
- foster green, healthy communities
- connect people to nature and recreation
- safeguard our natural and cultural heritage

Contains over 300 web links to related content, resources and partners in open space conservation, a **new format** to engage the reader with open space information and an **updated list** of publicly identified priority conservation areas

Local Open Space Planning Guide

[www .dos.state.ny.us/lgss/pdfs/openspaces.pdf](http://www.dos.state.ny.us/lgss/pdfs/openspaces.pdf)

This guide, developed by the Dept. of Environmental Conservation and the Dept. of State, lends advice and ideas to local officials and citizens who need assistance with their open space planning efforts.



Conserving Natural Areas and Wildlife in Your Community

[www .dec.ny.gov/lands/50083.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/50083.html)

This is a guide for anyone involved or interested in biodiversity conservation and local land use planning and decision-making, including elected officials, volunteer board members, and interested citizens and organizations. It describes how to find biological information about your community and the tools and techniques that local governments can use to conserve natural areas and wildlife.

Stream Processes: A Guide to Living in Harmony with Streams

[www .chemungcountyswcd.com/PDF/Soil%20&%20Water%20Guide.pdf](http://www.chemungcountyswcd.com/PDF/Soil%20&%20Water%20Guide.pdf)

Developed by Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board and Chemung County, this innovative guide describes how streams work and why functioning floodplains are integral parts of stream systems. The guide contains dramatic photographs that help promote the need for sound management practices. It already has had a positive effect on decisions made by Chemung County landowners and local highway departments.

