



TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE

NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

Steering Committee Kick-Off Meeting
November 23, 2020, 7:00 pm Via Zoom

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS



[AGENDA]

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Welcome &
Introductions

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Project Overview

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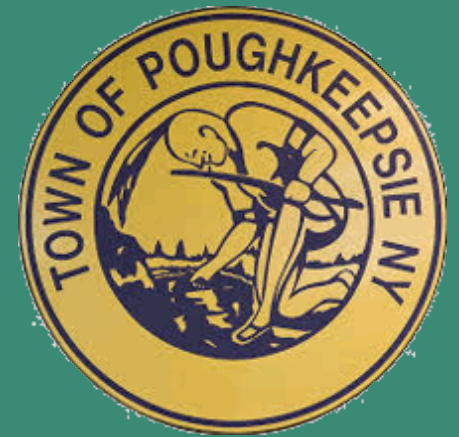
Mini Visioning
Session

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Discussion of
Data Collection

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Next Steps





PROJECT OVERVIEW

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- **Roles & Responsibilities**
- **Project Tasks**
- **Schedule**
- **Public Engagement**



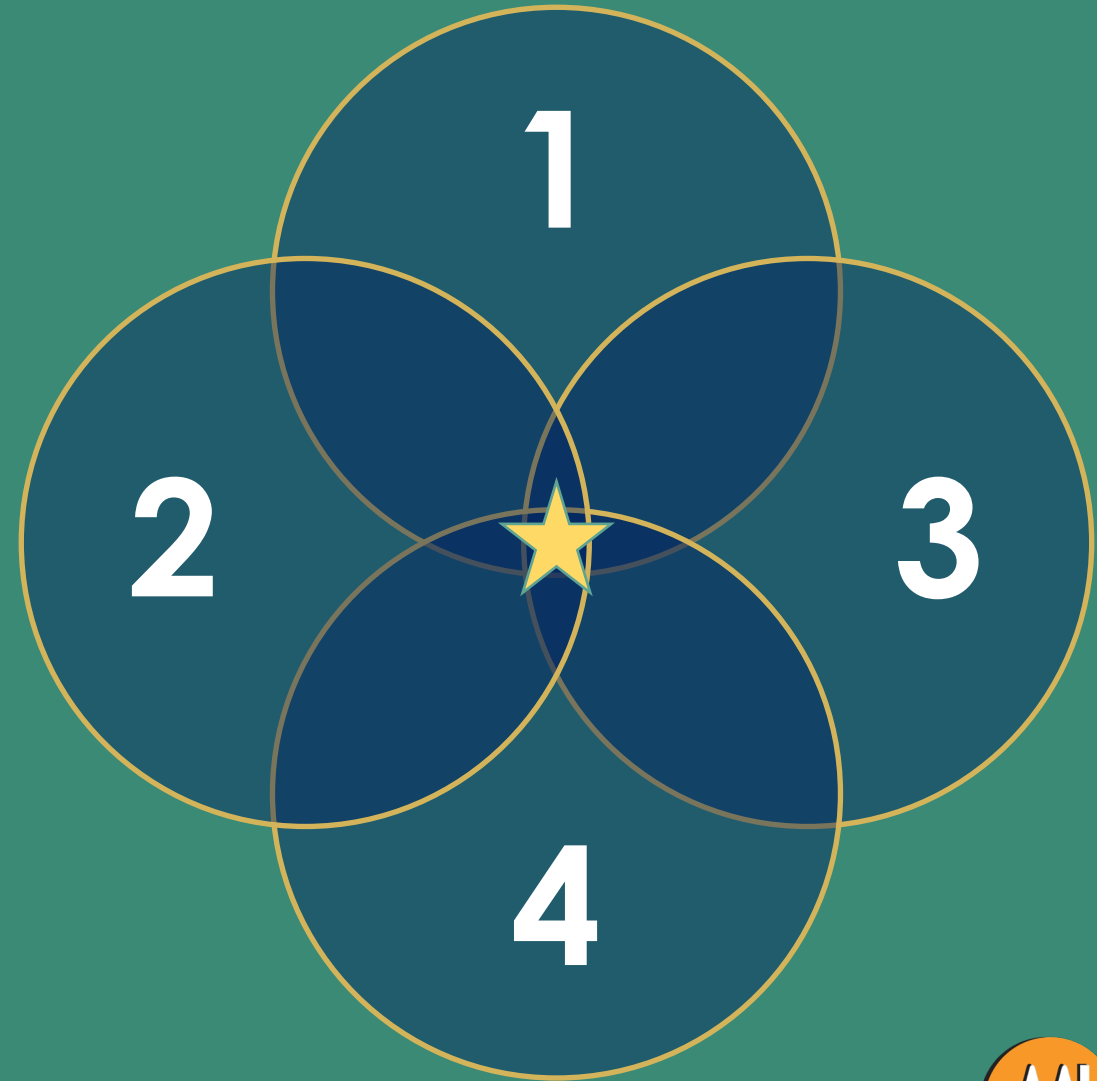
[ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES]

- **Town of Poughkeepsie**
 - Town Board
 - Community
- **Steering Committee**
- **Consultant Team**
 - MJ Engineering
 - Shumaker



[PROJECT TASKS]

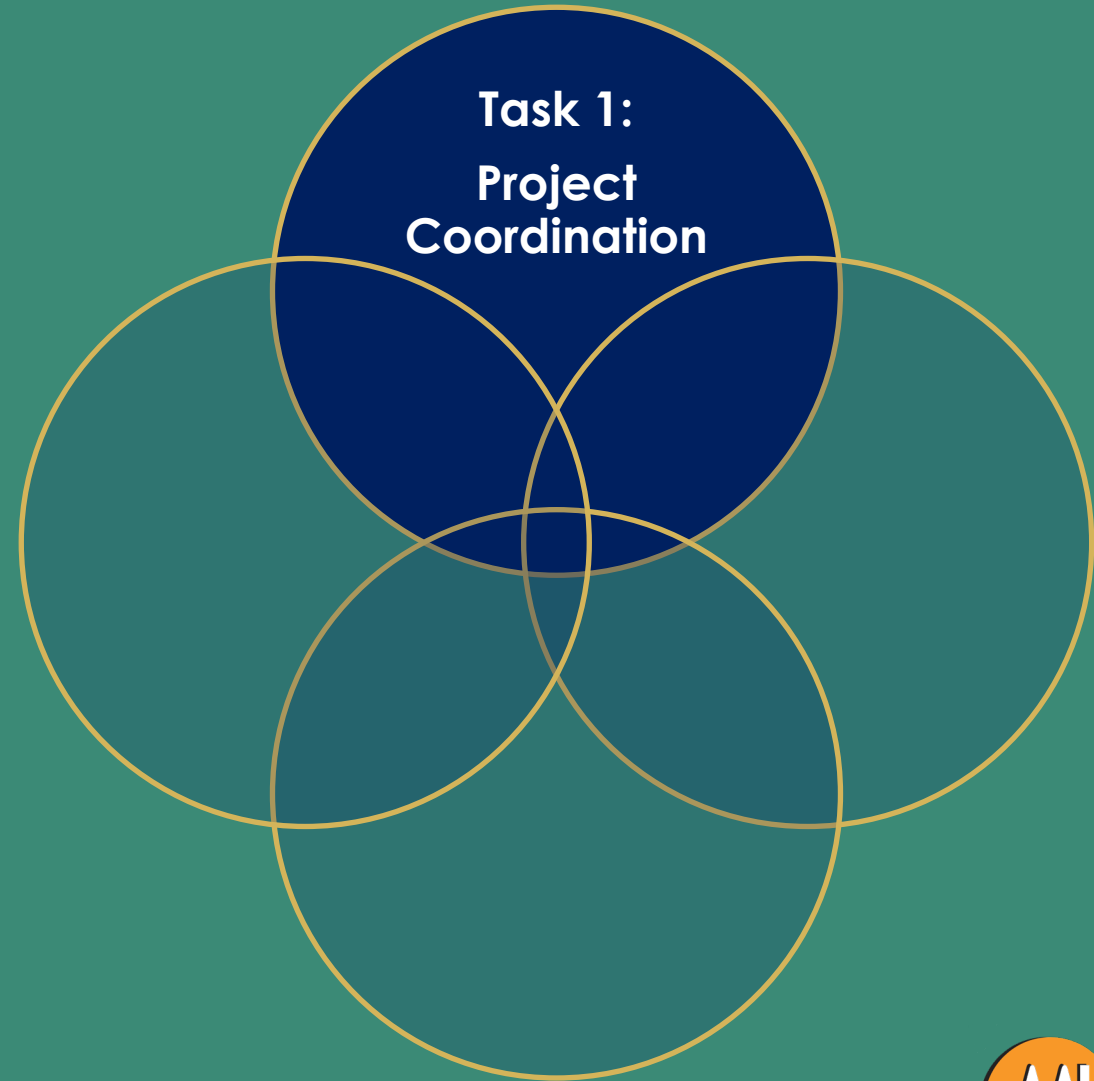
- **Task 1: Project Coordination**
- **Task 2: Natural Resources Inventory**
- **Task 3: Open Space Plan**
- **Task 4: Public Engagement**



