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# 2011 Annual Reports

**Reports of 2011 Projects and 2012 Plans from the**

**Dutchess County Environmental  
Management Council (EMC)  
and**

**Conservation Advisory Commissions (CACs)  
from Dutchess County Municipalities**

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### **Name of CAC/CAB:**

Dutchess County Environmental Management Council

### **Members:**

Peter Berasi, Allison Chatrchyan, Robert Cohen, John DeGilio, Vicky Kelly, Constance Kustas, Marsha Leed, Stephen MacAvery, Lalita Malik, Maribel Pregnall, Paul Quinn

### **Projects/Work Completed or Ongoing:**

- State of the Environment Report
- Road Salt
- Recycling
- NRI Educational Materials
- Energy Alternatives & Renewable Energy
- Low-Impact Development, Storm Water Management
- Wild-life Human Interactions
- EMC Outreach

### **Impacts/Outcomes/Successes:**

- Recycling & Waste disposal matrix
- Educational curricula for teachers
- State of the Environment Report

### **Obstacles/Resources or Information Needed:**

- Need recycling information for some of the municipalities to complete matrix
- CAC partners for projects like improving recycling & reducing road salt

### **Plans for 2012:**

- Public outreach about projects and information
- Recycling improvement for county, Road salt efficiency efforts, Educational materials for teachers,

Submitted by Vicky Kelly, EMC Secretary, 2/17/12



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### **Name of CAC/CAB:**

Amenia CAC

### **Members:**

Dave Reagon Arlene Iuliano, Roger Russell, Mark Doyle, Michael Peek  
Town Board Liaisons: Vicki Doyle and CJ Hoss

### **Projects/Work Completed or Ongoing**

- Planned youth fishing access point for Wassaic Creek with funding from Trout Unlimited
- Amenia NRI
- Various roadside cleanups

### **Impacts/Outcomes/Successes:**

### **Obstacles/Resources or Information Needed:**

- Need wider community involvement and committee volunteers

### **Plans for 2012:**

- Complete NRI
- Complete Construction on fishing access
- Youth clean up day with a local school

Submitted by Mark Doyle, 2/21/12



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**Name of CAC/CAB:**        **City of Beacon CAC**

**Members:** Tom Baldino (Chair), Antony Tseng, Susan Infante, Prudence Posner, Cindy Cowden, Roberta Marsh

### **Projects/Work Completed or Ongoing:**

- City purchased 44 recycling bins that will be installed around the city as the weather clears
- Organized successful electronic recycling day – 375 people brought their unwanted electronics for recycling.

### **Impacts/Outcomes/Successes:**

- Stormwater is an issue the CAC has tried to address. The city of Beacon has brochures at the City clerk's window. The CAC pushed for measuring impervious surfaces before and after projects. Lank and Tully has been addressing stormwater in most applicable projects. Some grants have come through.

### **Obstacles/Resources or Information Needed:**

#### **Plans for 2012:**

- Compost ordinance
- Installing recycling bins around the city
- Working with city to reducing frequency of cutting grass at old landfill
- Working with schools on increasing paper recycling
- Trees plantings that help alleviate local flooding
- Climate change speakers series with the Howland Library in Spring 2012

Submitted by Tom Baldino, Chair, 2/23/12

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**Name of CAC/CAB:** Town of Beekman Conservation Advisory Council

**Members:** Richard Brown, Sarah Celik, Bob Cohen, Rod Gonzalez, Arthur Hamfeldt, Geneva Claire Hamilton, William O'Donnell, Clifford Schwark (Chairperson)

**Projects/Work Completed or Ongoing:**

- Passed Wetland, Waterbody and Watercourse protective legislation for the Town of Beekman
- CAC booth at the Town of Beekman Community Day
- In conjunction with Arlington students and the Trees for Tribes organization, planted 170 trees and bushes along Whaley Lake Stream
- Two CAC members attended the 3-day Hudsonia Biodiversity class

**Impacts/Outcomes/Successes:**

- Additional wetland protection
- Public education
- Provided needed erosion protection for the Whaley Lake Stream

**Obstacles/Resources or Information Needed:**

- Lack of budget and funding for the CAC
- Need for additional qualified CAC members

**Plans for 2012:**

- Develop an environmental program with local schools
- Continue member education
- Continue making environmental presentations to the Town Planning Board
- Have a Community Day booth
- Stream improvement project at the VanWyck park
- Conduct another tree-planting project

