

Appendix N:

Town of Petersburg Resource Targets and Conservation Priority Areas

The Town of Petersburg contains extensive high priority ecological areas, including the Rensselaer Plateau on the west and the Taconics on the east. The town contains important connections between the Plateau and the Taconics which then extend to the Green Mountains further east. The Taconics have extensive areas of public lands, including Taconic Ridge State Forest and lands belonging to the Conservation Fund. Both NYS 2 and 22 have extensive scenic areas along them. There are large high priority climate resiliency areas along Rte 22. Much of the town is forested and these forests provide for high water quality in the streams flowing from the Plateau eastward and from the Taconics westward into the Little Hoosic and Hoosic Rivers. The forests also provide habitat for large mammals and many birds. On the east side of Rte 22 in some areas are steep hills that are ecologically significant because of the less acidic bedrock, unusual in the county, that supports uncommon habitat and plants.

Resource Target	Conservation Priority Area
Water	Steep, forested slopes above the Little Hoosic River along Rte 22 west of Prosser Hollow
Ecological	Rensselaer Plateau
Ecological	Hoosic River corridor
Climate Resiliency	Rte 22 corridor
Climate Resiliency and Ecological and Scenic	Taconic Mountains
Climate Resiliency	Area along Jones Hollow Road south of Stewart Road
Agricultural	Hoosic River corridor
Scenic	Skipparee Mountain
Scenic	Routes 22 and 2
Composite	Taconic Mountains
Composite	Hoosic River corridor
Composite	Rte 22 corridor
Composite	Rensselaer Plateau and escarpment

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