

## DRAFT outline of

### *Ecological and Cultural Field Guide to the Habitats of Columbia County, NY.*

#### **Preface**

Goal of this guide

The Living Land Project: how the data were gathered.

#### **Background**

The Physical Foundation: Columbia County general topography, geology, soils, hydrology and climate.

The Ecological Palette: Generalized discussion of county ecology and biogeography.

The Human Overlay: General description of county history in relation to human land use; the human role in creating and destroying habitats.

#### **Biodiversity & Conservation**

Biodiversity results

Current activities impacting biodiversity

Stewardship suggestions

#### **Factors affecting human perception of the land.**

Use value

Emotional Value

Access

#### **How to use this guide**

Habitats as 'soft' categories

Habitat key

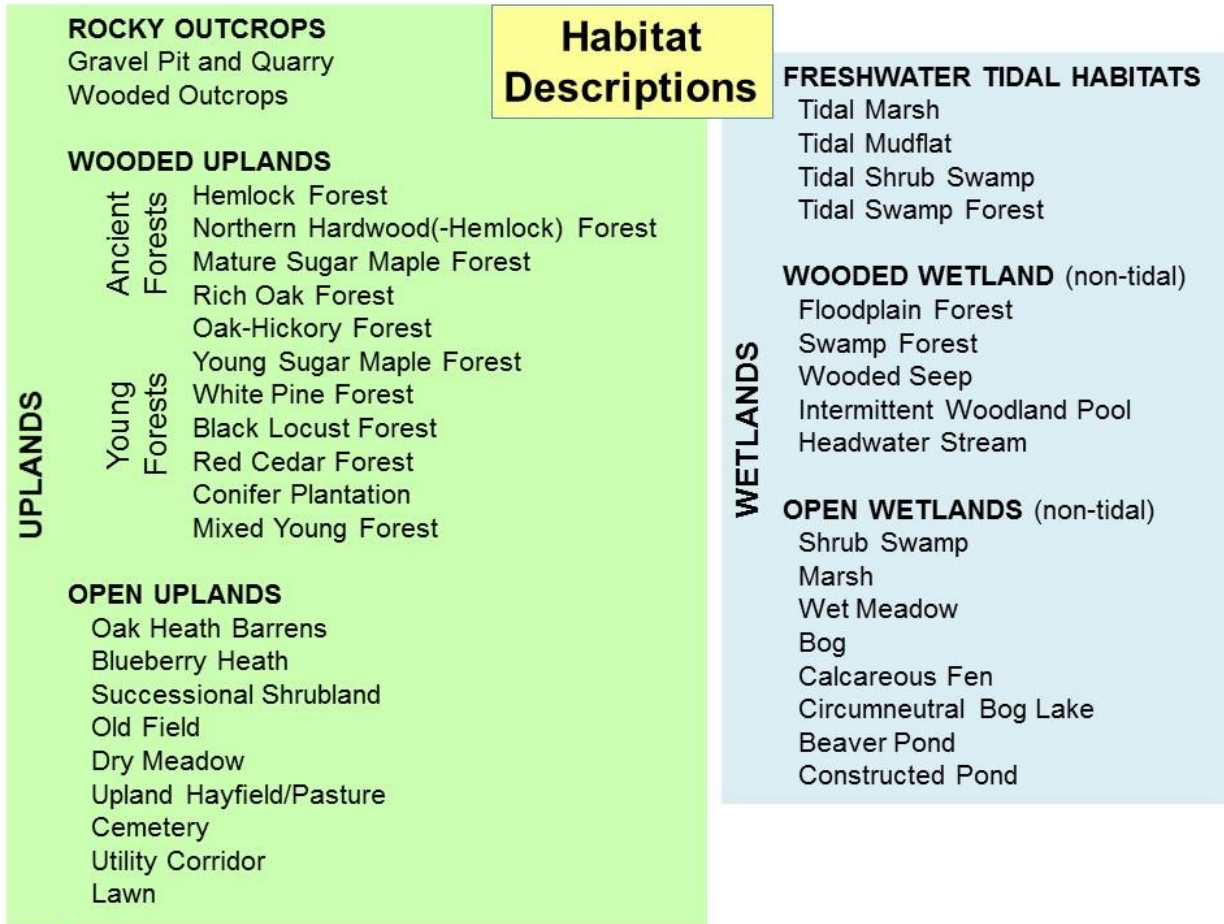
Icon descriptions

Habitat description sections

**Habitats**

Section Introductions

Habitat Descriptions (see outline below)



**Appendices**

Common/scientific names of organisms and their native/non-native and rarity status.

A classification cross-walk (i.e., how does our habitat classification compare to that of others)

Names & addresses of regional organizations that can help with land conservation/management

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