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5. Our Environment

- Climate Change, also known as Global Warming, is an existential threat to all of our citizens in the Town of Saratoga. We will champion all efforts to focus on Sustainable development and business practices in our Town .
- We will ensure that the **Town Comprehensive Plan** requires Town building and zoning regulations to reflect the threats posed by climate change and drive practices that protect all residents and properties from increased climate driven threats to our welfare.
- We resolve to ensure robust zoning regulations are in place to protect the integrity and the health of Saratoga Lake and the Hudson River as well as smaller streams and tributaries.
- ***When elected, we will reverse the Town Board resolution that denied the Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District the authority to regulate and protect Saratoga Lake across all four shoreline municipalities, (Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, Stillwater, and Malta). All three of our neighboring municipalities voted for this authority...our town passed a resolution “adamantly” opposing such authority.***
- We are committed to protect our beautiful Open Spaces, Woodland Forests, and Wetlands from development and to ensuring our natural lands are healthy and sustain Nature and Wildlife.
- We resolve to ban the use of pesticides and herbicides including glysohate, neonicotinoids and other noxious poisons on all municipal owned properties.
- We resolve to revise municipal mowing practices on all rural Town roads to protect pollinator roadside habitat during the Spring, Summer, and Fall seasons.
- We resolve to create pollinator habitat on all municipal properties. We will create Town-wide citizen incentives to create incremental pollinator habitat zones on their respective properties.
- We will join *The National Wildlife Federation’s “Supervisor Pledge”* to create pollinator protection zones, revise mowing practices, and build educational collateral to share critical information to sustain all wildlife.
- We applaud the Village Of Schuylerville's adoption of the New York State Climate Smart Communities Pledge that we will work to implement in the Town of Saratoga. See climatesmart.ny.gov