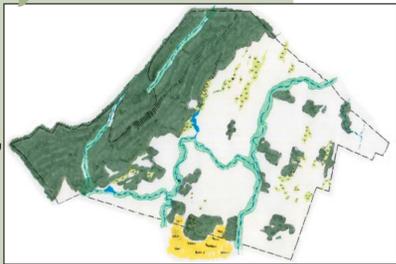


Conservation Planning Areas

Elements of Gardiner's Conservation Planning Areas

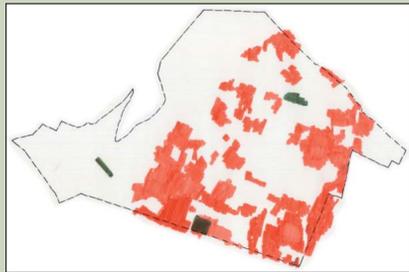
Natural Systems

An interconnected and functioning system of rivers, streams, wetlands, forests, meadows, grasslands, and other special features



Working Landscapes

A large core of contiguous working farms, orchards, vineyards, and working forests



Rural Heritage

Preservation of the town's unique natural and rural heritage, scenic character, and architectural tradition of the historic hamlets and rural settlements; creation of community connections between these special resources



This map depicts major natural systems, working landscapes, and heritage corridor conservation planning areas in the Town of Gardiner. These conservation planning areas and corridors can be used to focus planning efforts. Associated with each conservation planning area is a set of conservation goals to guide local actions.

Scenic Corridors

Roadways with scenic views of the Walkkill River and the Shawangunk Ridge

- Protect views along scenic corridors

Shawangunk Ridge

A regional landscape in which it is critical to maintain functioning natural systems and wildlife connectivity, as well as recreational and scenic values

- Conserve large parcels along the ridge and base of the ridge and other important wildlife corridors
- Avoid fragmentation of forest, streams, and other large blocks of habitat
- Protect and buffer cliff and talus
- Enhance recreational experience and awareness of Gardiner as the gateway to the Gunks
- Protect views to and from the ridge

Agricultural Heritage Corridors

Connecting the town's major working farms, and the agri-tourism and heritage opportunities associated with them

- Promote and encourage local consumption and maintain visibility of active agriculture, farm stands, etc.
- Promote and enhance scenic wine trail and other agri-tourism opportunities

River to Ridge

Agricultural and scenic area between the Walkkill and Shawangunk Rivers and the Shawangunk Ridge

- Conserve a large, contiguous core of active farms and farmlands
- Protect and buffer large wetland complexes and forest patches
- Maintain wildlife connections through rivers, streams, woodlands and mountain passes (such as Trapps Pass)

Between the Kills

An agricultural and grasslands area between the Shawangunk Kill and Walkkill Rivers

- Conserve working farms and forests and associated lands
- Conserve grassland wildlife connections

Walkkill Valley Rail-Trail

A linear recreation corridor with scenic views and opportunities for enhanced community connections

- Connect rail-trail to hamlets and residential areas
- Protect the scenic views from the rail-trail
- Connect rail-trail to rivers, streams, historic areas and other major destinations

River Greenbelts

The waters of the town's major rivers and streams and their associated floodplains, wetlands, forests and upland riparian buffers: Shawangunk Kill, Walkkill, Klyne Kill, Palmaghatt Kill, Mara Kill, and Coxing Kill

- Protect and buffer river corridor and floodplain
- Conserve large forest patches and wetland clusters along the river flood plains and connect them to create wildlife corridors
- Create public access to rivers for recreational purposes