[PROJECT TASKS]

Project Coordination:

- **Steering Committee Meetings**
 - **At key milestones**
- **Monthly Coordination Calls**



[PROJECT TASKS]

Natural Resources Inventory:

- **Narrative and Map Series:**
 - Soils and Topography
 - Water resources
 - Hudson Riverbank, Groundwater/Aquifer
 - Water/Sewer/Stormwater Infrastructure
 - Habitats and Ecological Communities
 - Climate/Environmental Conditions
 - Natural Resources



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Natural Resources Inventory:

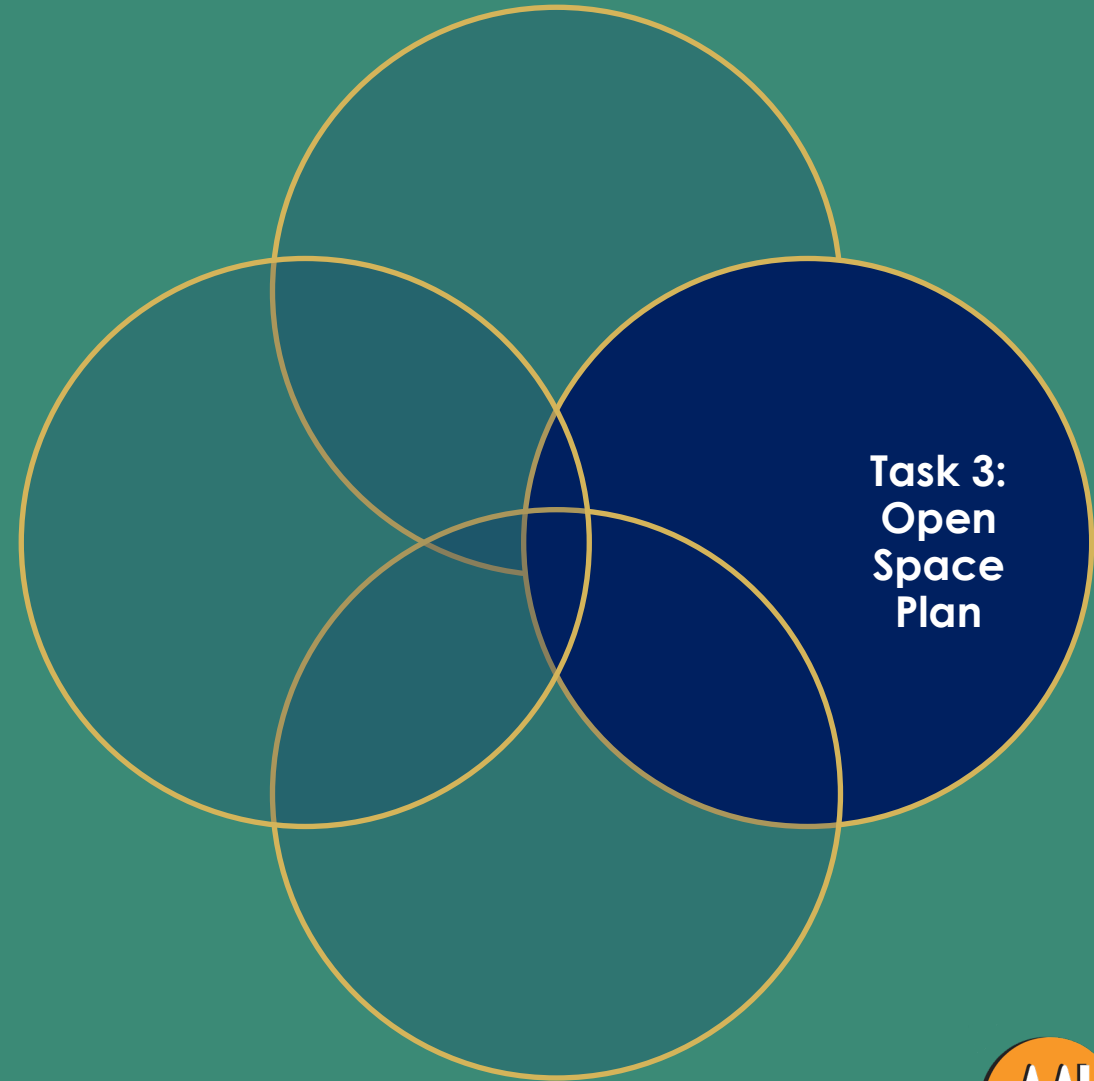
- **Narrative and Map Series (cont'd):**
 - Land Use/Zoning
 - Vacant, Built, Zombie Properties
 - Recreation
 - Open Space
 - Historic Districts/Sites
 - Areas of scenic significance



