

APPENDIX C

SAVIT

(SKANEATELES ARCHITECTURAL & VISUAL IDENTIFICATION TEAM)

A Sub-Committee Report

To

Comprehensive Plan Review and Advisory Committee

7/1/01

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SAVIT Mission Statement

“In support of, and in conjunction with, the Comprehensive Plan Review & Advisory Committee’s designated five year re-evaluation of the Skaneateles Comprehensive Plan, the Skaneateles Architectural & Visual Identification Team (SAVIT) proposes to identify and catalog items of significant historical, natural, and cultural prominence within the Town and Village of Skaneateles.”

Committee Summary & Findings

The depth of experienced personnel resources within this committee is hoped to build the reader's trust that SAVIT's recommendations offer a working tool to "Save Skaneateles" for our future generations. Its credentials include:

- Town & Village historians
- Two architects
- A past Town Supervisor
- A prominent local & nationally acclaimed developer
- Current Chairman of the Village of Skaneateles Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission
- Current Chairman of the Town's Board of Assessment Review

With the completion of our Mission Statement, the immediate goal was to provide a practical, working document that would bring life to the well intended but seldom used original Historical Building attachment to the Comprehensive Plan of 1996.

The committee found that a new life had to be instilled into the SAVIT ID/Key Feature Reference List attachment. The new list had to:

- a) Offer a more expansive & interesting list of features critical to securing the character of our Town & Village
- b) Be a readily available and easily referenced document for Town & Village officials to consider, without pouring through lists, pages, etc.
- c) Be easily updated and current
- d) Be accessible to architects, developers, real estate firms & contractors working in Skaneateles as well as students, citizens, local library, etc.

To this task the SAVIT committee has:

- 1) Expanded the Historical Building attachment to include
 - 173 plus, buildings, vistas, cemeteries, farms & monuments
 - a listing which is non-threatening, non-penalizing to the citizen, without National Registry implications
- 2) Developed an overlay, key coded, military plot map for immediate and simple reference by any interested party who seeks to know if a project is in proximity to a Town or Village critical feature (see attachment #1-SAVIT ID/Key Feature Reference list with overlay)
- 3) Established a form & system of inventorying both old & new features (see attachment #2 – **SAVIT** Building Structural Inventory Form #2001).
- 4) Recommended a method of advertising this document to all key town bodies to include, Planning Boards, Zoning Boards, Architects, Chamber of Commerce, Developers & Real Estate Firms via personal presentations by **SAVIT** members.
- 5) Proposed the use of a graduate student architectural photographer, skilled in the method of capturing the essence of the **SAVIT** ID/Key Feature List. Based on the acceptance of **SAVIT's** report, a grant funded, architectural graduate student photographer will be hired for this position and overseen by the professional staff of **SAVIT**.
- 6) Proposed the continued funding by both Town & Village governments. To support an annual audit of the list and use of the reference materials. (see attachment #3 and Recommendation #III, page 55)

THE SAVIT REPORT AS AN EVOLVING TOOL

The merits of this report in identifying items that are influential in defining the character of the Skaneateles area have been previously discussed. However, a reference tool must be accurate and up to date in order to remain truly useful.

Our community is constantly in a state of flux, not only from the standpoint of new development occurring on formerly vacant land but also modifications to existing structures. It is this committee's belief that due to the extensive quantities of properties that have been identified within this report, it is assumed that in time, listed structures or properties will be directly affected. This may be in the form of additions and/or alterations to structures, restoration of properties formally in a state of disrepair, reclamation of lost view corridors, etc. Additionally, there may be new construction within our community that is of such superior quality that it too must also be included within the list. Consequently, in order for the report to remain effective, it must be re-examined periodically to document these changes. The frequency of revisiting the list is open to review, but it seems appropriate to SAVIT, that this evaluation should coincide with the five-year assessment of the Skaneateles Comprehensive Plan.

It is with this in mind, that the SAVIT committee requests of both the Town and Village boards, the allocation of funds in their respective operating budgets for the review of the report. The projected amount of capital required for the updating of the report could be estimated in the year prior to the five-year assessment, and be based upon the number of affected properties. These monies then could become an integral part of, and a subset of the Comprehensive Plan Review budget. Moreover, the SAVIT report could permanently become part of this five-year review.

