



CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS

OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE

Steering Committee Kick-Off Meeting
December 11, 2020
2:00 – 3:00 PM Via Zoom



WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS



[AGENDA]

1

Welcome &
Introductions

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Project
Overview

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Mini Visioning
Session

4

Discussion of
Data Collection

5

Next Steps



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

[PROJECT OVERVIEW]

- Roles & Responsibilities
- Roadmap for Updating the Open Space Plan
- Project Tasks
- Schedule
- Public Engagement



[ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES]

Steering Committee:

- Provide guidance/direction
- Review materials / provide feedback
- Serve as outreach ambassadors

City Staff:

- Manage project (committee, consultant, etc)
- Provide data and information
- Provide guidance/direction
- Review materials / provide feedback

MJ Team:

- Prepare materials (mapping, modeling, documents)
- Provide technical expertise
- Coordinate with City and Committee strategically

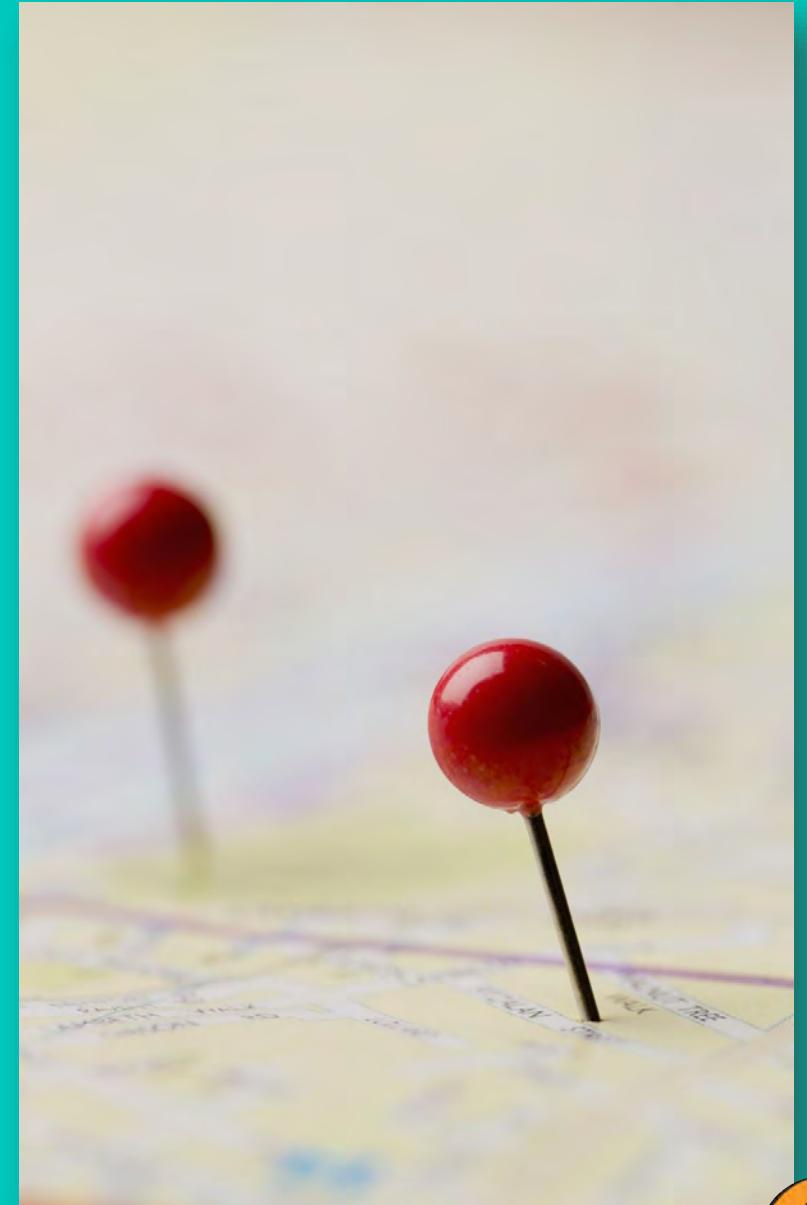


[UPDATING THE OSP]

