

Appendix G: Town of Berlin Resource Targets and Conservation Priorities

Berlin is largely forested with most of its area located on the Rensselaer Plateau in the west and in the Taconics in the east. These regions have extensive high priority ecological areas, providing habitat for large mammals and many birds, and helping maintain water quality in streams such as the Poesten Kill, Black River, and Kronk Brook that have their headwaters in these areas. The town contains important connections between the Plateau and the Taconics, and these connections extend to the Green Mountains further east. The Taconics have extensive areas of public lands, including Taconic Ridge State Forest, Berlin State Forest and lands belonging to the Conservation Fund. The Rensselaer Plateau also has extensive public holdings including Cherry Plain State Wildlife Management Area and lands belonging to the Conservation Fund. Small areas of high priority agricultural resources can be found along NYS 22. The Rensselaer Plateau, the Taconics and many of the public lands contain or have adjacent high priority scenic areas. The Plateau also has several areas of high priority water resources. On the east side of Rte 22 in some areas are hills with less acidic bedrock, unusual in the county, that support uncommon habitat and plants.

Resource Target	Conservation Priority Area
Water	Butternut Hill
Water	Rensselaer Plateau wetlands between Taborton Road and Dutch Church Road
Ecological	Rensselaer Plateau, especially peatlands and spruce-fir areas
Climate Resiliency	Taconic Mountains
Climate Resiliency	Eastern escarpment of the Rensselaer Plateau
Climate Resiliency	Satterlee Hollow
Climate Resiliency	Green Brook Hollow
Agricultural	Little Hoosic River/Rte 22 corridor between Southeast Hollow and Green Brook Hollow
Agricultural	Green Hollow
Scenic	Rensselaer Plateau west of Dutch Church Road
Scenic	Eastern escarpment of the Rensselaer Plateau
Scenic	Capital District Wildlife Management Area
Scenic	Dyken Pond Center
Scenic and Ecological	Taconic Mountains
Composite	Taconic Mountains
Composite	Rensselaer Plateau around Capital District Wildlife Management Area, north of Round Pond/west of Dutch Church Road, and along eastern escarpment

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- High Priority Ecological Areas
- High Priority Scenic Areas
- High Priority Climate Resiliency Area
- High Priority Agricultural Areas
- High Priority Water Resource Areas
- Parks and Conserved Land
- Municipal Boundary
- Forested Land
- Surface Water
- Rivers and Streams



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