As with any tool, if it is not available and within easy reach, we are often forced to compromise both the process and the outcome. Therefore, SAVIT highly recommends that associated map and documentation be prominently displayed within both the Town and Village public meeting areas. It is our vision that the material be located immediately adjacent to the zoning map and be referenced with similar frequency. The map would be within an acrylic frame that would allow for the identification of affected properties in question with an attached dry marker and the documentation close at hand for further reference. The location of the material will not only compel consideration during meetings relating to future development, but will also be easily available to the public for review in preparation for presentation to the respective boards.

Of special note, had been:

- A) The committee's realization that recent past good intentioned official policy of supporting vigorous forestation of our Town might be creating a "private" lake. The blocking of Lake views to the average citizen & visitor may be counter productive and was brought to reality when viewing an 1862 photo looking east towards West Lake Street and Skaneateles Lake from the present day Kane Avenue.(see attach #4)

- B) The committee has found an invaluable tool for future SAVIT groups & Town & Village Officials i.e. The Onondaga County Settlement Plan 2001 (a copy available upon request)

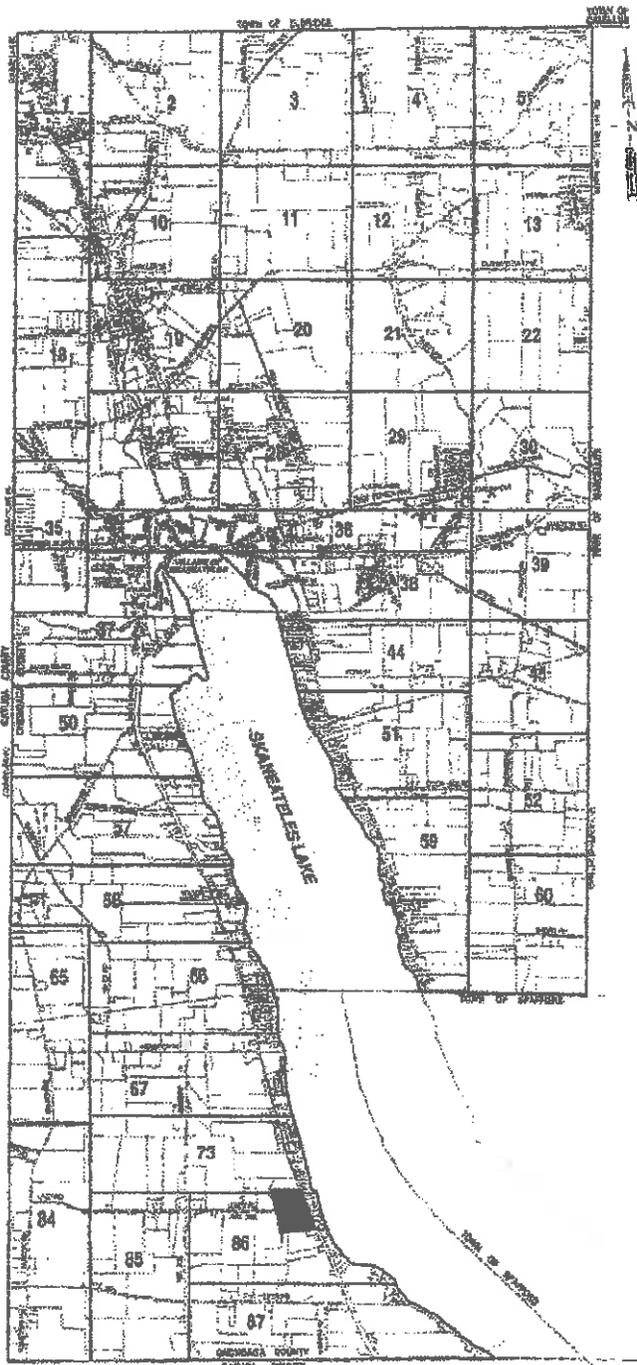
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS & CONCLUSIONS

A) RECOMMENDATIONS:

- I. Seek acceptance of SAVIT's new list methodology from Comprehensive Plan Review and Advisory Committee**
- II. Present both Town & Village Boards with a SAVIT Map Overlay by August 1, 2001.**
- III. Continue the SAVIT function as part of an annual assessment of utilization of the SAVIT Tools Via Town & Village funding (\$500 budget) of an update of the SAVIT ID/Key Feature Reference List (attachment #1)**
- IV. Seek NYS & Federal Grant monies (\$3,500 to \$9,000) with SAVIT direction, for contributing architectural photographs to enhance the present listing and map key codes.**
- V. Prepare an Index of the SAVIT tools for users ease of accessing information.**

