

From: [Andy Schaefer](#)
To: [Town of Ulysses Permits](#)
Subject: Cold Springs Zoning Appeal
Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 5:09:32 PM

To Members of the Ulysses Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Board,

I strongly support the approval of a zoning variance and subdivision requests for the Cold Springs park land donation.

The community is overwhelmingly in support of this donation, and the variance necessary is very minor. The town board has already undertaken and agreed to many mitigations to make it easier on the adjacent neighbors and the neighborhood as a whole.

Please do not let 12 feet prevent the final approval of the variance and subdivision because all necessary safety features can be achieved with a 38 foot width flag pole.

The community very strongly needs additional recreational space and this generous donation will serve generations of kids and adults alike.

Thank you for your time.

Andy Schaefer
1645 Taughannock Blvd

From: [Carolyn Kreisel](#)
To: [Town of Ulysses Permits](#)
Subject: In Support of the Cold Springs land donation
Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 2:40:07 PM

Please share this note with the BZA and Planning Board:

I support the variance and subdivision requests of the Cold Springs land donation because the children and adults of Ulysses deserve the recreational activities that this property will provide.

Regards,
Carolyn Kreisel

From: [Cynthia Mannino](#)
To: [Town of Ulysses Permits](#); [Carissa Parlato](#)
Subject: In support of Variance for the Town Park
Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 6:29:11 PM

Hello,

Please provide this message for both the Planning Board and BZA. Please read aloud at the meeting.

I support the variance and subdivision requests of the Cold Springs land donation because Town parks offer good health for life long healthy habits for all residents. I appreciate that this Town Park will be open to all, without a barrier.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Mannio
124 Tamarack lane
Trumansburg NY

CC; Town Clerk, Carissa Parlato

From: [Rachel Ostlund](#)
To: [Town of Ulysses Permits](#)
Subject: Letter of support regarding the land donation
Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 5:33:40 PM

Hello -

The statement below is in support of the Town accepting the land donation. Could it please be provided to both the Planning Board and the BZA?

I support the variance and subdivision requests of the Cold Springs land donation, for the following reasons:

It's incredibly important that we prioritize the creation of free, accessible parks, and the land donation is providing the town with the rare opportunity to do just that.

We need safe, free spaces that everyone can access in order to spend time outdoors, as well as spaces where kids can run around, play sports and be outside.

Everyone, regardless of income, deserves equitable access to green space - and having a Town park in a central location means that the myriad benefits of outdoor recreation will be available to everyone in our community. It also is a symbol of the Town's commitment to shared resources and creating welcoming spaces for all.

Easy, equitable access to parks and green spaces not only gives people access to space that improves their mental and physical well-being, but free community parks are an essential part of creating the social infrastructure necessary for healthy, vibrant and interconnected communities.

Parks are egalitarian spaces where informal encounters and new connections bolster and build community - and as our community continues to grow and change over time, having spaces where both new and long-time residents and families can interact and build social connections are an important way to develop and create a sense of community identity.

I am so excited for the tremendous possibility that this space holds!

- Rachel Ostlund

From: [Helen Arco](#)
To: [Town of Ulysses Permits](#)
Cc: [Helen Arco](#)
Subject: New Town of Ulysses Town Park
Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 7:08:38 PM

Hello! I am a Village of Trumansburg resident. My husband and I moved here 20 years ago to raise our family. We are in support of the park!

My son is now 20 and a college sophomore at SUNY Geneseo and my daughter is a junior at Charles O Dickerson High School. During this time, our kids were very active in sports and the arts as were many of their friends. While growing up, I had always longed for a local park that was closer than Taughannock that could be leveraged by them and their friends.

Now that they are older, I had hoped something would come about for the younger families and finally there is an option developing. I hope the town and village can continue to work towards providing our community with such a place!

I hope I can meet my friends there for walks and dog walking...a place where we can watch our local sports teams play and a place where my kids can bring their grown friends to enjoy.

Please continue to work to bring our local park on Cold Springs Road to fruition!

Sincerely,
Helen Arco

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kathryn Maroney](#)
To: [Town of Ulysses Permits](#)
Subject: Please forward to both Planning Board and BZA
Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 6:56:57 PM

I support the variance and subdivision requests of the cold spring land donation. It's so important that the town be able to finish this land ownership transfer.