Roadmap for Updating the Open Space Plan

Plan Goals:

- Gather Community Feedback
- Create Opportunities for Inclusive Partnership
- Collaborate and Inform Strategic Plan Decision Making
- Build Long Term Capacity for Civic Engagement around Open Space



[UPDATING THE OSP]

Roadmap for Updating the Open Space Plan

- Engage residents and property owners
- Utilize NRI to develop criteria for prioritization
- Develop conservation analysis tool
- Identify priority open space, environmentally sensitive, scenic or recreational areas for protection, preservation or enhancement
- Identify strategies and tools
- Identify funding mechanisms



[MJ PROJECT TASKS]

Phase 1

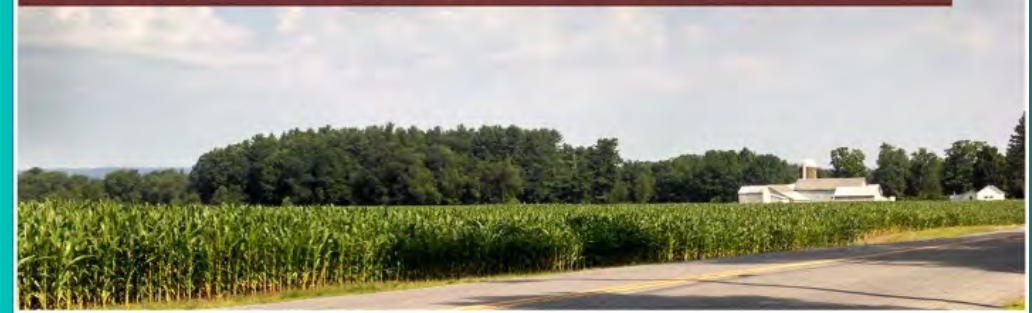
- Task 1: Review of Natural Resources Inventory
- Task 2: Steering Committee Meetings
- Task 3: Open Space Draft Plan and Map

Phase 2

- Task 1: Public Outreach & City Staff Coordination
- Task 2: Public Outreach
- Task 3: Final Plan and Map
- Task 4: Public Outreach & City Staff Coordination



OPEN SPACE PLAN AND MAP CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS



[MJ PROJECT TASKS]

Phase 1 - Task 1:

Review 2020 Natural Resources Inventory

- Review of mapping, data
- Development of Conservation Values Mapping

PHASE 1



[MJ PROJECT TASKS]

Phase 1 - Task 2:

Steering Committee Meetings

- Three (3) meetings at key milestones
- Monthly Coordination Calls with City

PHASE 1



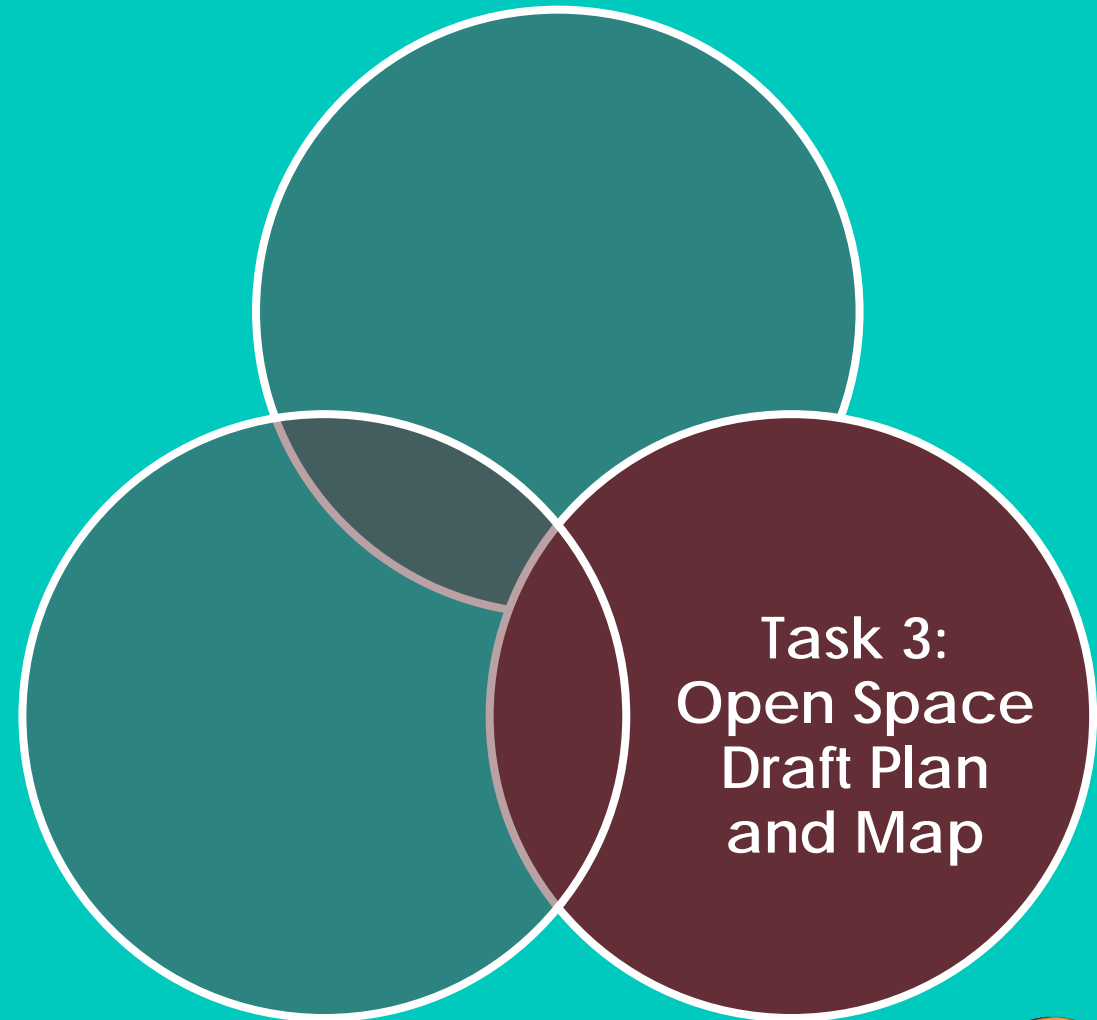
[MJ PROJECT TASKS]

Phase 1 - Task 3:

Open Space Draft Plan and Map

- Establishes vision for Town-wide network of open spaces
- Identifies specific resource protection
- Defines Conservation Goals and Strategies