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**Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council**  
**Annual Report for 2011**

**Members:** Sarah Love , Chair; Jen Cavanaugh, Norene Coller, Mike Digiacomio, Barbara Mansell and Bill Relyea.

**Summary:** The Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council had 10 regular meetings in 2011 attended by as many as 8 and as few as 3 individuals. Members worked toward protecting town water resources, open space, wildlife habitat, farmland, energy conservation and developing more effective education for town residents. The CAC section of the Town of Clinton website has been updated, including information about CAC activities and links to documents and websites containing information helpful to town residents. The CAC discussed the work of the Wappinger Intermunicipal Council. The members also focused on reviewing subdivision applications and other questions referred to the CAC by the Planning Board, ZBA and building department.

**Relationship to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals:** The CAC continues to consult with these boards on an as-needed basis about site plans and subdivision proposals, particularly where wetlands, riparian zones and steep slopes are impacted. In 2010 the CAC responded to **one request** and made recommendations concerning environmental issues for permits or variances requested before the Planning Board and **discussed two previous applications of concern**. Jen Cavanaugh reviewed the applications in her capacity as an environmental engineer. Other CAC members participated in reviewing the applications, visiting sites and making recommendations.

**Concerns about Zoning Enforcement:** The CAC has continued to work with Bob Fennell, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, when asked for information or advice. The CAC has made recommendations to Mr. Fennell concerning the protection of wetlands and steep slopes, which may be impacted by construction activities.

**Town Funds:** The following funds were spent by the CAC in 2011:

Newcomer folders expenses	361.03
Nature Trail folders and map	139.69
Hudsonia mapping costs (copies)	43.84
Open Space maps and copies	173.18
Conservation Easement mailing	85.80
Historic Sites grant application	34.44
Energy Meters for library	158.70
Engraving Emil Schoch plaque	12.50
Conference: Watershed Management	50.00
Supplies (whiteboard and markers)	86.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1095.34</b>

**Note:** The CAC budget for 2011 was \$1350. The remaining funds allocated to the CAC were not spent.

**Water Resources:** The CAC is working with the town to implement the 2008 Zoning Law amendment protecting water resources. Bill Relyea, long time volunteer for watershed protection about issues relating to protection of water resources and open space has tributed to the Town's efforts. Through his work with Trout Unlimited and the Wappinger Intermunicipal Council, Bill has become concerned about disturbances to the riparian zone bordering local streams and release of sediment as it impacts the thermal conditions for trout. Trout Unlimited is continuing to monitor streams and will keep the CAC informed.

**Wappinger Creek Watershed Committee:** Bill Relyea, Jen Cavanaugh, the Town Supervisor and other town residents continue to attend meetings of and seek information about the work of the committee in order to support the continued improvement in the environmental quality of this watershed which makes up 70 percent of the town's land area. The Clinton Town Board accepted the recommendations to protect water resources in the watershed in cooperation with the goal of the Wappinger Intermunicipal Council

**Flooding:** Major flooding occurred in Clinton in late August and early September. The CAC discussed mitigation for flooding in the protection of natural wetlands of all sizes and protection of stream corridors. The CAC received a request from landowners living on Grissom Place for assistance in obtaining funds to assist with property damage.

**Fallkill Creek Watershed Protection:** The Clinton Town Board accepted the recommendations to protect water resources in the watershed in cooperation with the goal of the Fallkill Watershed Council.

**Vernal Pools:** The Estuary Program of the NYS Department of Conservation gathered data on two vernal pools in Clinton in spring, 2011. The CAC hopes that this research effort will continue in 2012.

**Biodiversity:** Sarah Love has completed a wildlife habitat map for the Comprehensive Plan, partly based on work completed by a committee of Clinton volunteers starting in 2001 with Hudsonia. **The town has obtained a grant from the Estuary Program of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, supplemented by funds from the Millbrook Tribute Garden obtained by the Dutchess Land Conservancy, (total \$100,000) to allow staff of Hudsonia to map all wildlife habitat in the Town of Clinton. The CAC hopes to work with Hudsonia staff as they complete the map during 2012.**