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Open Space Plan:

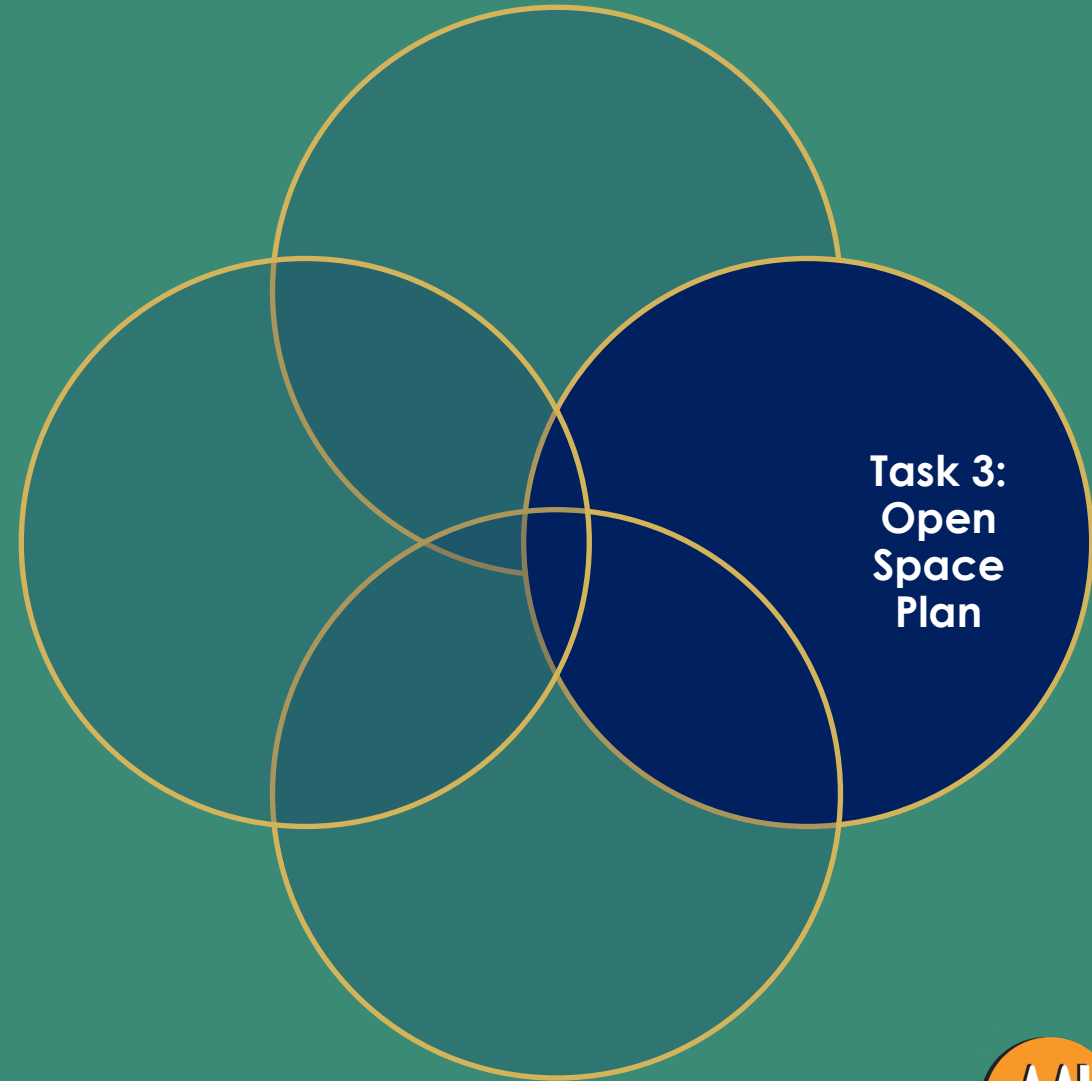
- Establishes vision for Town-wide network of open spaces
- Identifies specific resource protection
- Defines Conservation Goals and Strategies



