

Task 1 – Assist in the development of an integrated trail network in the Slingerlands Area

- a) Identify existing natural and recreational resources – state, county, town, non-profit ownership, private properties of willing landowners
- b) Identify existing links to facilities, trails, and neighborhoods within the area and those adjoining but outside of the area and outside of the town
- c) Define usage, ownership, and regulatory status of the existing resources
- d) Start defining potential work products, such as:
 - Acquisition principles and methods
 - Development and construction standards
 - Ownership and Management strategies
 - Maintenance standards
 - Liability and indemnification solutions
 - Security and safety standards
 - Potential Funding Sources
- e) Produce and recommend educational materials for landowners, developers, and the public

Task 2 - Identify funding programs for open space protection programs

- a) Define Types of properties and open space to be considered for protection
 - Farmland
 - Scenic Vistas
 - Recreation area
 - Environmental and natural features
 - Trails and connectors
- b) Define alternative acquisition strategies and appropriate uses of each
 - Purchase
 - Easements
 - Mutual use agreements
 - Set-asides
 - Transfer of Development Rights
- c) Identify municipal funding options and regulatory strategies for Town Board consideration
 - Annual Town Budget
 - Bond Referendum
 - Real Estate Transfer tax
 - Donations to conservation fund
 - Leverage municipal funds with state, federal and private funds
 - Potential for property tax abatement for open space participants
- d) Produce and recommend educational materials for landowners, developers, and the public