PHASE 1



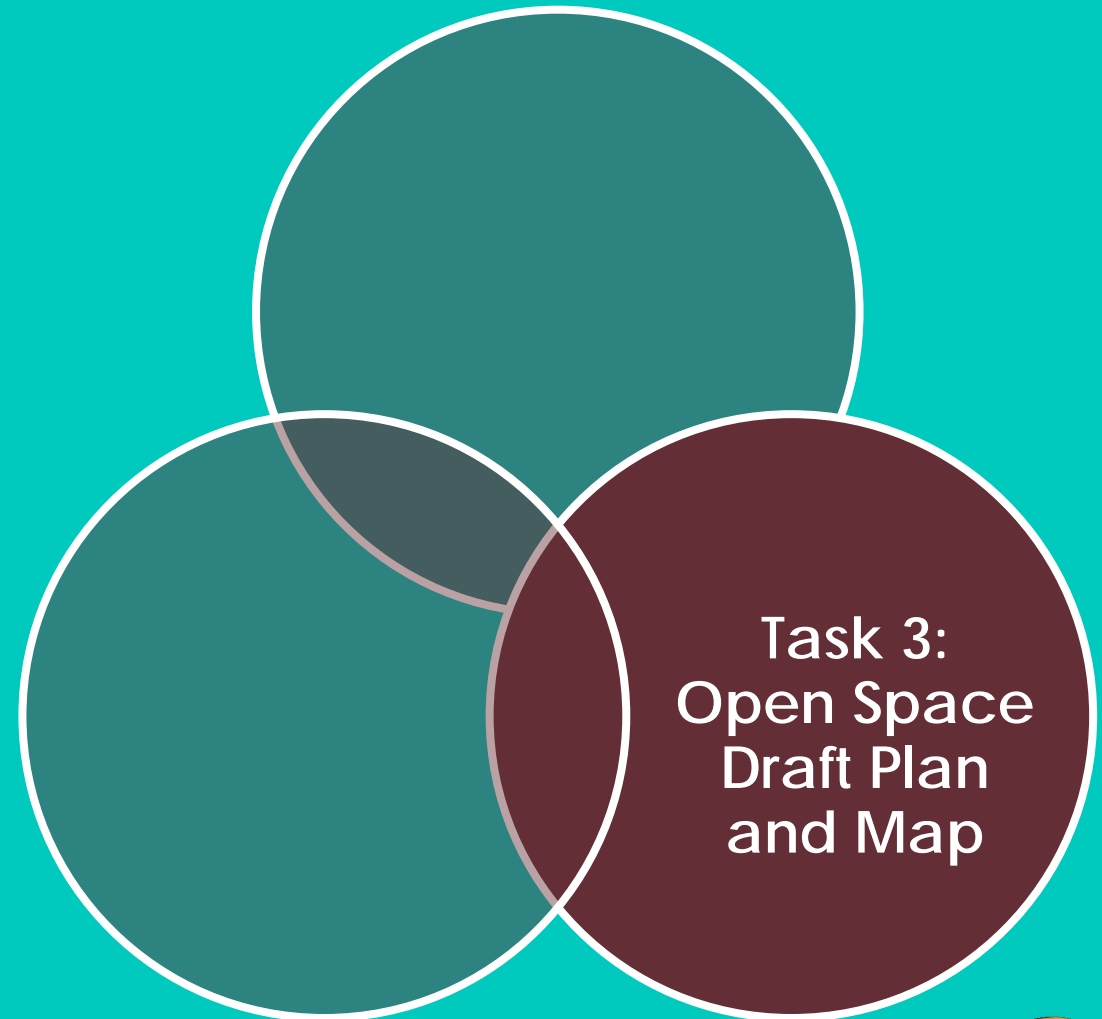
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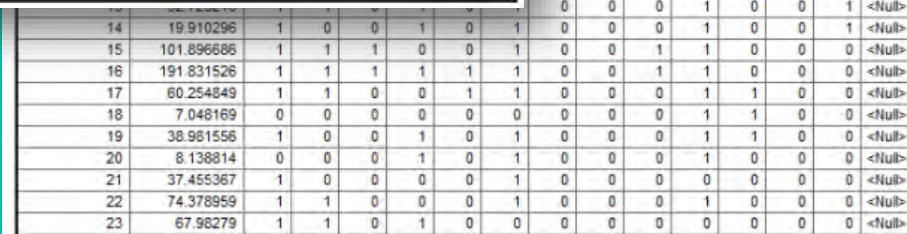
Conservation Analysis Tool

- GIS-based model
- Objectively identifies priority open space
- Living Tool

PHASE 1



Open Space Modeling with the Conservation Analysis Tool:



[MJ PROJECT TASKS]

Phase 2 - Task 1:

