

September 20, 2023

Dear Candidate,

Sustainable Saratoga is a not-for-profit organization that promotes sustainable practices and the protection of natural resources through education, advocacy and action, for the benefit of current and future generations in Saratoga Springs.

The upcoming November election offers an opportunity to discuss pressing environmental issues in our area. Our supporters are interested in knowing your plans for addressing the key sustainability issues confronting our community. We are requesting your responses to the questions below by October 4, 2023. Please email your answers back to us (kelsey@sustainablesaratoga.org) in digital form.

As a 501(c)(3) organization, we do not endorse any particular candidate for an elected office. Your responses and those of other candidates will be posted on our website, shared to our social media, and emailed to our members verbatim. We will not provide any comments on the responses.

Thank you in advance for your participation, and please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

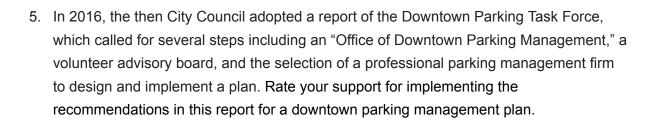
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2.	Saratoga Springs participates in the No Mow May movement encouraging residents, homeowners, businesses, and municipalities to reduce the frequency of mowing to provide habitat and food for pollinators. Rate your support for changing municipal mowing practices to encourage native plantings and natural habitat and for banning insecticide use on municipal properties.					
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3.	Saratoga Springs' Complete Streets Policy is to ensure that road projects are planned and designed with safe, convenient travel for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders. Rate your support for the Complete Streets Plan.					
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4.	Saratoga Springs has a long history of tree-lined downtown streets which provide much desired aesthetic value in addition to promoting clean air, clean water, and cooler temperatures. Rate your support for the continued funding of urban tree plantings to expand Saratoga's urban forest.					
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1. Sustainable Saratoga believes that to be more sustainable as a city, we need more



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Comments:Parking has long been an issue for our community. We should look at solutions that serve both our residents and visitors. If further parking structures are to be built in our community I would like to see them with more green measures such as plantings or solar collection.

6. Saratoga Springs is known as the "City in the Country." Sustainable Saratoga believes it is critical for the city to codify zoning and planning standards, protect the Greenbelt and open space, and support sustainable growth principles. The city's current zoning ordinance (the UDO) allows development in the Greenbelt that risks urban sprawl. Sustainable Saratoga has supported amendments to the UDO to continue to protect the city's Greenbelt. Rate your support for amending the UDO to limit development and retain rural character in the city's Greenbelt, including the rural gateways into our city.

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Comments: I believe in protection of the green belt we also must balance the needs of open space and affordable housing. All development should have an eye on how we add housing and ensure open space.

7. Sustainable Saratoga advocates for limiting the amount of garbage and food waste that enters the landfill. Currently our downtown business district has no recycling bins for the public to dispose of recyclables, and the city of Saratoga Springs is lacking a municipal community compost collection service. Rate your support for the addition of public recycling bins downtown and the development of a community composting program.

Comments: I would strongly support the addition of recycling bins downtown and in our public parks and would be excited if there was a community composting program.