



Clifton Park Community Update June 30, 2009



Hundreds of residents share ideas for town's Recreation Master Plan

Over 300 residents shared their ideas on parks, recreation, open space, trails and more during two public workshops held earlier this month as part of the development of the town's Recreation Master Plan.

"As the community grows, it is important to consider the recreational needs for all residents," Councilman Tom Paolucci said.

"The Recreation Master Plan will identify the existing and future recreation needs of the town and how to best meet those needs."

All residents, property owners, civic groups, business owners, community leaders, recreation groups, clubs and anyone else interested were invited to participate in one of the workshops.

Over 80 different recreation groups were personally invited to attend the meetings. Town consultants will follow up with representatives from those groups in the coming weeks to obtain additional feedback.

The format of the meetings included a presentation on the purpose of the plan followed by a facilitated discussion in small groups. All comments were recorded and will be used to guide recreational decisions in the town. Additional workshops will also be held in the fall of 2009.

In addition to the public workshops, a Recreation Needs Survey is available at www.cliftonpark.org. Residents are invited to take the survey and let town officials know what recreational programs and facilities are important to them.

The survey will be available online or at Town Hall through July 24.



Top: Councilwoman Lynda Walowit, right, and Office of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs Director Myla Kramer, far left, talk with residents at the town's second Recreation Master Plan meeting held on June 25 at the Shenendehowa Adult Community Center.

Above: More than 100 residents turned out for the town's first meeting held on June 11 at the Jonesville Fire Station No. 1.