Public Outreach & City Staff Coordination

- Presentation of Draft Map and Plan at City Council Meeting

PHASE 2



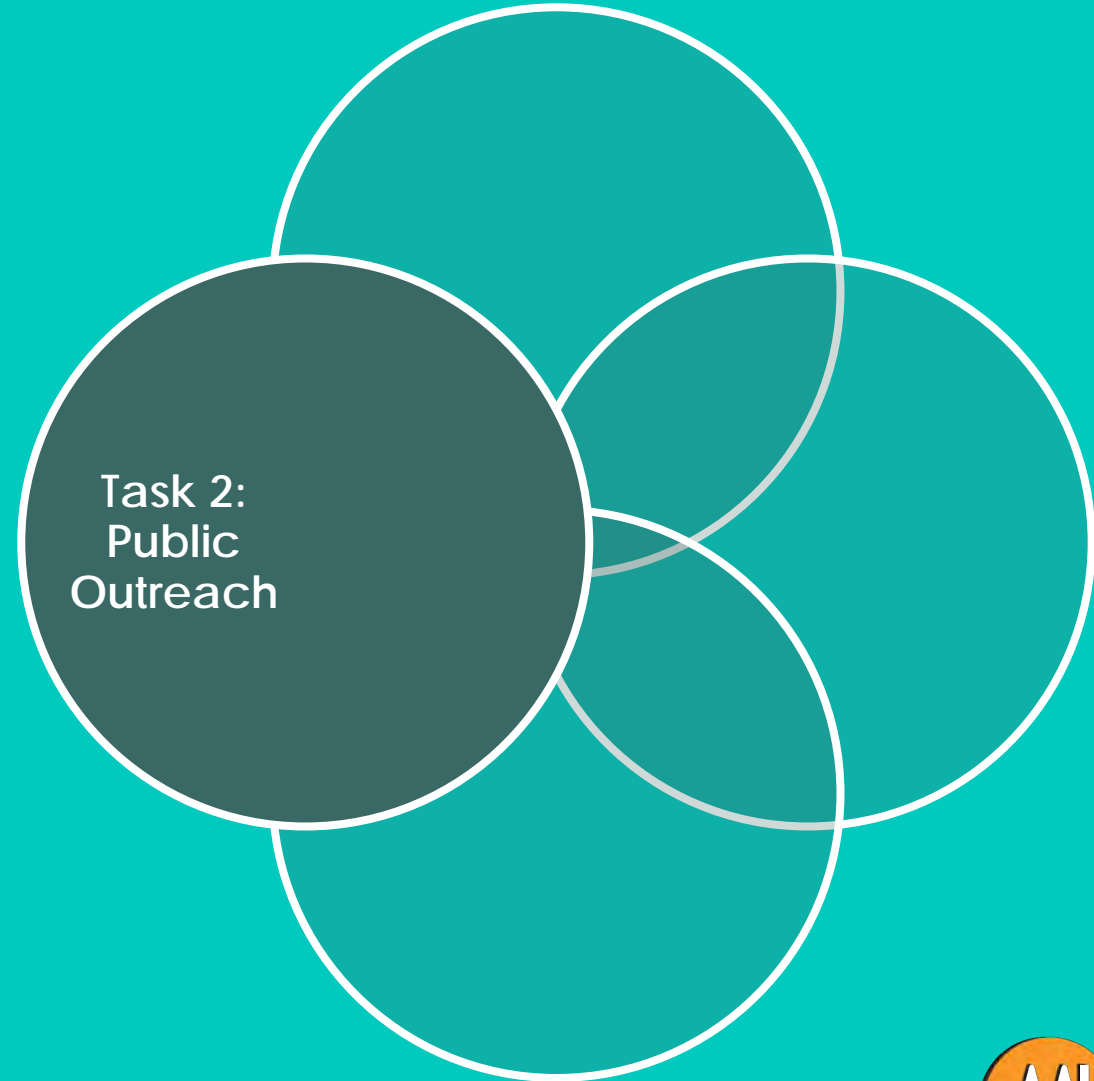
[MJ PROJECT TASKS]

Phase 2 - Task 2:

Public Outreach

- In-Person or Interactive, Web-Based Workshop
- Hear from the community on their priorities for open space
- Present the Draft Plan and Conservation Values Maps

PHASE 2



[MJ PROJECT TASKS]

