



Lime Hollow...it's where you belong!

Community Involvement & Collaboration

- **Cortland County**
- Town of Cortlandville
- NYS DEC
- US Fish & Wildlife
- USGS, Tunison Aquatic Lab
- Cortland County Soil & Water Conservation District
- JM Murray Center
- Access to Independence
- Leadership Cortland
- Cooper Tools
- Cortland Rotary Club
- Dryden Rotary Club
- Cortland County Bird Club
- Homer Garden Club
- Catholic Charities
- Gutchess Lumber
- BestWay Enterprises
- Cortland & Homer Schools
- RPM Ecosystems
- AmeriCorps
- *TC3 and SUNY Cortland*
- Cornell & Ithaca College
- Cortland County Snowmobile Club
- OCM & TST BOCES New Visions
- Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts
- Cornell Lab of Ornithology
- The Nature Conservancy
- Great Cortland Pumpkinfest
- RSVP
- YMCA and YWCA
- Ithaca Children's Garden
- Seven Valley's Health Coalition

Lime Hollow: Key Facts

- 400 acres of nature preserve
- 10.3 miles of trails
- Listed among 76 choice sites in *NY Wildlife Viewing Guide*
- Featured in *Critters of NY Pocket Guide*
- 2010 AAA Tour Book!
- 20,064 visitors yearly
- 2,371 school children
- 857 Summer Day Campers
- 3,253 out-of-county visitors
- 334 members
- *Tamarack Art Meadow*
- *Access to All Trail*
- *Annual Fishing Festival*
- 5KM XC running/skiing trail
- *Chicago Bog*
- Over 200 bird species
- “Greenest building” in Cortland County
 - Solar Panels Installed in May 2009

Factoids

- There are 62 counties in NY State
- There are 3 counties that don't have NYS Parks
 1. Alleghany County
 - Alleghany SP is in adjacent Cattaraugus County!
 2. Montgomery County
 - But...Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site
 3. **CORTLAND COUNTY!**
 - **And...Lime Hollow provides many of the same quality of life enhancements as a NYS Park!**

Achievements in 2010

- Focus on Seniors
 - Visits to Senior Centers Throughout the County
 - Senior Day at Lime Hollow in June
 - Hosted Empire State Senior Orienteering Event
 - CRMC Visits
- Father's Day 5K with 200 Runners
- Nordic Center and XC Ski Trail
- \$7.20 Electric Bill in July!
- Visitor Center Gray Water Project
- Children's Gardens and Chicken Coop

A large group of children and adults are running across a grassy field in a wooded area. The children are wearing various colorful clothing, and the adults are also dressed in casual summer attire. The scene is lively and energetic, capturing a moment of physical activity during a summer camp.

Summer Camp!

Since 2006, LH's Summer
Camp Attendance has
increased 147%!

Let's Compare

Beaver Lake Nature Center

- *665 acres / 9 miles trails
 - *Includes a 200 acre pond!
- \$880,000 from Onondaga County (\$440K for staff)
- \$220,000 from “Friends Society”
- **\$1,100,00 annual budget**
- Staff:
 - 1x FT Ex Director
 - 2x FT Naturalists
 - 2x FT Admin Personnel
 - 1x FT Business Mgr
 - 1x FT Volunteer Coordinator
 - 3x FT B&G Personnel
 - 2x PT Naturalist
 - 1x HT time Gift Shop Manager
 - 13x Seasonal Staff

Lime Hollow

- 400 acres / 10.3 miles
- \$5,833 from Cortland County
- \$240,000 annual budget
- \$ from donations & grants (hit/miss)
- Staff:
 - 1x FT Ex Director
 - 1x FT Associate Director
 - 1x FT AmeriCorps Staff
 - 1x $\frac{3}{4}$ Time Business Manager
 - 1x $\frac{1}{2}$ time B&G
 - 9x Seasonal Staff

\$ generated by Lime Hollow's out-of-Cortland County visitors

- Out-of-Cortland County visitors to Visitor Center & Public Programs = 2,450
- Out-of-Cortland County hikers = 803
- Total = 3,253

3,253 Visitors x \$59=

\$191,927

+ *Cortland County Convention & Visitors Bureau* statistic: \$59 per person per day visit

Lime Hollow is also...

- An employer: 5 full-time staff & seasonal hires
- A training ground for SUNY/Cortland
- A “good customer” for local businesses
- A promoter of local businesses: gift store features local gifts, apparel, arts, food items
- Municipal partner: Value-add for Finger Lakes East appeal, River Trail & Clean up, Lehigh Valley trail
- Provider of ‘ecosystem services’ benefits...
 - > Recreation, hiking, green space proven to positively impact property values, talent attraction & overall quality of life
 - > our 400 protected acres help:
 - filter & recharge aquifer
 - cooling & air quality
 - bio-diversity (animal habitat, pollination, nutrient cycle, etc.)

What Does Lime Hollow Provide to Cortland County Residents?

- Cortland County visitors to new VC = 16,811
- “Freebies” to Cortland County Residents
 - Our trails are open 365 days a year from dawn to dusk
 - No Admittance Fee for Hiking, Jogging, & XC Skiing
 - Periodic Hikes lead by Lime Hollow Naturalist
 - Birding Hikes in May
 - No or low-cost Special Events / Public Programs
 - “Frost in the Woods” —Poetry and Natural History in Chicago Bog
 - “Holiday at the Hollow”

Questions?