I understand there may be a group coming out to the BZA meeting tonight in opposition, so this is just a reminder that the community has been overwhelming in its support of this project. A few loud people cannot cancel out the big majority of our town who want to see this process completed and moving forward.

This park is a concrete way to support the connection of our community, and the variances requested are both reasonable and appropriate. There are many steps left to make this space a usable public park, but let's give ourselves that chance. Please vote to support the necessary variances so this town can make this long-held and hard-fought dream a reality.

Thanks for your service, and for showing up in so many ways to support our community.

All best,
Kasia Maroney

From: [Emily Ouckama](#)
To: [Town of Ulysses Permits](#)
Subject: Support for Cold Springs Land Donation Variance
Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 5:43:39 PM

Please provide the following message to the Planning Board and BZA.

I am writing to express my support for the variance and subdivision requests related to the Cold Springs land donation.

This project has broad community support and will benefit the town for generations to come.

Sincerely,
Emily Ouckama

President, Taughannock Soccer Club

From: [andygray84](#)
To: [Town of Ulysses Permits](#)
Subject: Support for Cold Springs Land Use
Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 4:19:27 PM

This message is for the Planning Board and Boarding Zone of Appeals

I am writing to communicate my support for the variance and subdivision requests of the Cold Springs land donation. I have a prior commitment for the meeting tonight, otherwise I would love to be there. Our town needs recreation space for kids. As a youth soccer coach I have seen the overcrowding and overuse of the school facilities. As a parent I have seen the lack of outdoor, communal space impact my children. We have an amazing opportunity to create space for children (and adults) to enjoy themselves and create community at a low cost.

I worry that there is a NIMBYism taking root in our town. Please do not let the loud voices of the few take this opportunity away from us.

Thanks for all you do for our town!
Andy Gray (Podunk Rd)

From: [Christine Feely](#)
To: [Town of Ulysses Permits](#)
Subject: Support of the Park
Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 6:02:27 PM

I'm unable to make the meeting , but I again speak out in support of the park. A park supports community, health and joy!
Christine Feely

Sent from my iPhone

From: [David Foote](#)
To: [Town of Ulysses Permits](#)
Subject: Supporting Public Park
Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 6:57:45 PM

Hi,

I am writing in support of the Cold Springs land donation leading to the establishment of a public park. More public spaces that we can enjoy together would be a huge boost to local social lives and shared community. I love parks. Seeing that there is also some element of recreation and supports, I hope that this will also include a basketball court. I've lived in Ulysses for 10 years and always felt this was missing from our community. I'd like to get out of the house some weekends and throw up some shots!

David F.

From: [Mary M. Bouchard](#)
To: [Town of Ulysses Permits](#)
Subject: Writing in support of zoning variance and property subdivision
Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 2:24:21 PM

Please provide this letter to the Planning Board and the BZA.

I am writing in support of the zoning variance and subdivision requested to allow the town to finally transfer ownership of the Cold Springs Road donated lands from the Pritts' to the town for the establishment of a town recreation area. Public sentiment has been overwhelmingly in favor of this development, and approving the subdivision and the variance would be in line with the majority of residents' wishes.

Sincerely,
Mary Bouchard
Former Town of Ulysses councilmember

From: [Nina Redmobd](#)
To: [Town of Ulysses Permits](#)
Subject: Yes to the park!
Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 7:44:46 PM

I am looking forward to having the new public park in town. I live on Searsburg Rd in Ulysses. I attended the town meeting online and the plans sound well thought out with considerations for all issues. I hope this project goes through for our community!

Nina Redmond

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mary Kaszyca](#)
To: [Town of Ulysses Permits](#)
Subject: Town Park
Date: Thursday, January 22, 2026 1:50:32 PM

Please share our message with the Ulysses Planning Board and Board of Zoning:

We support the variance and subdivision requests of the Cold Springs land donation and look forward to one day seeing a town park in Ulysses. We have every confidence that the town of Ulysses will undertake this project with consideration for the Cold Springs neighborhood and for Ulysses taxpayers. A gift of prime park land from the owners of this property is too generous to pass up.

Respectfully,

Mary Kaszyca and Ken Pickens
Trumansburg