

USE OF OPEN SPACE POLICY STATEMENT

GENESEE OPEN SPACE

The Foundation Board of Directors wants to take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to protect and preserve our open space. We are the guardians of land owned by the Foundation for all of us. Genesee was created at a time when land prices make it possible to preserve about 50% of Genesee as common open space—something not economically feasible in newer communities. The amount and diversity of our open space makes us unique and is our greatest asset as a community.

In a city, parks are held in trust for public use. Homeowners cannot plant a tree in the park, expand their private space into an adjacent park or encroach on park land when adding to their home. That is also true in Genesee.

Property lines demark a clear line of ownership. As Genesee ages as a community, more of us may consider changes, upgrades and additions to our homes. Please remember that while we have no fences to define the edges of our property, changes to our homes needs to be contained within the boundaries of our property—even when a property line is adjacent to open space. If each of us were to incorporate even a little piece of open space for our own use, it would be nibbled away and be gone. The Board wants to ensure that future generations of Genesee residents have the same benefits of abundant and diverse open space we now enjoy.

Genesee Foundation Board of Directors

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