

TOWN OF ULYSSES - UNIQUE NATURAL AREAS (UNAs)

8 April 2008 Zeserson and Schneider Presentation

CONTAINS 11 SEPARATE UNA UNITS, COVERING 1500 ACRES OR ~6% OF THE TOWN'S SURFACE AREA

The Town Planning Board is soliciting the Town Board's approval and support for the TPB to proceed to investigate appropriate mechanisms to help protect these natural areas for the benefits that they provide to our Town's residents.

These **Benefits** potentially include:

- Unique natural attractions that promote tourism
- Scenic views
- Vegetation on steep slopes that can prevent erosion and impacts to Cayuga Lake water quality and our MS4 obligations
- Presence of rare, threatened or endangered plants, animals and ecosystems
- Old growth forests
- Native American archeological sites
- Contributions to groundwater recharge areas and surface water tributaries
- Components of Tompkins County, Ithaca City green spaces



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Sediment erosion from development on steep slopes of Ithaca City UNA.

<http://gisweb.tompkins-co.org-tci-map-coee/main.A>

