

Save the Woodlawn Preserve

Come to the Public Hearing Monday, July 14 at 7:30 PM City Hall, Jay Street, Schenectady

The City of Schenectady owns the Woodlawn Preserve. In 1969, the City Council passed an ordinance stating that because "there was a great shortage of vacant land" in Schenectady, the Woodlawn Preserve should be used for public purposes and never be sold.

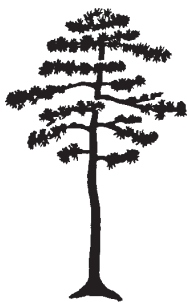
Now, the City Council is considering a resolution to rescind the 1969 ordinance, and sell the land to developers. As many as 240 houses may be built on the Woodlawn Preserve.

The Woodlawn Preserve should be saved!

1. The Woodlawn Preserve is part of the Pine Bush, a globally-rare ecosystem.
2. Preliminary surveys of the plants by the New York Natural Heritage Program have identified this land as "one of the most biologically diverse areas in Schenectady because of the combination of swamp, open wetlands, water bodies, and dune vegetation."
3. Woodlawn Preserve could become an access point to the Pine Bush. People can walk all the way from the Woodlawn Preserve to the eastern part of the Pine Bush at Lake Rensselaer in Albany and not leave the ecosystem.

The Woodlawn Preserve, though set aside for preserve 34 years ago, has been neglected. ATVs tear through, making it hard for hikers and walkers to enjoy the land. Ask that the City enforce its ban on the use of ATVs at the Woodlawn Preserve.

Please attend the public hearing or write to the City Council, City Hall, Jay Street, Schenectady, 12307.



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