

## 2015 Sustainable Saratoga Candidate Survey

**CANDIDATE NAME:** Anthony "Skip" Scirocco

**CANDIDATE FOR (OFFICE):** Commissioner of Public Works

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**Question #1: What sustainability initiatives or efforts have you implemented or advanced as an elected official or private citizen?**

As an elected official I've consistently worked to support sustainability in our community. Long before the idea was commonplace, and as a County Supervisor, I supported initiatives to utilize solar panels at county government building to improve energy efficiency.

Now, as the Commissioner of Public Works, I've had a number of sustainability accomplishments. One of significant importance was replacing the filters at the water treatment facility; these new highly efficient and effective filters are considered a major improvement from the ones that were left untouched for over 30 years. These filters save up to 40,000 gallons of water each cleaning.

It's also been a focus of mine to preserve Saratoga Lake as a resource for our residents and not a water source, by drilling minimally impactful environmental wells in Bog Meadow we have met the source capacity water issues without losing Saratoga Lake.

**Question #2: What, if anything, would you propose to do locally to confront climate change?**

It's important that we continue to look to new ways to improve energy efficiency and promote green space and trails to reduce our consumption and carbon footprints. I will continue to build our infrastructure in an efficient way that is best for our city's future.

**Question #3: The City Council recently adopted a new Comprehensive Plan, which embodies and continues the "City in the Country" vision for Saratoga Springs. According to the Comprehensive Plan: "This concept reflects a city with an intensively developed urban core and an economically vibrant central business district, with well-defined urban edges and an outlying area of rural character, comprised of agriculture, open lands, natural and diverse environmental resources, and low density development."**

**Do you support the "City in the Country" vision?**

**Do you believe that sustainable economic growth can be achieved through this vision?**

**Do you think the "City in the Country" vision should be altered? If so, how?**

Saratoga Springs is a unique community with a beautiful downtown district and tight-knit neighborhoods balanced with green space. I support the “City in the Country” vision because it benefits our community to have a positive balance for residents and visitors alike. Our success as a community, and county, can already be attributed to this vision, and we need to take a thoughtful approach to continue to ensure our success.

**Question #4: What comments do you have about the following priority issues for Sustainable Saratoga?**

**Affordable housing:**

**Managing downtown parking:**

**Waste management, including plastic bag reduction:**

**Promoting renewable energy:**

**Expanding the city’s urban forest, and increasing green infrastructure:**

I’ve been honored to work on projects such as the Spring Run and the Railroad Run Bicycle Trails that help connect access to our green infrastructure. I also hired the city’s first arborist to protect our cityscape’s beautiful trees, plants and flowers. Renewable energy is an important focus that not only preserves our environment but also is also financially responsible. We need to continue working on issues such as affordable housing, downtown parking, and waste management to ensure that our residents have the best resources possible for their enjoyment of our community.

**Question #5: If elected, what types of sustainability efforts (other than those listed above) would you promote or emphasize?**

It would be an honor to continue representing the people of Saratoga Springs and I would continue my initiatives to preserve open space and improve efficiency. Extending our trail systems, protecting Saratoga Lake as a resource, upgrading and improving our infrastructure, and replacing years of neglect will ensure we continue to be a green city.