**Farmland Protection:** In December, 2010, the Clinton Town Board accepted the Farmland Protection Plan developed by consultant, Mary Ann Johnson, and town volunteers. A Farmland Protection Committee will be appointed by the Town Board to implement the plan. **It is hoped that the Town Board will appoint town residents as members of the Farmland Protection Board to implement recommendations of the plan.**

**Open Space:** The Open Space Plan was completed and presented to the Town Board in October, 2011. **The Open Space Committee and CAC hope to discuss recommendations for protecting open space with the Town Board and the public early in 2012.** Including the 87 acres of town properties, the total land in Clinton which is protected or in public use is 1991 acres (or about 8% of town land). The current totals are 1367 with the Dutchess Land Conservancy, 424 acres with Winnakee Land Trust, 58 acres with The Nature Conservancy, and 55 acres with the Institute of Ecosystem Studies.

**Comprehensive Plan:** Norene Collier CAC serves on the town committee to revise the Comprehensive Plan. The CAC has reviewed the chapter on Clinton's natural resources which is being updated by Greenplan, Inc. **The plan is complete and awaits public hearing and review by the Town Board.**

**GIS Mapping:** In November, Sarah Love, reported to a GIS Special Interest Group at Cornell Cooperative Extension, about how GIS is used in Clinton for environmental review and planning, as well as how it was used in our Comp plan update and Open Space and Farmland Protection Plans.

**Solar Energy and Climate Change:** In April, Jean McAvoy and Melanie Moore of the Hudson River National Research Reserve at Norrie Point, spoke to the CAC about policies and practices which the town could adopt to in order to conserve energy. They provided helpful references to assist the town in developing new conservation practices.

In May, Frank Venezia stated that Clinton has made excellent efforts to create an energy efficient town hall area. These efforts have been largely unrecognized. He noted the following efforts:

1. Installation of solar panels on the highway garage salt shed, connecting to computer system for public education.
2. Moving schoolhouse for town offices and efficient outside lighting.
3. Green building standards followed for reconstruction of the schoolhouse as required by New York State.

The CAC discussed the possible construction of a demonstration rain garden at the location of the schoolhouse and the Mason Hall.

**Education and Outreach:** Barbara Mansell planned and carried out a Bird Walk with the Clinton Community Library in June to reach out to the residents, including children, making them aware of animal populations and the natural environment of the Town. She continues to take photographs of birds and wildlife in Clinton. Theron Tompkins and staff of the Highway Department mowed and maintained the trails in the Nature Garden per request.

Great Backyard Bird Count was held in February in conjunction with the Clinton Community Library. A power point presentation using materials from the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology was shown explaining the GBBC and showing commonly seen birds. Barbara displayed photographs she has taken of birds seen near the Clinton Nature Trail.

Sarah Love has created a GIS map for the Nature Trail. The CAC discussed creating a trail from the Nature Trail across the Little Wappneger Creek, extending to Lake Drive and to the Omega Institute. Local Boy Scout, David Foote, has created a marked trail, with related brochures, in the Clinton Nature Trail as his Eagle Scout project. Photographs of the trail markers are displayed on the CAC section of the town web site. On June 4, 2011, the CAC sponsored a public opening of the Nature Trail, presenting David Foote with thanks and an award.

Barbara Mansell continues to maintain and duplicate materials for a folder for newcomers in the Clinton which is distributed by the offices of the Town Clerk and Assessor. Included information about town facilities, recycling, maintaining wells and septic systems and other information related to the natural environment.

**Town Web Site:** Barbara Mansell has continued to update the Town of Clinton website to allow town residents to obtain relevant information with up-to-date environmental information and photographs. This was implemented by the Town's webmaster. (See [www.townofclinton.com](http://www.townofclinton.com), go to "Environment – CAC".) Updates are maintained.

cc: CAC members

Respectfully submitted

Town Board and Town Clerk

*Norene Collier*

Norene Collier, Secretary

Cornell Cooperative Extension Environmental Program



## Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council : Summary Annual Report for 2011

**Members:** Sarah Love , Chair; Jen Cavanaugh, Norene Coller, Mike Digiacomio, Barbara Mansell and Bill Relyea.

### 2011 Accomplishments of the Clinton CAC

1. Continued working with the Planning Board and ZBA to review proposals.
2. Continued working with the Open Space and Farmland Protection Committee to develop town maps of hiking and biking trails and to protect natural habitats of concern.
3. Continued working with the Comprehensive Plan Committee to update the natural resource chapter. **Complete and being presented at public hearing.**
4. Continued education programs for children with the library focusing on wildlife and water resources.
5. Drafted brochures and completed map of the town's Nature Trail to encourage visitors to walk trails. **Celebrated the opening of the Nature Trail honoring Eagle Scout volunteer.**
6. Continued updating CAC information on town web site.
7. Placed newcomer folders with town and environmental information in the offices of the Assessor and Town Clerk and Clinton Corners Post Office.
8. Purchased energy use meters and devices to measure home wall and window temperature to be loaned by the Clinton Library.

### 2012 Goals of the Clinton CAC

1. Continue working with the Planning Board and ZBA to review proposals.
2. Work to implement the goals of the Open Space and Farmland Protection Plans, including **protection of aquifers.**
3. Continue working to develop town maps of hiking and biking trails and to protect natural habitats of concern.
4. Continue education programs for children with the library focusing on wildlife and water resources.
5. Encourage visitors to use the town's Nature Trail. Add to native wildflowers and trees in the Nature Trail area.
6. Continue updating CAC information on town web site.
7. Continue placing newcomer folders with town and environmental information in the offices of the Assessor, Town Clerk and Clinton Library.



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**Name of CAC/CAB:**     **Dover CAC**

Members: Jerry Suk, Nora Edwards, Stancy DuHamel

**Projects/Work Completed or Ongoing:**

- Dover Earth Day at Middle and High School
- Watershed Awareness Month Duck Box Building Activity

**Impacts/Outcomes/Successes:**

- Best Earth Day Exhibitor and Student turnout
- Small but quality turnout for WAM Day

**Obstacles/Resources or Information Needed:**

- Not enough members

**Plans for 2012:**

- Move onto other CAC responsibilities beyond outreach

Submitted by Jerry Suk, CAC Chair, 2/21/12



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**Name of CAC/CAB: Town of East Fishkill, NY**

**Members:**

Chair: Brent Feldweg. Members: Peter Berasi, Michael Gulbrandsen, Daniel Troge, Fred Wells, Chip McLeod

2011 Accomplishments:

- A. We now have a regular presence of at least one member at the monthly EMC meetings
- B. We now have a regular presence of at least one member at the quarterly Fishkill Creek Watershed Committee meetings and a regular presence at the Hillside Lake Board Meetings.
- C. Commented on ~15 planning board referred applications for subdivisions and other development activities
- D. We regularly attend Planning Board meetings and interact where needed.
- E. Completed design of the East Fishkill Stormwater Bio-retention project to construct a stormwater infiltration and rain garden system for the Town Hall/Library/Firehouse complex on Rte 376. We are now advocating for funding to continue to advance this project.
- F. Member Pete Berasi and Town Supervisor John Hickman participated in an advisory role to a study group at Arlington High School regarding winter salt spreading. The study group subsequently won an award for their power-point presentation on the subject and associated actions.
- G. The CAC and member Mike Gulbrandsen created a watershed awareness poster for the East Fishkill Community Day.
- H. Member Pete Berasi participated in an interview with Supervisor John Hickman involving Climate Change hosted by CCEDC. The interview is now posted on the Town web site.
- I. Chair Brent Feldweg attended the Cary Institute Climate Change session.
- J. Encouraged local HS student attendance at meetings through their course: Participation in Government.

2012 Goals:

- A. Increase our membership to 9 members.
- B. Seek funding and guide construction of the East Fishkill Stormwater Bio-retention Project.
- C. Continue involvement with the EMC, Planning Board and Fishkill Creek Watershed Committee.
- D. Continue reviews of referred development applications.
- E. Explore and plan interpretive stops on the East Fishkill Town Center Walking Trail
- F. Increase CAC involvement in Town Arbor Day Activities.

