



MANLIUS GREENSPACE COALITION

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Happy New Year from the Manlius Greenspace Coalition!



**Picture of the Month: The Middle Falls and Staircase's Stream in Three Falls Woods.
Photo by Lindsay Speer.**

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New Officers!

The MGC Board elected new officers at their December meeting. We'd like to thank George Ryan for his three years as President; Sharon Lindberg for her three years as Secretary; and Margaret Skwarnicke for her three years as Treasurer. All will continue on as Board Members for MGC. Special thanks to Benita Rogers for her three years as Vice President, a role in which she will continue to serve.

Current Leadership of Manlius Greenspace Coalition

- President – Dale Marris
- Vice President – Benita Rogers
- Secretary – Phil Bonn
- Treasurer – Ellen McGrew

The Town of Manlius learns how to Plan!

The Town of Manlius approved the Route 92 Corridor Study and Recommendations in February, 2001. The findings of this study elaborated on how much development and additional traffic Route 92 could handle, and outlined recommendations for the future. This past month, it was put to the test as Sphere Development Corp proposed a 70,000 square foot, 24/7, Price Chopper for a parcel of land next to the Eastern Hills Bible Church. It looked like the Town Board was going to give the necessary zone change an OK when Ellen McGrew (who has attended every Town Board meeting for the past four years, claiming "it's better than TV!") reminded them of the out-of-sight, out-of-mind Route 92 Corridor Study. To their credit, the Town Board and Planning Board dusted off their copies and read the recommendations, ultimately concluding that the proposed Price Chopper did not fit within the plan outlined in the recommendations – and denied the zoning change request, stopping the development plans in its tracks.

Congratulations to the Town Board for not only creating a plan that helps preserve the Villages as the central economic core of our communities, manage traffic flows, and preserve the residential feel of the area; but also for actually following the plan! This is a delightful shift from the myopic status quo and we look forward to working with a similarly thoughtful Town Board in the future!

Don't forget your year-end donations!

'Tis the season to reduce your taxes! Manlius Greenspace Coalition is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt not-for-profit. Donations are gratefully acknowledged in writing to back up your tax accounting. You can donate two ways: 1) by mailing checks payable to the Manlius Greenspace Coalition to P.O. Box 131, Syracuse, NY 13104 or 2) by donating instantly online via PayPal at www.manliugreenspace.org/donate.html

Cleaning up after the party? Don't wait in line - donate your bottles to MGC!

MGC now has an account with F-M Returnables on Rt. 173 in Manlius. Instead of waiting in line, simply print out [this donation form](#), affix to your bags of clean returnable bottles and cans, and drop them off when F-M Returnables is open! (Typically between 9 AM – 3 PM... call (315) 682-4830 to check). Keep the earth and Manlius green at the same time!

Enjoy the Green even when it's Gray

Many of our green spaces in Manlius are enjoyable in the winter too! There is an extensive network of X-C ski and snowshoe trails at [Green Lakes State Park](#), and [Four Seasons](#)

[Ski Area](#) on Rt. 5, which also rents skis & snowshoes if you don't currently have your own. Other places to ski include along the [Erie Canal State Historic Park](#), and [Pratt's Falls](#). Keep this in mind for our next snowfall...or take a hike!

Conservation Tip of the Month – How to Recycle or Repurpose your Old Cellphone

Don't put your worn out cellphone phone in the trash — it's filled with all sorts of toxic nasties. Here's how to hang up on Old Faithful the right way.

Cellphones are as much a fashion accessory these days as shoes or jewelry. That — and the planned obsolescence of changing technology — means you'll probably change your phone every 18 months to two years. It all translates to a lot of potentially toxic e-waste.

PVC, lead, cadmium, arsenic, mercury, and brominated flame retardants: consumer electronics can be a witches brew of things you don't want leaching out of landfills and into your drinking water. Rather than thoughtlessly dropping that old phone into a nearby dumpster or hiding it in a desk drawer, recycle or repurpose it!

The rest of the article, from Lighter Footstep: <http://lighterfootstep.com/2008/12/how-to-recycle-or-repurpose-your-old-cellphone/>

Local Recycling / Repurposing options: <http://www.ocrra.org/how-dispose.asp?search=cell+phone>

Manlius Greenspace Coalition is a grassroots 501(c)3 not-for-profit, actively pursuing the protection and preservation of green space in Manlius, NY and surrounding areas as a legacy for future generations. All [donations](#) are greatly appreciated and are tax-deductible.