

## Our History

Since 1993, the Mendon Foundation has worked hard to enhance the natural resources in the towns of Mendon, Rush, Scottsville, Caledonia and surrounding communities.

For over a quarter of a century, the Mendon Foundation has contributed significantly to our community through our partnership with municipal and county governments.

A working partnership with Monroe County has resulted in the development of the **Lehigh Valley Trail, Mendon Station Park** and **Rochester Junction**. Through land acquisition by endowment, the **Sibleyville Nature Reserve** has been developed for passive recreational use and preservation of green space. Environmental preservation has occurred with federal funding for the Warm Weather Grass, Wetland Restoration project and the WHIP programs.

The Mendon Foundation is the first and only not-for-profit organization dedicated exclusively to promoting the rich environmental heritage of the communities in and adjacent to Southern Monroe County. Our mission is to enrich the lives of our donors and their community by working with local municipal governments, local contributors and local residents to **preserve, protect and enhance** the scenic, natural, recreational, structural and historical resources of critical cultural significance. The Foundation values are nonsectarian, nonpartisan and perpetual. A Board of Directors governs the Foundation. Monthly meetings are held by the Directors.



Over the years, Mendon has developed a cultural character that many have found quite attractive. A slice of old-fashioned Americana, our town in many ways represents an ideal. Furthermore, we believe it represents a role model for other, similar communities. This role model relies on responsible citizenship.

**The Mendon Foundation exists to provide an avenue for people to preserve, protect and promote the rich natural green spaces found in the towns of Mendon, Rush, Scottsville, Caledonia and surrounding communities.** Our donors enrich the lives not only of their families, but of the community at large. We strive to maintain a self-sufficient organization that does not depend on any single source for financial support. Most of all, we believe that our success requires us to deliver to our donors and volunteers a sense of personal satisfaction.



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## Our Mission

**Preserve**, protect and enhance the scenic, natural, recreational and structural resources in the towns of Mendon, Rush, Scottsville, Caledonia and surrounding communities;

**Maintain** a responsible stewardship of assets and properties held or controlled by the organization;

**Establish** and promote local environmental education on issues pertinent to the preservation of natural resources in the towns of Mendon, Rush, Scottsville, Caledonia and surrounding communities.

## Who We Are

The Mendon Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation headquartered in marvelous Mendon, New York. Established in 1993, we specialize in enriching the lives of our community through the stewardship of the precious green spaces in the towns of Mendon, Rush, Scottsville, Caledonia and surrounding communities.

## What We Do

The Mendon Foundation is the first and only not-for-profit organization dedicated exclusively to promoting the rich environmental heritage of the communities in and adjacent to Southern Monroe County. Our all-volunteer organization enriches the lives of our donors and their community by working with the local municipal governments, local contributors and local volunteers to preserve, protect and enhance the scenic, natural, recreational, structural and historical resources of critical cultural significance.

## Land Acquisition & Green Space preservation

We have approximately 160 acres of publicly accessible land in our land trust. We preserve this green space through the creation of nature reserves and through plantings.

## Lehigh Valley Trail

In many ways our signature project, we developed (*through a federal grant*) and maintain Monroe County's 16 mile linear trail encompassing the old Lehigh Valley Railroad bed in the towns of Mendon, Rush, Scottsville, and Caledonia.



*Projects along the trail include the completion of a replica Freight House at Rochester Junction*

