

national treasure. The Susquehanna River Basin Commission regulates certain water use and withdrawal in the Susquehanna Basin.

Otego Creek supports a low quality warmwater fishery for walleye, smallmouth bass, and rock bass. From Laurens upstream to Hartwick, the wild trout population in this 14.6 mile reach is supplemented with the stocking of approximately 2,900 yearling and 125 two year old brown trout annually. Many of the tributaries to Otego Creek are dominated by wild brook trout. Additional information can be found here: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/23297.html>

Figure 2-12 (see full page maps, page 91) shows the various sub-watersheds for all of the surface water features within the Town of Hartwick. Rain that falls within any of the delineated boundaries will

inclusive of the NY 28 Route 28 Corridor and the eastern portion of the Township. It borders the towns of Otsego to the north, Middlefield to the east and Milford to the south. Currently, there are 46 firefighters out of Company #2.

It is recommended that additional attention be paid to preparing for natural emergencies including personnel training and facilities to accommodate displaced residents. More detailed information can be found in the Needs Assessment in Appendix E.

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Issues and Trends

Although several opportunities exist for public participation and community involvement, the citizens of Hartwick have identified a few areas that the Town could work to improve. Several Town-owned properties are currently underutilized, including the open fields and wellhead areas across from the Town Hall. Additionally, there has been public interest in developing trail and bike lane networks throughout the community. The old trolley bed right of way has been identified as a potential location for a mixed-use trail network and the major state and county roadways have been identified as being ideal for bike lane networks. Many improvements would be required to roadways and old trolley bed right of way for use as bike or multi-use trails. In some sections of the trolley bed, alternative routes would be necessary. **Because the majority of the trolley tracks are under private ownership, permission and trail easements would be required for any trail development.**

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Added “comments” appendix

- Directs reader to video of public hearing
- Adds email from Margo Armstrong
- Adds email from Kathryn Croft
- Adds email from Bryan Lorusso