B) Conclusions:

- I. Ease of access to identifying critical Skaneateles Features will help to save that which has made our Town & Village a treasure for both citizen and visitors.**
- II. The SAVIT ID/Key Feature Reference List (attachment #1) is by no means complete and demands immediate scrutiny. The Committee has found that putting The List to the SAVIT Building Structural Inventory Form #2001 test will result in its practical and frequent utilization.**



**SAVIT MAP
TOWN OF SKANEATELES**

JUNE, 2001



SAVIT ID/Key Feature Reference List, 7/2/01
Skaneateles Architectural & Visual Identification Team

Important Buildings, Cemeteries, Farms, Vistas, etc.

The following properties have been identified as significant to the Village and Town of Skaneateles. Some of these properties may be on historic registers, though most are not. The Village historic district encompasses both sides of Genesee Street from Onondaga Street west to the corner of Jordan Street, north on Jordan to Fennell Street to include the Tallcot Mill.

The intention in identifying these properties is to heighten community awareness and help educate citizens about the community's history. It is not intended that property owner's rights be restricted because of being on this list. It is expected that this list will expand over time.

<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>KNOWN AS</u>	<u>HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE</u>
7 Academy St.	Nottage House	
13 Academy St.	Neibert House	
17 Academy St.	Kowalski	
29 Academy St.		
31 Academy St.		
37 Academy St.		
39 Academy St.		
45 Academy St.		
11 East Elizabeth St.	Polley House	Polley Sleigh
25 East Elizabeth St.	John Stephenson House	Skaneateles Free Press
115 East Genesee St.	Gerst	David Colton
130 East Genesee St.	Stella Maris	Fred Roosevelt House
East Genesee St.	SE corner of Genesee and East Lake	
72 East Lake St.	Gregory House	
111 East Lake St.	Delaney House	
15-17-19 Fennell St.		
Mclaughlin Teasel Barn Fennell St.		
31 Fennell St.		
35 Fennell St.	Weeks House	Ice Business
41 Fennell St.	Allen House	President of Village
52 Fennell St.	Martin Fennell House	Steamboat Captain
Skaneateles Office Supply	Site of Bowdish Boats	
6 Hannum St.		
8 Hannum St.		
7 Hannum St.	Les Hunt Garage	
6 Jordan St.	Country Cabin	Powell Hotel
72 Jordan St.	Gregory House	Teasel Merchant
74 Jordan St.	St. Mary's Convent	
81 Jordan St.	ST. Mary's Rectory	
109 Jordan St.	Forrest Weeks House	

10 Leitch Ave.	Howard	
12 Leitch Ave.		
18 Leitch Ave.		
20 Leitch Ave.		
21 Leitch Ave.		
24 Leitch Ave.		
32 Leitch Ave.		
5 Onondaga St.		
7 Onondaga St.	Delaney	
9 Onondaga St.	McLean	
10 Onondaga St.	Cahill	
11 Onondaga St.		
36 State St.	George Tucker House	
37 State St.	Academy	
20 West Genesee St.	Syracuse Water Bldg.	
40 West Genesee St.	Havemeyer	
48 West Genesee St.	Manilla	
49 West Genesee St.	Presbyterian Manor	
57 West Genesee St.		
59 West Genesee St.	Conan	
61 West Genesee St.		
63 West Genesee St.		
67 West Genesee St.	Millers	
69 West Genesee St.	Masters Greenhouse	
Tice Motel		
2 West Lake Street	Lady of the Lake	
3 West Lake Street	Ardia	Earl Boat House
60 West Lake Street	Liegel	
72 West Lake Street	Lynch	Netherland Farms
105 West Lake Street	Kenan	Westgate
3384 West Lake Street	Ruston	
3406 West Lake Street	Parker	John Hazard
3405 West Lake Street	Reynolds	Francis Sinclair
(All homes on West Lake Street to the Village line should be considered)		

Sites

Austin Park	
School Campus	
St. Mary's Cemetery	
Parks	Cliff-Shotwell Thayer-Austin



SAVIT

Skaneateles Architectural & Visual Identification Team

The purpose of this form is to document individual properties, features and views of architectural, historic, cultural and natural significance within the Skaneateles area that are instrumental in providing our Village and Town with its unique character. In completing this form, please be as specific as possible and see support materials for additional information.

