



Pritts land donation

From Molly Buck <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 3/4/2025 2:41 PM
To Carissa Parlato <clerk@townofulyssesny.gov>

ATTN: Town Board, Ulysses Planning Board, Ulysses Board of Zoning Appeals

I am writing to express my enthusiastic hope that you approve the donation of the 15,234 acres of land on Cold Springs Road to the Town of Ulysses, to be used as a recreational park.

As a board member on the Trumansburg Education Foundation and as a mother of two teenage boys in the Trumansburg School District (and a daughter who graduated in 2022), I can attest to the lack of recreational space in Trumansburg. We often drive to Dryden, Lansing, and other areas significantly far from Trumansburg for recreational activities. I also know that on occasion, practices and games have to be rescheduled or canceled due to lack of space.

We should leverage this opportunity to ensure Trumansburg youth have access to a recreational space, which builds community, fitness, mental health, and opportunities to connect in an age where people are increasingly isolated.

There would also be wonderful opportunities for citizens of Trumansburg, including seniors, to take advantage of this recreational space as well. This feels like a win-win and you have my full support in accepting this donation.

Thank you,
Molly Buck

[REDACTED]
4680 East Bates Road, Trumansburg, NY 14886



Support for park land acquisition

From Three Stone Farm - [REDACTED]

Date Tue 3/4/2025 4:37 PM

To Carissa Parlato <clerk@townofulyssesny.gov>

Hello,

We are writing because we heard that there is a potential land donation to the town of Ulysses for a park/recreation area. As parents and local farmers, we fully support the creation of more spaces where children and community members can gather, play, and connect with nature. Public green spaces are often difficult to come by, yet they are invaluable for fostering a sense of community, encouraging outdoor activity, and providing a safe, welcoming environment for people of all ages.

While we are not official residents of the Town of Ulysses, we live and farm just north in Interlaken and have strong ties to the town. We vend at the Trumansburg Farmers Market every year, frequently shop in Trumansburg as it is the closest viable retail location for us, and spent a lot of time in the area when our children were young, attending various kids' activities. Because of this, we deeply appreciate the role the Town plays as a hub for the surrounding rural communities, and we know that a new park would be an incredible asset for families both in town and in the greater area.

A dedicated park would not only enhance the well-being of local families but also serve as a long-term investment in the health and vitality of the community. It would offer opportunities for recreation, education, and environmental stewardship—benefits that extend far beyond just those who use the space regularly.

We sincerely hope that this donation is considered and that the Town of Ulysses moves forward with plans to create a park that will serve current and future generations. Thank you for your time and for considering the importance of public green spaces in our community.

Best,
Youngiee and Roger Quennell
Three Stone Farm
Interlaken, NY

Park land donation

From Virginia Augusta <[REDACTED]>
Date Sat 3/8/2025 6:31 PM
To Carissa Parlato <clerk@townofulyssesny.gov>

Please consider a sizeable, fenced in dog park on this land! It would be great to not have to drive all the way to Ithaca to give the dog playtime:) It is also a nice social time for owners. Thank you!

Virginia Augusta
607.227.9991

Pritts park.

From Dan [REDACTED]
Date Fri 4/4/2025 5:25 PM
To Carissa Parlato <clerk@townofulyssesny.gov>

A couple of things came up for me

1 will this increase the tax burden on seniors

2 very nice of the pritts to donate a used cornfield to the county. Especially with water close by.

Especially with all the folks thinking wow this is great! My concern is glysohate, Atropine and other long lasting and very dangerous agricultural herbecides that don't just give us roundup ready crops. A note of caution that will probably be ignored. Thanks Dan burgevin

proposed land donation

From Heidi Oros [REDACTED]
Date Sun 4/6/2025 10:42 PM
To Carissa Parlato <clerk@townofulyssesny.gov>

To whom it may concern,

When considering the proposed land donation, please take into account costs that taxpayers will need to pay to build and upkeep this project.

Building and maintaining a road and parking lot
Creating flat fields
Landscaping
Bleachers
Plowing
Mowing
Installing facilities, water, sewage, electric
Lighting
Cleaning and maintaining fields and structures
Trash removal
Security
Insurance
Staffing
Security

Also, please take into account how this will affect the neighborhood with traffic, noise, lighting, environmental impact, and property values. Have the neighbors been consulted? I am not against having this type of project in our community, I want to be sure that vested neighbors and real costs are considered before decisions are made to where this would be best located. How will this affect other zoning issues in this historically quiet area?

Thank you,

Heidi Oros

Fw: land donation for park

From Katelin Olson <supervisor@townofulyssesny.gov>
Date Sat 4/12/2025 3:15 PM
To Carissa Parlato <clerk@townofulyssesny.gov>

Fyi I acknowledged receipt.

