

# Unique Natural Areas (UNA) *Inventory Update*



## Why are UNAs important?

Designating UNAs can help protect plant and animal habitats and valuable features. The 195 UNAs in our County are outstanding examples of the beauty in our region. Preserving these areas benefits everyone!

## What can you do?

- Learn more about UNAs: [tcgov.co/una](https://tcgov.co/una)
- Attend a public presentation, hosted by the EMC:  
**Wednesday, November 13, 6-7:30pm**  
Tompkins County Public Library, Borg Warner Rm 101
- E Green St, Ithaca



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**According to our records, you own a part of one (or more) of the 195 UNAs identified by the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council**

**What's a Unique Natural Area (UNA)?** UNAs are special places identified by the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council (EMC), a group that advises the county on environmental issues. These areas are recognized for their outstanding natural features, like rare plants or unique geological formations. It's important to note that UNA is a descriptive term and does not confer any legal protection or regulatory status.

**We have recently updated the UNA boundaries to reflect changes such as:**

- Following parcel lines, the edges of mature vegetation, wetlands, or contour lines
- Removing farm fields or developed land
- Incorporating areas with documented rare plants

**What does this mean for you?**

Being in a UNA does not restrict your property rights or development options. It's simply an informational tool from the EMC to help you understand the unique value of your land.

*More information on reverse:*