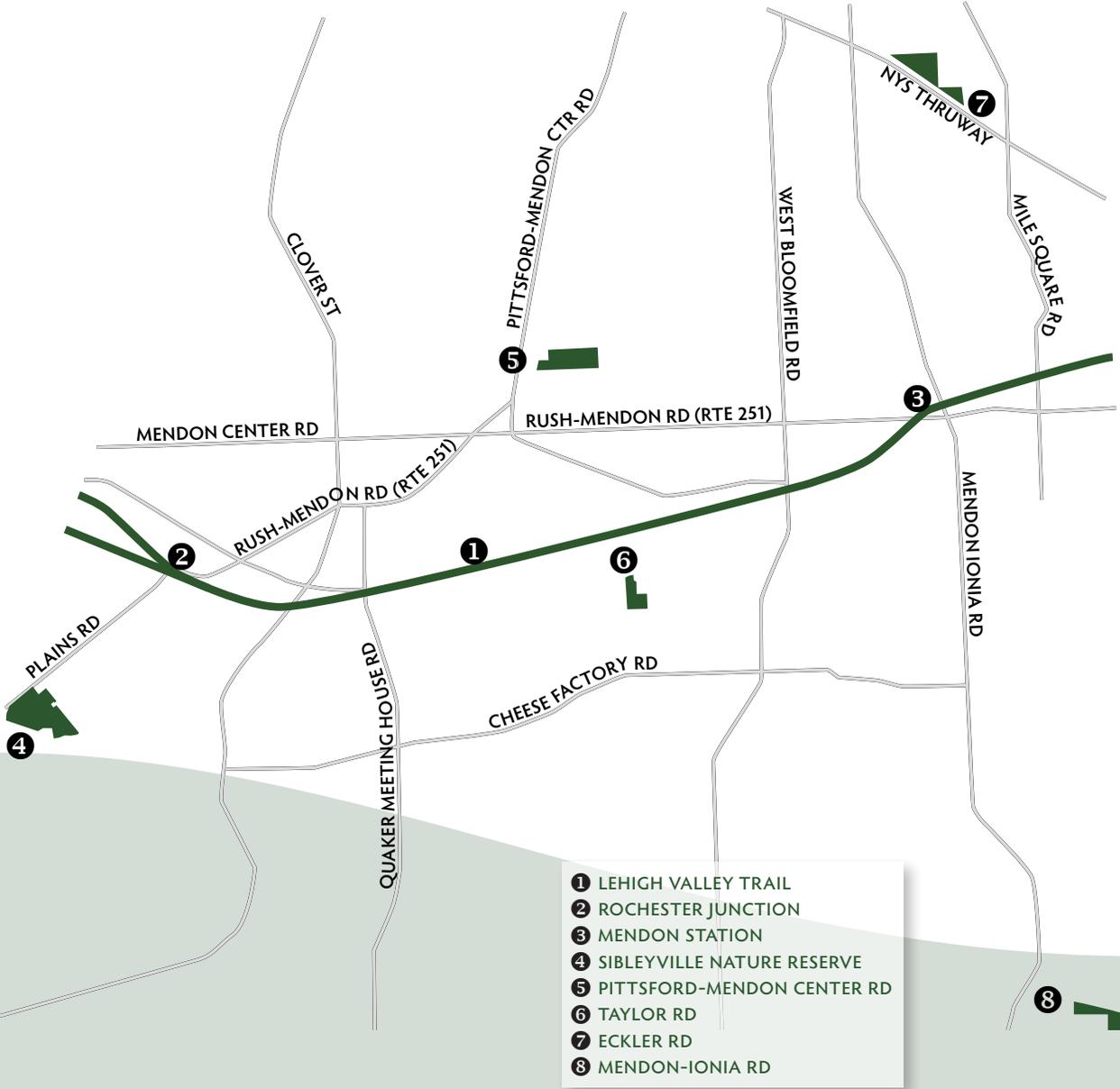


# Open Spaces

**SOME OF THE** locations where you can experience the legacy of open spaces provided by the Mendon Foundation are highlighted in the overview map provided below. For more information on these spaces, please visit the Mendon Foundation website at [WWW.MENDONFOUNDATION.ORG](http://WWW.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 Mendon’s – and the Mendon Foundation’s – most vital resource. Please contact Drew Saur, Mendon Foundation President, at 585-624-5148 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 Town of Mendon so the entire community 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:**
- Lehigh Valley Trail
  - Mendon Station Park
  - Rochester Junction
  - Black Diamond Express Races
  - Fundraising
  - Communications
  - Open Space / Preservation

*We will keep you informed about opportunities to help!*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Day/Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please make checks payable to:  
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**PO Box 231**  
**Mendon, NY 14506-0231**

Visit us online at  
**WWW.MENDONFOUNDATION.ORG**

## Our History

**S**INCE 1993, the Mendon Foundation has worked hard to enhance the natural resources in the Town of Mendon.

Throughout the past 25 years, the Mendon Foundation has contributed significantly to the community through its partnership with municipal and county government. 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 open space. Environmental preservation has occurred with involvement in federally funded programs such as the Warm Weather Grass program, Wetland Restoration project and the WHIP program.

The Mendon Foundation is the first and only not-for-profit organization dedicated exclusively to promoting the rich cultural heritage of the communities in and adjacent to Southeastern 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. Quarterly meetings are held for the Directors.



**O**VER THE YEARS, Mendon has developed a cultural persona 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 rather than coerced governmental intervention. **THEREFORE, THE MENDON FOUNDATION EXISTS TO PROVIDE AN AVENUE FOR CITIZENS TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE RICH CULTURAL RESOURCES FOUND IN THE MENDON COMMUNITY.** By enriching their own lives, our donors seek to continue to enrich their children, their grandchildren and their community. We believe our success requires a self-sufficient organization that does not depend on any one outside source for financial support. We also believe our success requires us to deliver to our donors and volunteers a sense of personal satisfaction.

## Our Mission

**PRESERVE**, protect and enhance the scenic, natural, recreational and structural resources in the Town of Mendon,

**MAINTAIN** a responsible stewardship of assets and properties held or controlled by the corporation,

**ESTABLISH** and promote local environmental education on issues pertinent to the preservation of natural resources in the Town of Mendon,

**ESTABLISH** and promote programs to monitor the natural resources in the Town of Mendon.

## 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 donors, their children, grandchildren and their community.

## What We Do

The Mendon Foundation is the first and only not-for-profit organization dedicated exclusively to promoting the rich cultural heritage of the communities in and adjacent to Southeastern 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 & OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

We now have more than 100 acres in our land trust. We preserve this open space by creation of nature reserves and planting warm weather grasses.

### LEHIGH VALLEY TRAIL

In many ways our signature project, we have received a \$1.2 million federal grant to develop and maintain Monroe County's 14 mile linear trail encompassing the old Lehigh Valley Railroad bed in the towns of Mendon and Rush.



*Recent 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, 45 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.