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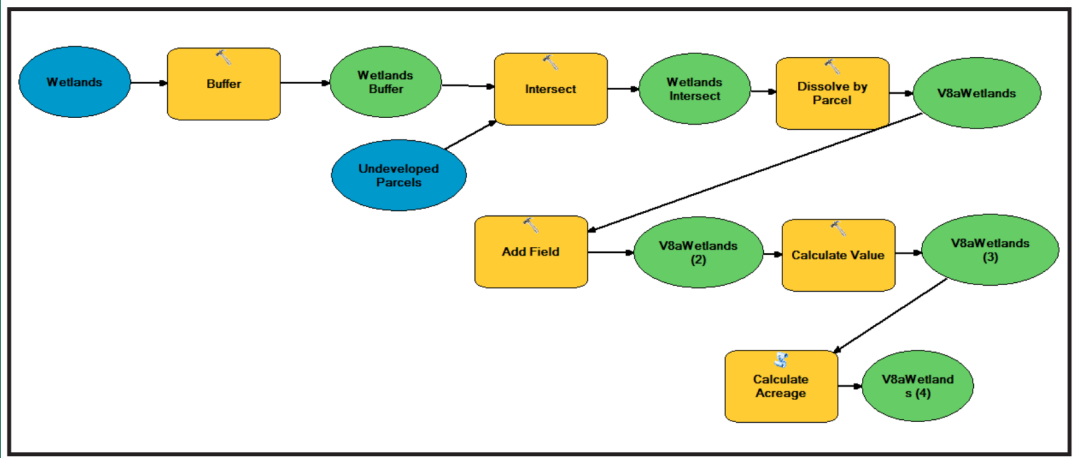
Open Space Plan:

- **Conservation Values Mapping**
 - Overlay maps representing conservation values within the community
- **Conservation Analysis Tool**
 - GIS-based model that objectively identifies priority open space



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Open Space Modeling with the Conservation Analysis Tool:



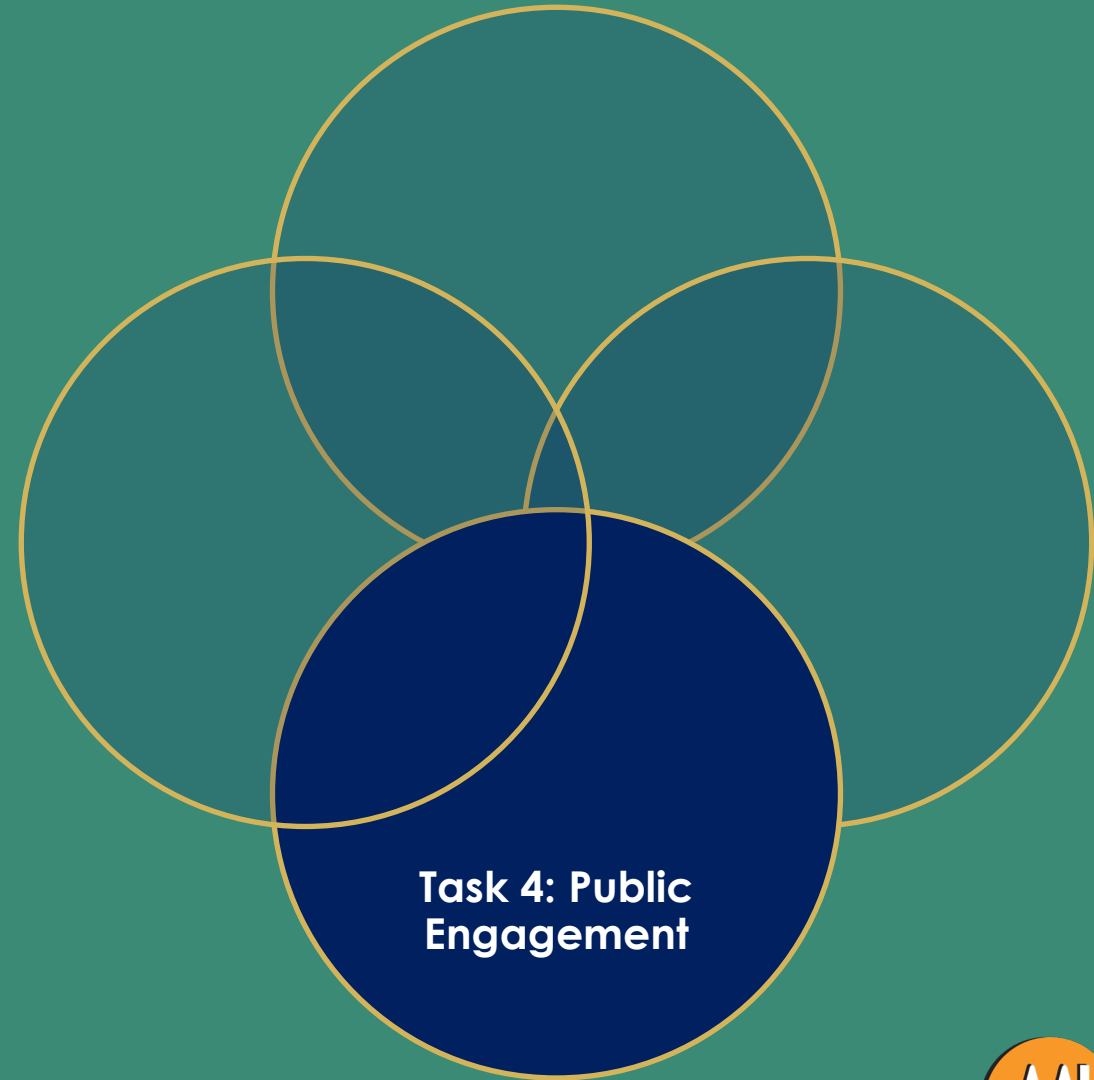
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[PROJECT TASKS]

Public Engagement:

- Public Outreach and Engagement Plan
- Online Survey
- Public Workshops (3)
- Key Stakeholder Meetings
- Project Website (?)
- Committee Ambassadors



[PROJECT SCHEDULE]

Project Tasks	NOV 2020	DEC 2020	JAN 2021	FEB 2021	MAR 2021	APR 2021	MAY 2021	JUN 2021	JUL 2021	AUG 2021	SEP 2021	OCT 2021	NOV 2021
Task 1: Project Coordination													
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Steering Committee Meeting (In-Person or Web-Based)



Public Workshop



Stakeholder Group Meetings (In-Person or Web-Based)



Online Survey



[PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT]

- **Online Survey**
 - Utilizing Survey Monkey, targeted questions to help identify Open Space Plan vision and goals.
- **Public Workshops (3)**
 - 3 In-Person or Interactive, Web-Based Workshops
 - Engaging format that maintains public safety



[PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT]

- **Public Workshops (cont'd)**
 - Workshop #1 – Present the preliminary Draft NRI
 - Workshop #2 – Engage community in the development of the vision, goals and strategies for the Open Space Plan
 - Workshop #3 – To present the preliminary Draft Open Space Plan



[PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT]

- **Key Stakeholder Meetings**
 - One day discussion with community stakeholders, partner agencies/ organizations:
 - Wappingers Creek Watershed Intermunicipal Council
 - Dutchess County Planning
 - Cornell Cooperative Extension
 - Environmental Management Council
 - Dutchess Land Conservancy
 - Others?



[PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT]

- **Project Website (?)**
 - Interactive, project focused
 - Inform public of process and upcoming engagement activities
- **Committee Ambassadors:**
 - Host pop-up tables at community events, while maintaining social distance.



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MINI VISIONING SESSION

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- What challenges do you see for natural resources and open space in Poughkeepsie (now and in the future)?



