

About the Milan Natural Resources Inventory Project

In 2022, the town of Milan is documenting our geology, water, plants, animals, and places of scenic and recreational value for the benefit of current and future residents.

What is a Natural Resources Inventory?

A Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) is a report that compiles information about the naturally occurring features within a specific region, such as a town's geology, soil, streams, wetlands, forests, and wildlife.

The Milan NRI will contain maps, data, and descriptions of our town's natural resources, as well as information about some of Milan's past and present cultural resources, such as scenic and recreational areas. The final report will also contain photos and personal recollections of the town's natural resources submitted by Milan residents.

How can a Natural Resources Inventory help Milan residents?

Milan's NRI will serve as an invaluable resource for future decision-making about our land, water, and wildlife. By documenting the town's resources—including where they are located, their current condition, and the role they play in our regional ecosystem—the NRI will provide a foundation for future planning around land use, zoning, and conservation efforts.

Who is creating Milan's Natural Resources Inventory?

The Milan Town Board appointed an NRI Advisory Committee which includes representatives from the Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Highway Department, along with three additional community members. The town will be working with Hudsonia, Ltd to gather information and prepare the final report.

Hudsonia, Ltd. is a non-profit environmental research and educational institute based in Annandale that provides data and information to support the conservation and management of the natural resources of the Hudson Valley.

How can I get involved?

The Milan NRI Committee welcomes all town residents to submit photos and memories of Milan's land for potential inclusion in the report. The final publication will contain selected images and recollections from town residents that help to illustrate our past and present natural resources.

Guidelines for submitting photos are below:

1. The NRI Committee requests images of plants (in the wild, not garden plants), animals (including insects & other invertebrates), habitats, landscapes (including farmscapes), streams, rock formations, waterfalls, and any other subjects that represent nature found in Milan.
2. Photos should be in .jpg format, with a minimum of 300dpi at 5 x 8 inches (approximately 2,400 x 1,600 pixels). Larger photos are better.
3. All submitted photos must include the subject, location, date the photo was taken, and name of the photographer.
4. Please send .jpgs and any questions about photo submissions to Phil Zemke at pzemkenri@gmail.com

You can share your Milan stories with Bill Gallagher at wkgalla@yahoo.com

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