East of the Walkkill River

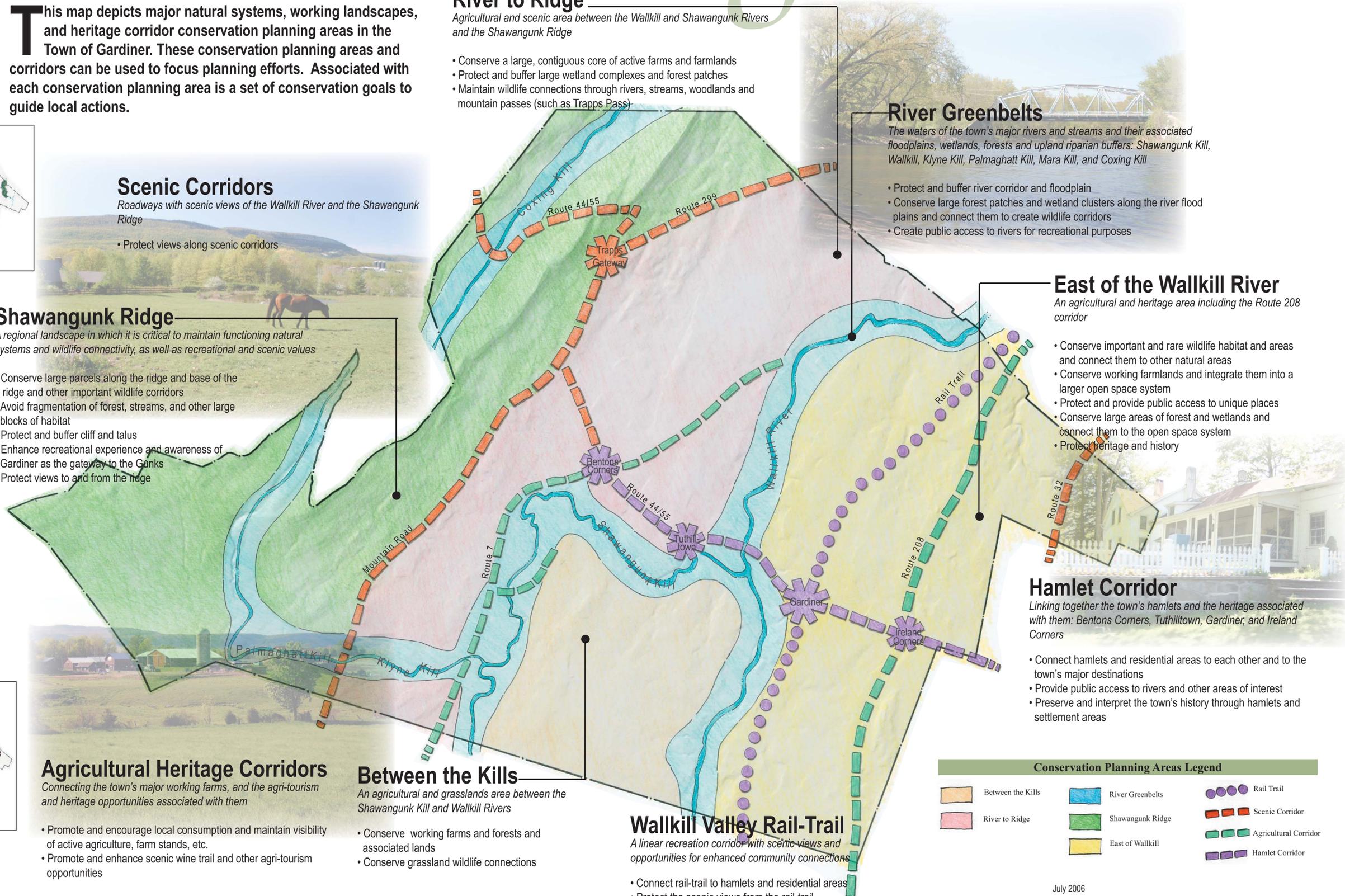
An agricultural and heritage area including the Route 208 corridor

- Conserve important and rare wildlife habitat and areas and connect them to other natural areas
- Conserve working farmlands and integrate them into a larger open space system
- Protect and provide public access to unique places
- Conserve large areas of forest and wetlands and connect them to the open space system
- Protect heritage and history

Hamlet Corridor

Linking together the town's hamlets and the heritage associated with them: Bentons Corners, Tuthilltown, Gardiner, and Ireland Corners

- Connect hamlets and residential areas to each other and to the town's major destinations
- Provide public access to rivers and other areas of interest
- Preserve and interpret the town's history through hamlets and settlement areas



	Between the Kills		River Greenbelts		Rail Trail
	River to Ridge		Shawangunk Ridge		Agricultural Corridor
	Between the Kills		East of Walkkill		Hamlet Corridor