[MINI VISIONING SESSION]

- **What opportunities do you envision now and in the future?**



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- **Identify your top 3 priorities for open space and natural resource conservation within the Town of Poughkeepsie.**

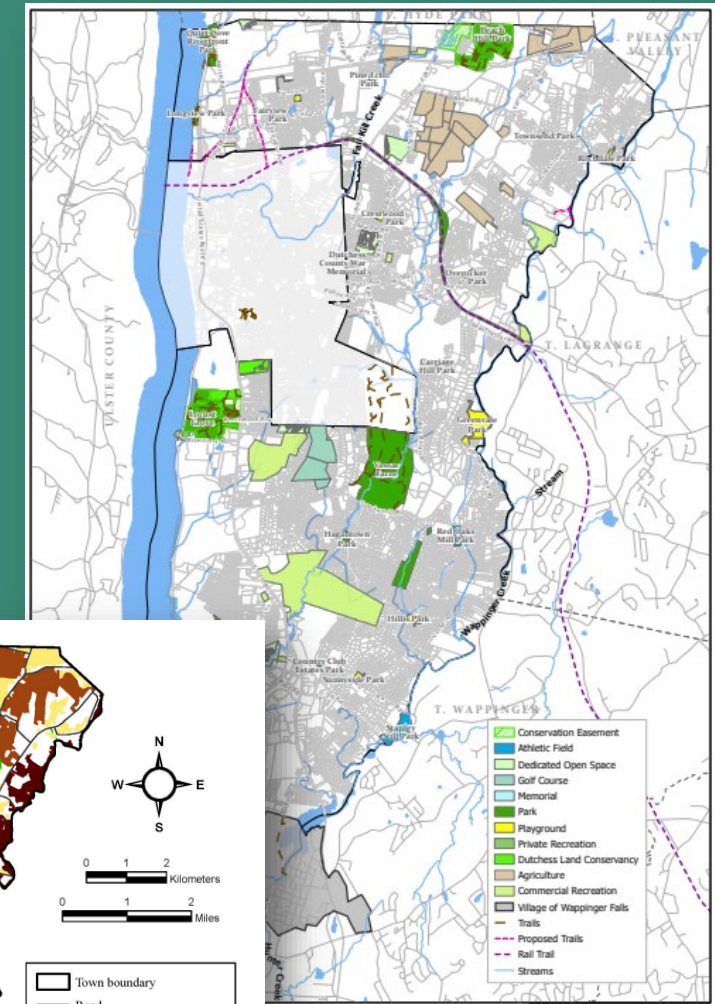
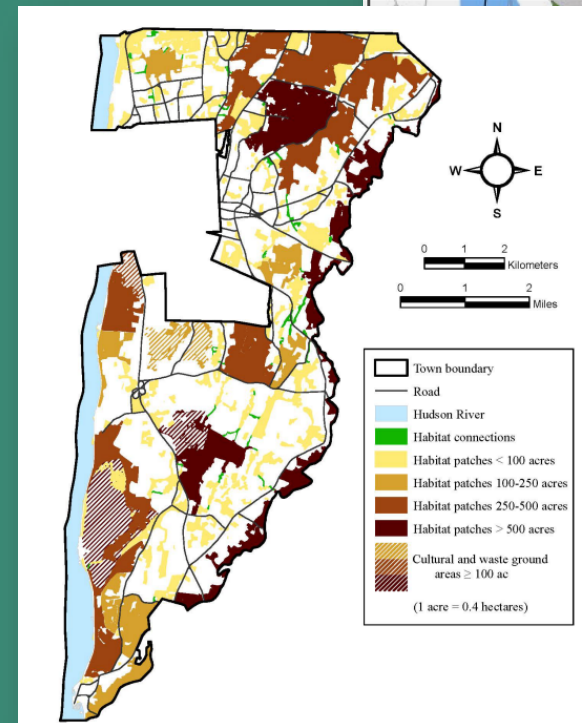


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DISCUSSION OF DATA COLLECTION

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- Existing Datasets
 - Comprehensive Plan Inventory Data
 - Other datasets?





NEXT STEPS

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- **Public Outreach and Engagement Plan**
- **Project Website (?)**
- **Data Collection**
- **Steering Committee Meeting #2
– January?**

