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WHY DO WE NEED GREENSPACES?

Everyone knows that greenspaces are important, but there may be more benefits than most realize. Greenspaces can help with individual and community health, the health and sustainability of the environment, and are essential in creating a sense of community.

HEALTH

Access to greenspace is shown to promote mental health, reduce stress and depression, increase physical activity, and improve air quality, all factors to help reduce negative health effects such as obesity and asthma.



ENVIRONMENT

Greenspaces reduce the Heat Island Effect – the increased temperatures created by manmade infrastructure such as roads, parking lots, and buildings. Greenspace can also help with the impacts of flooding by reducing runoff from storms and giving water a place to grow and be absorbed into the ground, help to clean the air, and provide spaces for plants and animals to thrive.



COMMUNITY

Greenspaces act as community hubs; they are places where people gather and create new connections. This can help to create community through events like markets and festivals, bring people together for sporting events, and create spaces where children and families can celebrate and make friends.



WHAT ARE GREENSPACES?

Greenspaces are places where communities have access to nature. This includes parks and recreational spaces, but even infrastructure like streets and trails, when designed with greenspace in mind, have similar benefits to parks and other greenspaces.

NATURAL SPACE

- ✓ Forests & natural areas
- ✓ Rivers, streams, & lakes
- ✓ Undeveloped areas

RECREATION

- ✓ Parks
- ✓ Community gardens
- ✓ Sports fields, playgrounds

INFRASTRUCTURE

- ✓ Roads with street trees, planting areas, etc.
- ✓ Bike paths and walking trails

WHERE ARE GREENSPACES IN CHEMUNG COUNTY?

GREENSPACE IS LOCATED ALL THROUGH CHEMUNG COUNTY!

The Chemung River and its tributaries provide access to natural waterways. State parks and nature preserves provide recreation and access to nature, and parks and playgrounds throughout communities add greenspace for neighborhoods. Even backyards and streets can provide easy access to greenspace right at home.