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From: John Wertis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, April 12, 2025 2:59:13 PM
To: Katelin Olson <supervisor@townofulyssesny.gov>
Subject: land donation for park

From: John G. Wertis

4074 South Street Extension

Trumansburg NY 14886

4/12/25

Attention: Kaitlyn Olsen, Town of Ulysses Supervisor

Regarding: Land donation/Park Proposal

The recent public hearing provided some very relevant input on the proposed land acquisition and park by the Town of Ulysses. Many spoke out, both for and against. I was particularly struck by those immediately adjacent neighbors who spoke regarding their concerns about potential loss of privacy, and potential loss of the peaceful rural atmosphere that currently exists there.

My thoughts- I am in favor of the development of a park that would supply our community with much needed additional sports fields for use by non-school based teams, as well as provide other recreational infrastructure for use by all of our

residents. I am grateful for the Pritts's generous offer to donate land for this purpose. I believe that the field in question is physically well suited for a park. I am in support of moving forward with this initiative, but with a couple of caveats-

The proposed access truly is deficient- squeezed between two houses... and would require re-routing a septic leach field. A driveway in that location will likely have an unreasonably negative effect on the privacy, rural serenity, and ultimately on property values of the immediate neighbors. A much more appropriate access to the field in question already exists on an adjacent landowner's property, but through my discussion with Marvin Pritts, (and subsequently verified by the adjacent landowner's questions during this hearing), I was disappointed to learn that the Town has not attempted to communicate with them regarding the potential for a right-of-way, both for driveway access, and for access at the rear of their property, which could connect the town park property to state park land for future trail development. This adjacent property owner just may be holding the key to the proposed park's potential... either remaining just a cheap bauble, or becoming a true gem that we could all be proud of. Looking forward, I hope the Town will consider directly communicating with the adjacent landowner(s) and offer up a variety of concessions in exchange for right-of-way access which could mitigate many of their concerns. This could include, in addition to a day-time use only policy and lighting restrictions, things like setback requirements, and tree and shrub plantings and other visual/noise screening elements (land contouring/berms, fencing). Additionally, considerable considerate thought should be given to parking lot, playing field and other infrastructure and design elements' scope and location).

In summary, I am very concerned to learn that the Town decided to go public with their plan without first having communicated their intent with, apparently, any of the adjacent landowners. To have done so would most certainly have been more respectful, and many of the issues that the adjacent residents have brought up could have been aired and potentially even addressed. Instead, these neighbors already feel slighted, and ganged-up on, and will likely be even less open, or even outright antagonistic to the initiative going forward. And that's truly disappointing. Looking ahead, communication, compassion, and empathy must be prioritized in the planning and development of this park, or I may need to reconsider my support for this endeavor.



Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts. Sincerely, John G. Wertis

4162 Swamp College Road
Trumansburg, NY 14886



17 April 2025

Katelin Olson, Town Supervisor
Niels Tygesen, Town Planner
Town Board
Town of Ulysses
10 Elm St.
Trumansburg, NY 14886

Dear Ms. Olson, Mr. Tygesen, and Members of the Town Board,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing as a resident of Ulysses to respectfully share my concerns regarding the proposed development of the almost 16-acre parcel on Cold Springs Road offered by Marvin and Allison Pritts as a new park in our area.

While I understand and appreciate the intention behind creating more green spaces for community enjoyment, I am concerned about the potential unintended impacts this particular project could have on our neighborhood. Developing the park into ballfields, picnic pavilions, and parking will draw more visitors, leading to **higher vehicle volume, parking challenges, and potential safety issues** for pedestrians and local children.

Another key concern is **noise**. Parks are naturally lively places, and the associated increase in activity—especially during weekends and evenings—could significantly alter the peaceful character of our neighborhood.

Lastly, I am concerned about the **environmental impact** of the development. The harmful ecological impacts of traditional park landscaping practices—including frequent mowing, gas-powered equipment emissions, and chemical pesticide application—will disrupt the local ecosystem and contribute to air and water pollution. These are costly as well, and also add to the noise concerns.

We don't need another lawn. We need a space where native plants and pollinators can thrive, where nature is allowed to be wild, not controlled. With the increase in home building in the Trumansburg-Ulysses area, valuable natural spaces are being lost, permanently. I urge the Board to embrace **more sustainable, ecologically responsible approaches**—such as preserving existing wild spaces, planting native species, and creating pollinator pathways.

This generous gift of land is an opportunity to do something visionary—something that benefits people, wildlife, and the planet. I know many neighbors share similar concerns and hope the Board will take these issues into account as you move forward. I would respectfully encourage consideration of alternative ideas or designs that reflect environmental values and long-term sustainability.

Thank you for your time, and for all the work you do on behalf of our town. I truly appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts and hope to stay involved in the conversation moving forward.

Warm regards,

Kimberly Manning