Phase 2 - Task 3:

Final Open Space Plan & Map

- Incorporates comments from Steering Committee & Public Input
- Identify priority open space, environmentally sensitive, scenic or recreational areas for protection, preservation or enhancement
- Identify strategies and tools
- Identify funding mechanisms

PHASE 2



[MJ PROJECT TASKS]

Phase 2 - Task 4:

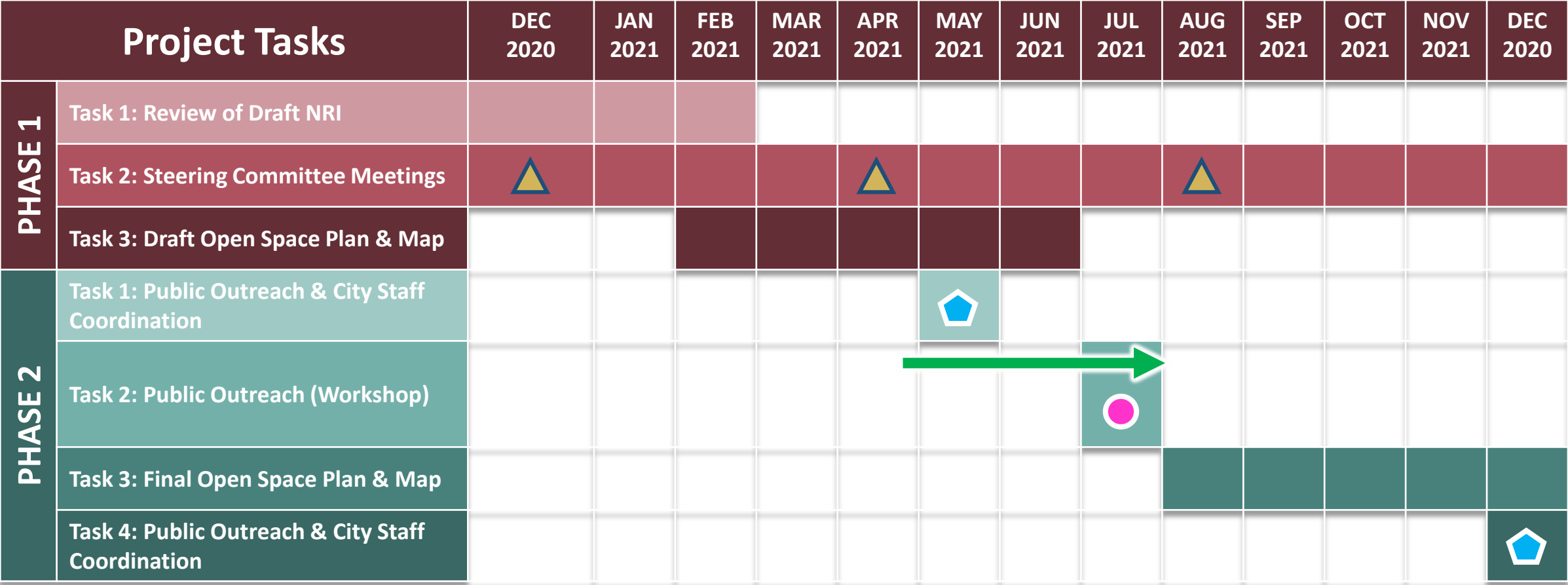
Public Outreach & Staff Coordination

- Presentation of Final Plan and map at City Council Meeting
- Highlight proposed areas for conservation

PHASE 2



[PROJECT SCHEDULE]



MJ Steering Committee Meeting (In-Person or Web-Based)



Public Workshop



City Council Meetings



Online Photos Survey



[PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT]

Public Engagement:

- Community Photo Survey
- Public Workshop (1)
- Project Website
- Social Media Outreach
- Steering Committee Ambassadors



[PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT]

- **Community Photo Survey**
 - Project hashtag for community to submit photos of favorite natural areas. Ex: #SaratogaGreenspace
- **Public Workshop**
 - In-Person or Interactive, Web-Based Workshop
 - Engaging format that maintains public safety



[PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT]

- **Social Media Outreach**
 - #OpenSpace, #OpenSpaceUpdate, #SaratogaSpringsOutdoors, and #FutureofOpenSpace
- **Project Website / Webpage**
 - Interactive, project focused
 - Inform public of process and upcoming engagement activities
- **Steering Committee Ambassadors:**
 - Host pop-up tables at community events, while maintaining social distance.





