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Friends of Clifton Park Open Space wish to thank all the members of the Environmental Conservation Committee for their nomination of our group for the Environmental Stewardship Award. The remarks of Mr. Ritter and Mr. Fisher during the recent presentation at the Clifton Park Town Board Meeting on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> were very generous and much appreciated.

We realize the importance of any town having an enlightened attitude which recognizes the value of open space as an integral component of all land use plans. Once this critical piece is gone, it is gone forever. The very establishment such an award on the part of a municipal government, is a step to honor the irreplaceable nature of open space and the necessity for actively planning for its protection.

This award recognizes not only the work of a group like Friends of Clifton Park Open Space, but also the values held by a vast majority of town residents. We hope this honor will help encourage other citizens to participate in such efforts, and will raise community awareness overall about the initiatives of our group and others throughout the town.

We believe preserving open space is, as Mr. Ritter stated, "the right thing to do". And we hope that planning for future growth with wise environmental and aesthetic principals will be a hallmark of the Town of Clifton Park.

To the end, we invite all interested parties to the monthly Friends of Clifton Park Open Space meetings which will be held at the Shenendehowa United Methodist Church (across from the Shen campus) at 7:30 PM on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

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