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Dear Resident of Scottsville's Rochester Street Historic District,

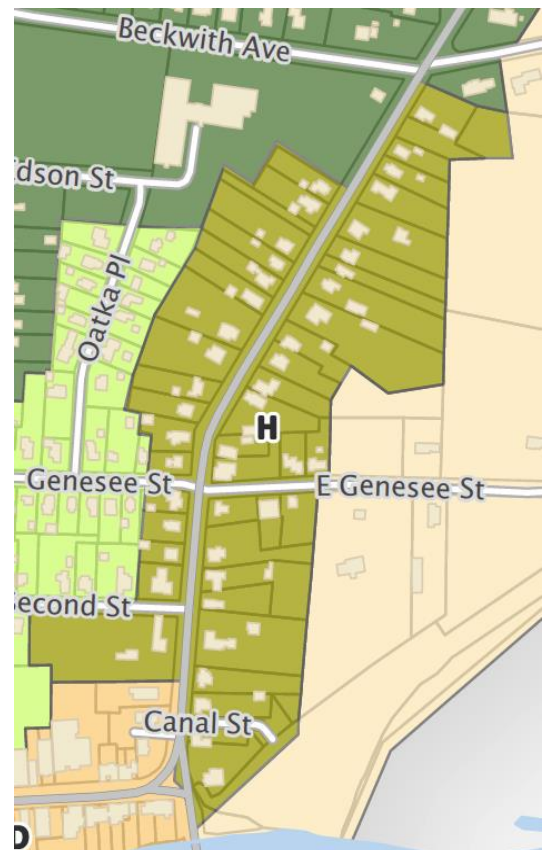
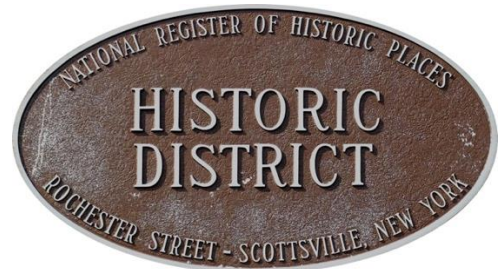
The members of the Scottsville Historic Preservation Commission wish you a happy Spring. As we all leave winter behind and prepare for another busy season of gardening, repairs and community activities, we would like to share some information about the truly special neighborhood where you live.

What is the Historic Preservation District?

Approximately 50 years ago, local citizens advocated for the creation of a Rochester Street historic district in Scottsville, to be placed on the State and National Register of Historic Places in 1973. This was the first successful nomination to the Register in any Monroe County village. Subsequently, the Village of Scottsville established Historic Overlay District zoning for that same area.

The district was established because its strong and intact 19th century character was recognized as a unique asset contributing to the quality of life in the Village of Scottsville. With very few exceptions, most homes in this district are more than 100 years old, with some more than 200 years old.

The district includes 41 homes extending from the first residential properties near downtown northward to the intersection of Beckwith Avenue and Oakwood Lane (see map). In addition to the houses, many properties feature accessory structures from the period such as barns, carriage houses, garages and sheds that contribute to the historic character of the neighborhood. In their own way, these secondary structures are just as important to the neighborhood's character as the principal residences.



What if you want to make changes to your property?

Our Rochester Street Historic Preservation District, like other preservation districts in our region, provides for a higher level of oversight and protection of the district's properties compared with State and National Register District designation alone. Significant exterior changes to the properties, additions, new accessory structures or any sort of demolition require an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to the Historic Preservation Commission ("HPC"). If applications for any of those actions are made to the Village, the Code Enforcement Officer will refer the applications to the HPC for review at the Commission's next meeting, held as needed, at 7:00 PM, Conf. Room B, Town Municipal Building. Some work may also require a Building Permit.



While there are limits to the types of changes that owners may make to properties in the District, the extra care and attention given to the area has resulted in solid real estate valuations and the well preserved village neighborhood that all Scottsvillians enjoy today. We hope you are proud to live in this unique area.

What needs to be reviewed and approved by the Historic Preservation Commission?

We prepared a checklist for you of common actions that do, or do not, require a Certificate of Appropriateness. This list is not exhaustive but may be helpful as you plan maintenance and improvement projects for your property. No checkmark next to an item means that no review is required.

Thank you for your ongoing stewardship of the unique and exceptional Rochester Street Historic District, so clearly a valuable highlight of our Village, Town and region.

Sincerely,

Jim Yarrington, HPC Chair

Brett Holberg, HPC member

Joyce Magann, HPC member

Claire Meixner, HPC member

Kyle Semmel, HPC member