MINI VISIONING SESSION

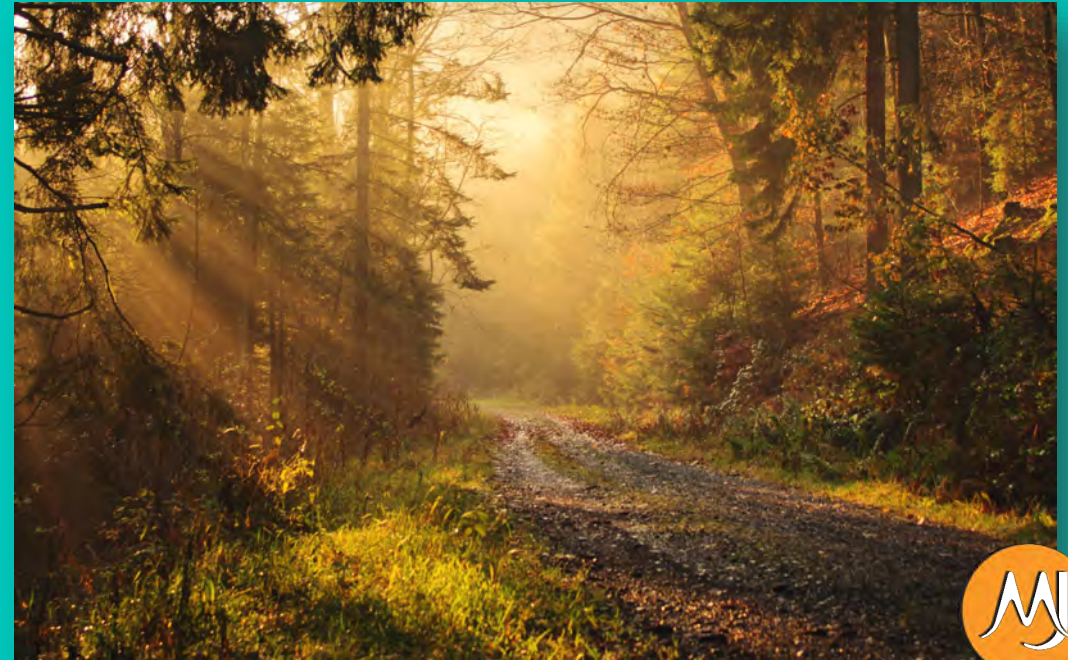
[MINI VISIONING SESSION]

- What challenges do you see for open space in the City of Saratoga Springs (now and in the future)?



[MINI VISIONING SESSION]

- What opportunities do you envision now and in the future?



[MINI VISIONING SESSION]

- Identify your top 3 priorities for open space within the City of Saratoga Springs.



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DISCUSSION OF DATA COLLECTION

[DATA COLLECTION]

- Existing Datasets
 - Natural Resources Inventory Data
 - Other datasets?



CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS

NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

November 30, 2020



A photograph of a river flowing through a dense forest. The water is a deep blue-green color with visible ripples. The banks are covered in lush green trees and vegetation. The text "NEXT STEPS" is overlaid in the center of the image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

NEXT STEPS

[NEXT STEPS]

Committee:

- Review of Existing Plans
- Provide Mini-visioning input
- Steering Committee Meeting #2 – TBD

MJ Team:

- Project Website (?)
- Data Collection
- Review of Natural Resources Inventory & Existing Plans
- Develop Draft Conservation Criteria

