

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,

Kelsey Trudell Executive Director Sustainable Saratoga

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1. Sustainable Saratoga believes that to be more sustainable as a city, we need more diverse and affordable housing. If you agree, what type of efforts would you support to achieve this objective? If you disagree, please explain why.

I absolutely agree. All levels of government must be working together effectively to increase the amount of affordable housing. As your County Supervisor I will work diligently with the County Board and our state representatives in the Senate and Assembly to secure necessary funding for projects, and would support efforts by the state budgetarily or legislatively to increase the stock of affordable housing while protecting our green space.

 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.



Comments: 5, as a community and local government we should take all the steps we can do our part to protect the environment and ecosystem.

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.



Comments: 5, as your former Commissioner of Finance I was a proud champion of complete streets and supported the development of more pedestrian and bicyclists lanes and will continue to do so as your County Supervisor.

4.	Saratoga Springs desired aesthetic temperatures. Ra expand Saratoga	value in add te your supp	ition to promoting ort for the continuous orter.	g clean air, cl	ean water, ar	nd cooler
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Comments: 5, urban tree planting is extremely beneficial in the fight against climate change, while providing so many numerous benefits from cleaner air and cooler streets to happier populations. As your County Supervisor I will work to secure funding to bring more trees to our community.						
5.	In 2016, the then City Council adopted a report of the Downtown Parking Task Force, which called for several steps including an "Office of Downtown Parking Management," a volunteer advisory board, and the selection of a professional parking management firm to design and implement a plan. Rate your support for implementing the recommendations in this report for a downtown parking management plan.					
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6.	Saratoga Springs is critical for the copen space, and ordinance (the UI Sustainable Saracity's Greenbelt. I retain rural charac	eity to codify a support susta DO) allows do toga has sup Rate your su	zoning and pland ainable growth pevelopment in the ported amendment for the ported amendment	ning standards principles. The ne Greenbelt t lents to the UI ing the UDO to	s, protect the city's curren hat risks urband to continuo limit develo	Greenbelt and t zoning an sprawl. The to protect the pment and
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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.

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Comments: 5, I worked hard to bring downtown recycling to Saratoga Springs and still believe this is crucial need. I support a community development program and downtown reciclying, as your County Supervisor I will work with the Council to secure the support plans funding they may need from the County to get this accomplished.