

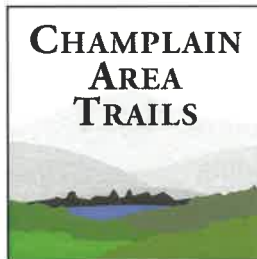
# You Can Create the Essex Quarry Nature Park



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# A Unique Property with an Ancient Past



The 35-acre Essex Quarry, located on the southern edge of the village of Essex, can have two miles of trails for walking and cross-country skiing. It showcases a combination of natural, geological, paleontological, and historical features. This is one of the most accessible and important properties in the Adirondack Park...and we have to save it.

## Rare Woodland

The eastern part of the property features a globally rare natural forest community called a "Limestone Woodland" on areas of shallow soil above the limestone bedrock.

## Ancient Fossils

Hundreds of years ago, the New York side of Lake Champlain was the edge of the continent with Vermont part of a separate continent thousands of miles away. The ancient bedrock below this property contains fossils from the oldest coral reef on earth.



## Essex History

The stone from Essex Quarry was used in many of structures and rock wall in Essex and surrounding communities and was shipped by barge to help build the Brooklyn Bridge.



# A Unique Opportunity to Create a Nature Retreat

Because the Essex Quarry Nature Park is so ideally located by the village of Essex, it is an oasis for people to hike, ski, relax, and enjoy healthy outdoor physical activity.



## A Tourist Destination

Essex Quarry will benefit the Essex community. Only ½ mile from the ferry, visitors will walk through town and shop as they go to the park.

## The Gift

The owners of the quarry want it to become a permanent park for the people of Essex, so they offered to donate one half of the purchase price to make their dream come true.

## CATS Acts

CATS is working to raise the other half plus more so we can make hiking trails with interpretive signs explaining the property's unique features. We are applying for grants, reaching out to private donors, and building a fund to maintain the park and its trails.

## Your Part

We need your financial support. We would also like your personal support. Come help us make and maintain the trails. Come to our educational hikes when we describe the fossils, flora, geology, and history of this fabulous place.



# Please Help Create the Essex Quarry Nature Park

The Adirondack Park's Champlain Valley can have a nature park with two miles of walking trails right in the village of Essex where people arrive every day on the ferry from Vermont.

An opportunity like this rarely happens. The time to act is now.



## PROJECT COSTS

### *Transaction costs*

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|----------------------------|----------|
| Purchase price             | \$75,000 |
| Survey & transaction costs | 20,000   |
| Stewardship fund           | 15,000   |

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*Total transaction costs*                      \$110,000

### *Trail development costs*

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|----------------------------------|---------|
| Management plan                  | \$2,000 |
| Create trails                    | 10,000  |
| Kiosk                            | 5,000   |
| Parking area                     | 3,000   |
| Signs (interpretive & direction) | 35,000  |

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*Total trail development costs*                      \$55,000

**Total costs ..... \$165,000**



## Please donate to support the Essex Quarry Nature Park!

Those who contribute \$1000 will be honored on a plaque placed at the trailhead with a special highlight for those who give \$5000 and above. Donors at other levels will be noted at the registration kiosk.

Naming opportunities are available; please contact the CATS office for details.