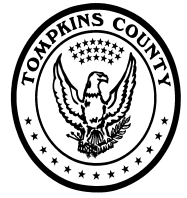




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Resolution 2017-03_Recommending an amendment to the UNA Inventory document of a new UNA to be called Nut Ridge at Cayuga Lake UNA-195

1. **Whereas**, the Unique Natural Areas Inventory of Tompkins County, New York, includes an extensive database, GIS coverage, and reports on 194 sites determined to contain significant ecological, biological, geological or aesthetic characteristics, and
2. **Whereas**, the UNA committee has determined that this site meets the following criteria for inclusion in the UNA Inventory: quality of example of plant community, geologic importance, birding site, diverse flora, rare or scarce community types, rare or scarce plant species, wetlands, scenic/aesthetic value, recreational value, cultural and potential archeological site, important teaching site, and local significance, and
3. **Whereas**, this site includes these special land-use designations and features: water resources (4,500 feet of undeveloped frontage on Cayuga Lake); National Wetlands Inventory (1.28 acres of freshwater emergent wetlands); more than 20 permanent and intermittent streams; and
4. **Whereas**, this site contains the only known natural population of the NYS threatened (S2) species *Jeffersonia diphylla*, the twin-leaf or butterfly-leaf, in Tompkins County, and at about 1,000 plants, contains one of the largest populations in New York State, and
5. **Whereas**, on this site is the pale pea, *Lathyrus ochroleucus*, a locally rare (and NYS Rare, S3) species previously thought to have completely vanished from the Cayuga Lake watershed, and
6. **Whereas**, the 4,500 feet of undeveloped waterfront on Cayuga Lake is the longest such beach in Tompkins County and will be a key asset to the proposed Cayuga Lake Blueway Trail, now therefore let it be

7. **Resolved**, that the EMC approves amending the UNA Inventory to include the Nut Ridge on Cayuga Lake as UNA-195

Date: January 12, 2017

Voting in the Affirmative:

Opposed:

Abstentions: