



NY State Community Preservation

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Ok, I normally don't like to do fundraising on TOD, leaving it in the wisdom of each of you to decide where you should put your money. But [this appeal](#) from the [Environmental Advocates of NY](#) struck me not just because it is working on a anti-sprawl land preservation issues but mostly because they are asking for so little to achieve their goal. They only need \$200 to meet their goal to get an ad placed in the Legislative Gazette to promote a piece of legislation against sprawl.

New York State is losing almost 200 acres of forests, fields and farms to new development every day. Historic downtown districts are falling further into disrepair as big box stores open on the outskirts of town.

A law currently before the NY legislature would give our cities and towns the ability to protect the heart and soul of their communities. We need to educate NY lawmakers about solutions to this growing problem.

Thanks to the generosity of many of you, we have raised almost \$800 to publish a special Earth Day supplement in the Legislative Gazette, the must-read newspaper for elected officials in the Capitol. We need to raise \$200 more to meet our goal!

The Community Preservation Act gives New Yorkers a new tool to preserve their heritage--it gives local municipalities the power to set up preservation funds when and if their residents feel they are necessary. For example, between 1975 and 2000, Amherst, NY, lost more than half of its working farms and natural areas to development. With less than 20% of its land undeveloped, residents listed preserving open space as a prime concern in their Comprehensive Plan but lack the funds to do something about it. In Amherst, a Community Preservation Fund could make the difference between preserving its integrity and losing its character, forever.

Each week, the Legislative Gazette hits the desks of the Governor, legislators, and Albany insiders. Using the Capitol's weekly newspaper to let lawmakers know that New Yorkers support common-sense bills like the Community Preservation Act is an effective way to reach our state officials and convince New York to do something about it and to do something now.

We've already raised \$800 and are asking you to help us with the remaining \$200 over the next 2 days.

Visit: https://secure.ga4.org/01/earth_day_2006 to make a tax deductible donation today.

This year, join our efforts to celebrate Earth Day by having a positive impact on the

environment and our communities. Visit <http://www.eany.org/takeaction/earthday.html> for more information on what you can do!

I hope you can give a little...



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