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## Nature taken seriously in Lewisboro

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Lewisboro is wildly attractive.

And for a time, some residents complained, that's all it was.

Recently the town committed to improving two amenities - the town pool and the South Salem Library - to complement Lewisboro's abundant wildlife and nature preserves.

The remodeled pool at Town Park and plans to expand the library are efforts to make this semi-rural community of 12,500 people more than just a place of open green space.

In this town of single-family homes, there is little industry or commerce to offset the residential tax base.

Lewisboro depends on a system of volunteers to run its recreation and youth sports programs.

The town provides basic highway services and part-time police patrols that are supplemented by state troopers.

The center of town life tends to be in the post office plazas of individual hamlets in Vista, Lewisboro, South Salem, Waccabuc, Cross River and Goldens Bridge, where there is also some convenience shopping.

For downtown services, people may drive just across the Connecticut border to Ridgefield, or south to Mount Kisco.

There are few calls, if any, for more shops in town, however.

People who move to Lewisboro seem to share a passion for preservation.

Lewisboro is home to the entrance in Cross River of the 4,700-acre Ward Pound Ridge Reservation - Westchester County's largest park. Town parks include one on Route 35 in South Salem that houses the pool, a baseball diamond, volleyball, basketball and tennis courts, a playground and a picnic pavilion. Onatru Farm, near Vista, also has ballfields and tennis courts, as well as town offices.

The town has been among the most aggressive in the region in building coalitions to preserve open space. Recent acquisitions include a 111-acre preserve in Waccabuc and a 386-acre acquisition in South Salem.

Lewisboro is the town where nature rules. Doubters can refer to the lone figure on the town seal - a white-tailed deer.

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### Names and numbers

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### Library

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