

Resolution on PUDs

Whereas, the City of Saratoga Springs is a world renowned destination which has won awards both for its vibrant downtown and for its desirable lifestyle for its residents, and

Whereas, the concept of City in the Country was established decades ago as a means of preserving open space in the rural districts of the City, presently defined as the Conservation Development District and of encouraging the re-development of the City's urban core, and

Whereas, the City in the Country standards have been incorporated into previous Comprehensive Plans and codified into the Zoning Ordinance and have effectively discouraged inappropriate development in the Conservation Development District, and

Whereas, by preserving the unique nature of our City, these guidelines continue to protect the economic viability of the local community and have a positive impact on the regional economy, and

Whereas, our citizens value the preservation of open space through the City in the Country concept, and

Whereas, a means of continuing to protect the concept of City in the Country has included a zoning ordinance prohibition of Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) in the Conservation Development District, and

Whereas, to be effective, the protection of the Conservation Development District must be a long term community commitment,

Now, therefore be it resolved that, in order to protect the unique character of our City, the City Council supports the prohibition of Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) in the Conservation Development District.