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CONSERVATION COMMITTEE ASKS BEACON RESIDENTS TO NAME FAVORITE GREEN SPACES

BEACON, NY— Mayor Kyriacou and the City of Beacon Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) are seeking community input on Beacon’s green and open spaces. A short and anonymous survey is available in English and Spanish for residents and visitors to share their thoughts on how best to utilize and protect Beacon’s green and open spaces. The survey is available until October 30th at <https://bit.ly/3zwvUJl>.

Green and open space is land that is not developed for residential, commercial, industrial, or institutional use. It may be publicly or privately owned and can serve different purposes, including parks, playgrounds, ball courts, community gardens, habitats, and natural areas.

The survey results will inform the CAC of Beacon’s vital open spaces, activities or uses that take place there, and any existing obstacles in accessing the spaces. The information will be used to create an Open Space Index for Beacon, leading to an actionable plan for protection and preservation. The CAC has created a [video](#) explaining the survey.

The Open Space Index process builds on Beacon’s [Natural Resources Inventory \(NRI\)](#), which was [adopted by the City Council in 2020](#). Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) and the State of New York’s Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Estuary Program are supporting this project.

Mayor Kyriacou noted, “I’d like to thank the Conservation Advisory Committee for their thoughtful and inclusive approach to identifying and preserving Beacon’s natural assets. If you have a moment, I encourage everyone to take this short survey.”

City Councilmember Air Rhodes explained that the Open Space process is “immediate democracy in action - a chance to share your opinion and shape the future of Beacon's remaining green spaces and make them what they can and should be.”

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