



**To all New Hartford Residents,**

We are fortunate to have abundant natural resources here in our community: Trails, rivers, farms, a wide variety of uses and recreational opportunities at Brodie Park, etc. We are also living in unprecedented times with regard to climate change, the need to rejuvenate our regional agriculture for food and health security, and the need to update policies and practices accordingly. These matters require residents' awareness and collective input along with other stakeholders impacted by the choices we make for the town. A balance must be achieved between smart, low-impact economic development and the protection and preservation of vital natural assets before they are lost. The sense of urgency is driven by the fact that we won't get a second chance to benefit from the value and contribution of Open Space Lands and the natural resources they provide. Once they are gone they are gone for good!

***We have a lot to do New Hartford, and to make it happen we need your help!***

***Thank You for Caring Enough to Make A Difference, – your OSPC***

**So you ask... *Is there something I can do to make a difference?***

**> *The good news is YES, there are many ways!***

- **Share your Ideas and Opinions** – Make your voice matter in discussions surrounding properties being considered for Open Space, or initiatives that impact our town so that your viewpoints and concerns can be included.
- **Vote in favor of protecting Open Space Lands** – Support our efforts by funding these important projects. *Your vote does make a difference!*
- **Participate in Programs** – Take advantage of hikes, talks, presentations, etc. offered for recreational or educational purposes in conjunction with our collaborative partners.
- **Volunteer your time for Projects** – Help us maintain public hiking trails and other conservation efforts with our partners and share in outreach efforts to raise awareness on behalf of the OSPC.
- **Enjoy the Benefits of our work** – Walk the trails, canoe, or fish our waterways, or support local farms and personally experience the beautiful views and the incredible wildlife and bounty that give us such high quality of life in New Hartford.
- **Build a Legacy and Lead by Example** – Use the tools we have to protect and preserve open space land so your heirs and the community at large can benefit from your vision and commitment to making New Hartford a great place to live.
- **Save Money** – Achieve the benefits permanently protecting and preserving open space lands offers. By selling or donating development rights to your property there are financial benefits to both you and the town. There are things you can do now to help achieve our collective goals while maintaining your ability to continue use the property indefinitely.
- **Share Your Story** – Express the history and connections you or your family may have to New Hartford today and in the past. Our history began long before the early colonial settlements here and it is important we remember and honor our heritage.
- **Sign up for our eMail Newsletter** – Stay informed about our active projects, informational and recreational activities, opportunities, and progress!