## Mendon Station Park Recreational Facility

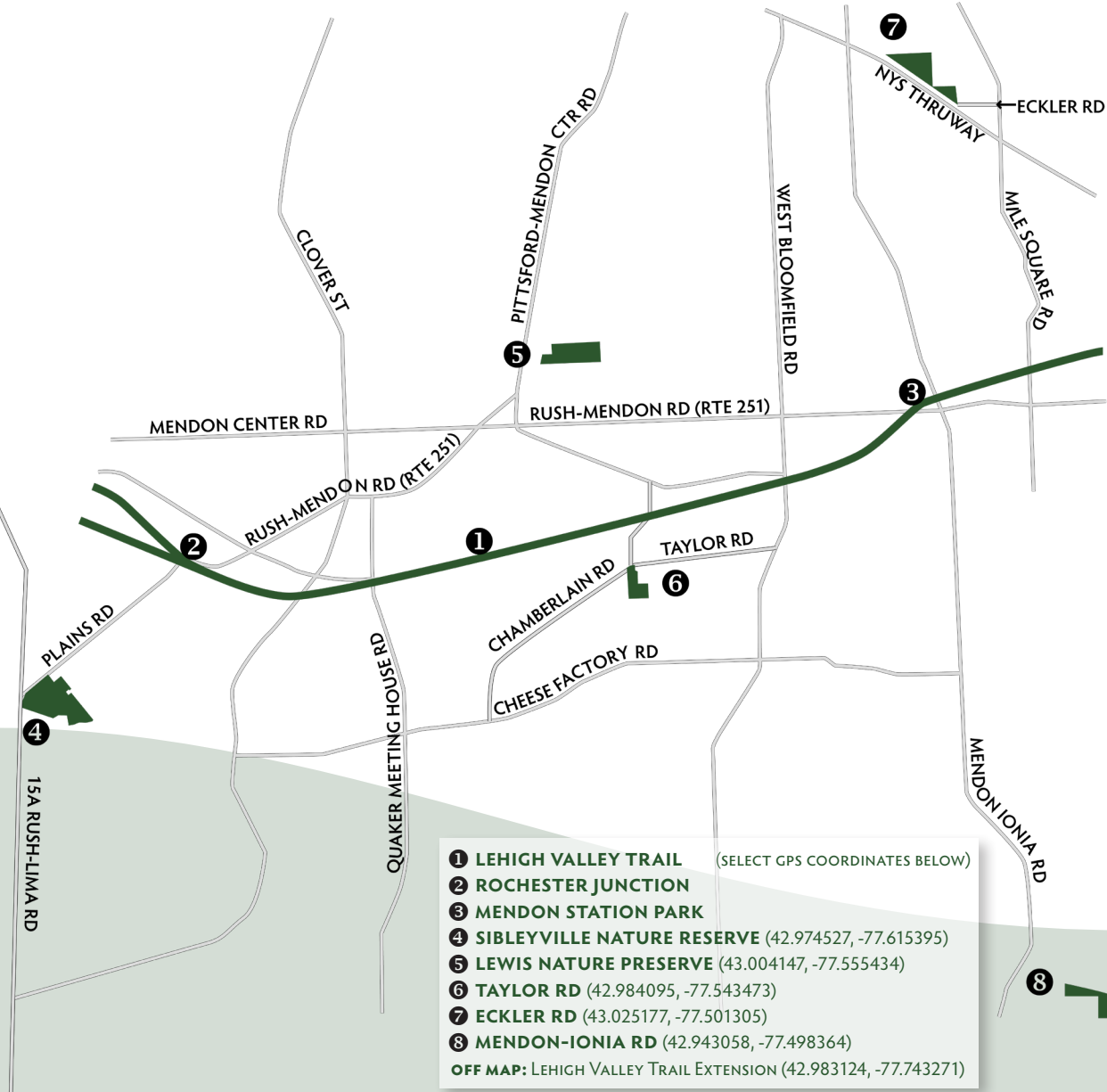
Based on the Hamlet of Mendon's Master Plan, development and procurement of funds through grants, contributions and Black Diamond Express Race proceeds continues.

## Sibleyville Nature Reserve

In 2000, 46 acres of a pristine wildlife preserve located close to the historic Totiakton Indian site was endowed to the Foundation. At the highest point, one can see 30 miles to the south. It is considered to be one of the beautiful scenic vistas of the Town of Mendon.

# Green Spaces

Some of the locations where you can experience the legacy of green spaces provided by the Mendon Foundation are highlighted in the overview map provided below. For more information on these land trust properties and the Lehigh Valley Trail, please visit the Mendon Foundation website at [mendonfoundation.org](http://mendonfoundation.org).



# Donation & Volunteering Opportunities

Donating to or volunteering with the Mendon Foundation are two popular ways to further the Foundation’s mission.

Monetary donations are not the only means for assisting the Mendon Foundation. Contribution of your time as a volunteer on any of the Foundation’s many projects is welcome. People are the Mendon Foundation’s most vital resource.

Please contact the Mendon Foundation at (585) 497-1214 for more information about ways that you can contribute your time.

Your contribution to the Mendon Foundation – no matter what form it takes, and no matter how great or how small – demonstrates your commitment to preserving the unique history, scenery and natural resources in the towns of Mendon, Rush, Scottsville, Caledonia, and surrounding communities so that all can enjoy these wonders for many years to come.

### Donation Level

- Senior/Student \$25
- Individual \$30
- Family \$50
- Sponsor \$100
- Sustainer \$250
- Patron \$500
- Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### I want to volunteer...

- My interests are:**
- Land Trust Properties
  - Lehigh Valley Trail
  - Gardening
  - Black Diamond Express Races
  - Fundraising
  - Communications / Social Media

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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