General Information

Item Name or Description: _____
 Address: _____
 Grid Location: _____ Tax Map No.: _____ Date of Original Construction: _____
 Current Owner: _____ Use: _____
 Original Owner: _____ Use: _____
 Significant Intermediate Owner: _____ Use: _____

Architectural Description

Primary Architectural Style: _____
 Primary Exterior Materials: _____
 General Condition: _____ Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated
 Architectural Integrity: _____ Original Site & General Character _____ Moved (& Date)
 Major Modifications (date & description): _____
 Significant Architectural Features/Attributes: _____

Historical/Cultural Description

Describe primary Historical/Cultural aspects and persons relating to the site or structure:

Natural/Context Description

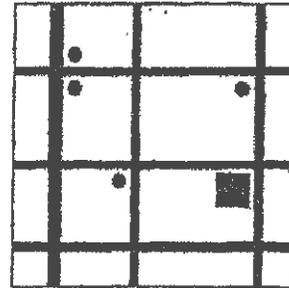
Describe significant Natural/Contextual features inherent to the site:

Miscellaneous Information

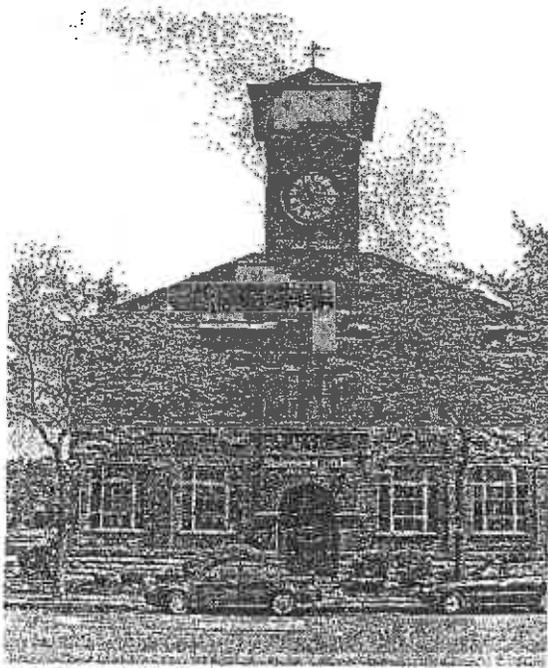
Provide any additional information unique to the site or structure:

Item Location & Photographs

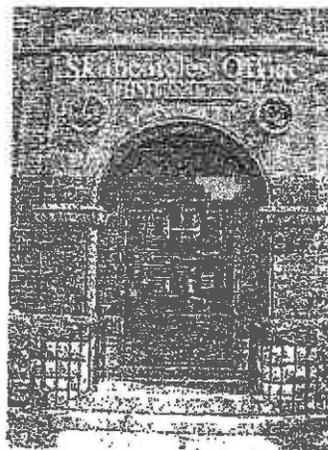
Item Name or Description: _____



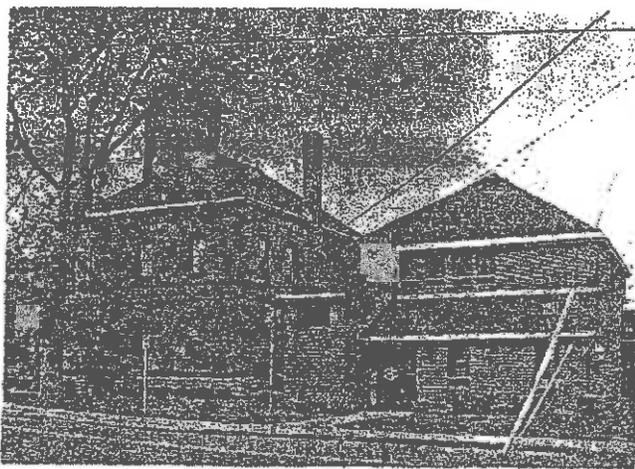
Site Location



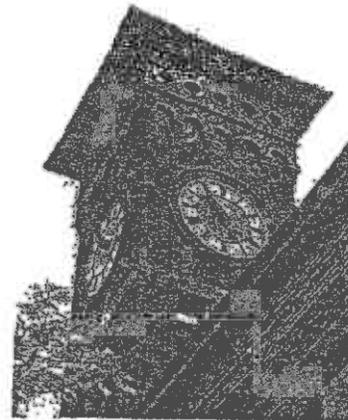
South Elevation



Main Entry Detail



East Elevation



Clock Tower Detail

