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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY GRADUATE STUDIO – SPRING 2020 TOWN OF GUILDERLAND TRAILS/OPEN SPACE PROJECT SCOPE OF SERVICES

1. Conduct an inventory of existing open space/park properties to include Town owned properties, State owned properties and conservation organization properties.
 - a) Complete an existing conditions analysis for each facility
2. Identify potential on-road and off-road connections to open space/park properties.
 - a) Create map(s) identifying potential road connections
 - b) Identify opportunities/constraints for each road segment
 - c) Create map(s) of potential off-road connections to open space/park properties.
 - d) Identify opportunities/constraints for each trail route.
3. Park and open space locations should be assessed for connections to other parks/open space, residential developments, schools (GCSD, University at Albany Campus), public facilities (library, YMCA, etc.) and retail locations (Stuyvesant Plaza, Crossgates Mall, Hamilton Square, etc), and should include the following (*denotes Town priority for focus):
 - a) Tawasentha Park (Town), including the Community Gardens areas *
 - b) Western Turnpike Golf Course/Winter Recreation Area (Town) *
 - c) Fred Abele Park (Town)
 - d) McKownville Park (Town)
 - e) DiCaprio Park (Town)
 - f) Fort Hunter (Town)
 - g) Volunteer Firefighters Memorial Park (Town)
 - h) Nott Road Town Park (Town) *
 - i) Roger Keenholts Park (Town)
 - j) Watervliet Reservoir *
 - k) Albany Pine Bush Preserve (Albany Pine Bush Commission)
 - l) Vosburgh Trails (Town)
 - m) Bozenkill Preserve (Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy)
 - n) Black Creek Marsh Wildlife Management Area (NYSDEC)
4. Identify existing and proposed regional trails in the Town. Evaluate possible route options to make connection to these trails from existing town parks, residential developments, public facilities and retail locations. Trails to be evaluated should include the following:
 - a) Albany County Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail

- b) Albany Pine Bush Trails
 - c) Capital District Trails Plan – Town of Guilderland Trails
 - Normans Kill Greenway Trail
 - Schenectady-Helderberg Connector Trail
 - I-90 Patroon Greenway Extension Trail
 - Albany Loop
 - Patroon Greenway
5. Review and utilize existing bicycle, pedestrian and trails related reports to analyze potential route options and trail connections.
- a) Town of Guilderland Preliminary Sidewalk Master Plan – April 2003
 - b) Walkable Destinations in Guilderland – A Pathways Master Plan – May 2004
 - c) Biking in Guilderland – May 2004
 - d) Guilderland Pathways Study Final Report – June 2005
 - e) Town of Guilderland Pathways Master Plan – September 2005
 - f) A Proposed Trail System for the Winter Recreation Area of Tawasentha Park – June 2006
 - g) Altamont Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan – Existing Conditions Inventory – September 2008
 - h) Regional Trail Perspectives – A Survey of Capital District Trail Facilities – 2016
6. Review and utilize existing neighborhood studies to analyze potential route options and trail connections
- a) Town Comprehensive Plan
 - b) Fort Hunter/Carman Road Transportation plan
 - c) Guilderland Hamlet Neighborhood Plan
 - d) Rural Guilderland Plan
 - e) McKownville Corridor Study
 - f) Route 20 Corridor Study
 - g) Westmere Corridor Study
 - h) Neighborhood Master Plan for the Guilderland Center Hamlet
7. Public Involvement
- a) Two public meetings to provide an existing conditions analysis and record public comments, and present findings and final recommendations at conclusion of project.
 - b) Community Outreach and Stakeholder interviews. May include one-on-one stakeholder or group interviews, project kiosk in community interactive environment, or online survey, geo-fenced social media outreach etc.
8. Deliverables to be provided to the Town as part of the project should include, but may not be limited to:
- a) Summary of prior plan recommendations and status.
 - b) Recommendation with illustrations of proposed road connections to trails, parks

- c) Recommendations with illustrations of existing and proposed trails and trail connections to parks, open spaces, residential developments, public facilities, schools, etc.
 - d) Opportunities/constraints of proposed trail/road connections
9. The Town Staff will provide GIS mapping services in collaboration with the Studio project. Collaboration will include sharing existing GIS data layers of trails mapping, parks mapping, neighborhood plans, trails information and other documents, and create additional GIS layers and published maps to support the Studio project.