

The Character of Three Falls Woods

This unique area is the largest uninterrupted piece of forest for at least ten miles around, part of a 7-mile long wooded corridor, providing key wildlife habitat to many species and invaluable recreational opportunities.

Three distinct waterfalls are formed by two tributaries of Limestone Creek as they cascade 100 feet over the edge of the Onondaga Escarpment. The two streams join together on the valley floor, eventually flowing into Oneida Lake.

Other Facts...

Protected Native Plants are present in the woods, including Purple and White Trillium, Bloodroot, White Baneberry, and Maidenhair Fern.

Old-growth trees 150 to 500 years old are found throughout the forest, singularly and in groves.

Sixty-five different species of mosses have been identified in Three Falls Woods by local university scientists.

The spectacular karst topography is frequently compared with that of Clark Reservation State Park.

A network of trails provides opportunities for hiking, birdwatching, cross-country skiing, or a simple nature walk with your children or grandchildren .

Educational opportunities abound. This land is a living textbook for Geology, Local History, Biology, Earth Science, Archaeology, Public Affairs, Social Studies, Environmental Studies, and Physical Education.

MANLIUS GREENSPACE COALITION



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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community group actively pursuing the protection and preservation of green space in Manlius, NY and surrounding areas as a legacy for future generations.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Mail it in or save paper and email us your info instead!

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I do not wish to be listed as a donor on the website

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Three Falls Woods Campaign



Save Three Falls Woods!

Three Falls Woods is the best example of karst topography and the original Onondaga Escarpment in the Town of Manlius. It is an unprotected 175 acre woodland with three waterfalls, unique geology and ecology, and historic ruins.

Manlius Greenspace Coalition is currently working to preserve this land so that its history and beauty can be enjoyed by the public for generations to come.



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Three Falls Woods: Worth Preserving!

A History of Community Concern...

Thirty years ago citizens came together to protect this land as a buffer from the Jamesville Quarry. Citizens Organized to Protect the Environment (COPE) was formed & succeeded in gaining a compromise, in the form of a covenant between Allied and the Town of Manlius, to



leave this land in its natural state forever as a buffer between mining activities and the nearby neighborhoods. The developer disputes the Covenant, requiring citizens to once again stand up and ensure the Town represents the needs of its residents.

The land has been threatened by development twice in the past two decades. In both cases, residents fought the planned development, and the plans were tabled... for the moment.



Reasons For Concern:

- Loss of community character
- Increased traffic & noise
- Increased flooding
- Fracturing of rock & subsequent changes in the water table
- Loss of wildlife habitat
- Degraded air quality
- Increased radon
- Higher taxes due to increased infrastructure demands
- Loss of recreation opportunities
- Loss of archaeological and cultural artifacts

For further detail check our website!
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The Current Threat to the Land

Sketch subdivision plans have been filed to develop the 175 acres of land as if it were a pasture, ignoring the unique terrain. 180 houses are slated to replace the trees, paths, cliffs, and waterfalls.

At least five years of construction will be required for this plan; and that's just phase one of a ten-phase plan.

The development plans have not yet been approved by the Town or Village; we need to keep it that way, and go one step further this time.



Help us protect this land forever!

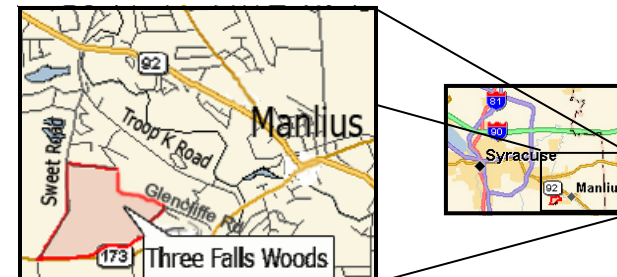
Three Falls Woods should be designated as a Critical Environmental Area (CEA), as part of the Onondaga Escarpment Nature Corridor. Local Town governments have the ability to do this by simple resolution.

Manlius Greenspace Coalition members are working hard to educate our local government officials about the CEA and other tools available to them for the preservation of open spaces. But we need your help—let them know you care!

Manlius Greenspace Coalition is willing to fundraise, apply for grants, and solicit government assistance to purchase this land from the developer and secure it as a nature preserve.

This effort is a grassroots community campaign.
 Your personal involvement can make a difference!

Where Is Three Falls Woods?



Keep yourself informed & get involved!

Sign up for updates by emailing
updates@manliusgreenspace.org

Visit www.manliusgreenspace.org, for current information on the campaign! Don't forget to check the bulletin board!

Invite us to present to your organization! Other educational materials are available

Volunteer! We always welcome new volunteers, advice, and expertise!

Donate! MGC is now a 501(c)3 not-for-profit and donations are tax deductible. Make checks payable to Manlius Greenspace Coalition and mail to P.O. Box 131, Manlius or make a secure credit card payment on our website.



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Trailblazer to Success:	\$250 - \$499
Steward of the Woods:	\$100 - \$249
Neighborhood Naturalist:	\$51 - \$99