

## Appendix L: Town of Nassau Resource Targets and Conservation Priority Areas

Nassau contains high priority ecological areas and water resource areas on the Rensselaer Plateau on the town's eastern side. The Kinderhook Creek and Tsatsawassa Creek corridors have high priority ecological areas, climate resiliency areas, and water resource areas. Pine Swamp is another high priority ecological area, and the area of Mud Pond is another high priority water resource area. Curtis Mountain, visible from many locations, has uncommon ridgetop habitats. Much of the town is forested, but patches of high priority agricultural areas can be found in the southwestern part of town as well as the northern part near Burden Lake.

Resource Target	Conservation Priority Area
Water	Wellheads in the Village of Nassau
Water	Rensselaer Plateau around Dunham Hollow Road
Water	Tsatsawassa and Kinderhook Creek Corridors and Tsatsawassa Lake
Water	Wetlands around Mud Pond, and streams in Central Nassau hills
Water	Area of Cold Water Tavern Road, below Curtis Mountain, and Mashodack Hill
Water	Valatie Kill Corridor
Ecological	Rensselaer Plateau
Ecological	Kinderhook Creek and Tsatsawassa Creek corridors
Ecological	Curtis Mountain and nearby hills, and Pine Swamp
Climate Resiliency	Kinderhook Creek and Tsatsawassa Creek corridors
Climate Resiliency	Hills east of Mud Pond Road
Agricultural	Area of Malden Bridge Road and Jefferson Hill Road (highest priority in Nassau)
Scenic	Hills east of Mashodack Road
Composite	Rensselaer Plateau, especially west escarpment
Composite	Kinderhook Creek and Tsatsawassa Creek corridors
Composite	Pine Swamp
Composite	Area around Mud Pond Road



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