Submitted by Brent Feldweg and Pete Berasi, 2/22/12



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### **Name of CAC/CAB:**

Town of Fishkill Environmental Board

### **Members:**

See Attached List

### **Projects/Work Completed or Ongoing:**

- Reviewed and replied any environmental issues to the Planning Board
- Formed a Town Trail Committee separate from the EB

### **Impacts/Outcomes/Successes:**

- Trail Committee now operating successfully

### **Obstacles/Resources or Information Needed:**

### **Plans for 2012:**

- Continue Planning Board Reviews
- Work toward having full membership on Environmental Board
- Increase and Expand other requirements of the Environmental Board

Submitted by Bob Hoose, EB Chair, 1/26/12

**TOWN OF LAGRANGE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC)  
2011 Annual Report**

**A. 2011 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

1. Completed review of applications received from the planning board at our monthly meetings.
2. Attended pertinent environment and conservation related meetings including (a) 2011 Update for EMCs and CACs at DEC HQ in Albany, NY on June 6, 2011 and (b) 2011 Conference on the Environment at Rennselaerville, NY on October 21-23, 2011.
3. Attended New York State Association of Conservation Commissions (NYSACC) Board of Directors Spring meeting at Albany, NY on June 5, 2011 and Fall meetings at Rensselaerville on October 21 and 23, 2011. Served on the conference committee and moderated the session on "Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions" on October 22 at the 2011 Conference on The Environment.
4. Participated in quarterly meetings of the Wappinger Creek Intermunicipal Council (WIC), monthly working group meetings, rain barrel building workshops and other WIC-sponsored activities.
5. Maintained liaison with Fishkill Creek Watershed Committee.
6. Participated in the "Operation Trash Bash", road trash pickup in the town of LaGrange on April 30, by assuming responsibility for a 2.1 mile long town road.
7. Did maintenance on six blue bird boxes located at Stringham Park in the town of LaGrange.
8. Participated at the LaGrange Community Day on June 11, 2011 and handed out information on the environment and conservation.
9. Assured availability of up-to-date information on the environment and conservation at LaGrange town hall.
10. Sponsored a student art competition at Arlington high school for Earth Day 2011. The winning artworks were displayed at the CAC table during the Community Day and are on display at the LaGrange town hall.
11. Our participation at the 12th Annual Hudson River Valley Ramble by sponsoring and leading a walk for the public on the Wappinger Creek Greenway Trail in the town of LaGrange on September 11 was cancelled due to hurricane damage.
12. Conducted several inspection walks of the trail and followed up with trash pickup and maintenance as required.
13. Completed making tree tags to identify the largest diameter tree of each type along the trail.
14. Participated regularly at the GIS special interest group meetings facilitated by Neil Curri, a GIS Resource Educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County.
15. Served on the Citizen Advisory Committee of Route 55:Lauer Road TSP organized by the NYSDOT and attended workshops on April 7, May 4, June 23, August 25, October 4, October 25 and November 17.

16. Wappinger Creek Greenway Trail Extension:
  - Received approval from the Town Board to construct and use two Eagle Scout candidates.
  - Construction took place in six week-ends resulting in the trail extension being cleared and twelve cubic yards of trash removed.
  - Spring 2012 opening to the public is planned.

## **B. 2012 GOALS**

1. Continue review of applications from the planning board.
2. Continue attendance at pertinent environment and conservation related meetings.
3. Continue participation in Wappinger Creek Intermunicipal Council.
4. Continue liaison with Fishkill Creek Watershed Committee.
5. Continue to assure availability of up-to-date information on the environment and conservation at LaGrange town hall.
6. Update CAC related information on the town web site.
7. Participate in the "Operation Trash Bash", road trash pickup in the town of LaGrange in April.
8. Sponsor student art competition at Arlington high school for Earth Day 2012.
9. Participate at the LaGrange Community Day in June and hand out up to date information on the environment and conservation.
10. Sponsor and lead a walking tour of the Wappinger Creek Greenway Trail in the town of LaGrange in September by participating in the 13th Annual Hudson River Valley Ramble.
11. Mount tree tags to identify the largest diameter tree of each type along the trail for public awareness and learning.
12. Continue volunteer trail maintenance (brush trimming, trash removal, shrub planting, trail signs, etc.).
13. Repair the trail section damaged by Hurricanes Irene and Leo.
14. Complete construction of Wappinger Creek Greenway Trail Extension and install signs integrating the two trails. Spring 2012 opening to the public is planned. This trail is the second segment of the overall plan to go from Red Oaks Mills to Pleasant Valley.
15. Study feasibility of initiating Climate Change Action Plan for Town of LaGrange.
16. Determine condition of CAC Rain Gardens and implement corrective action as required.
17. Complete transition from old to new GIS software and data and hands on training of all CAC members.

Submitted by Maung Htoo, 2/10/12



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Name of CAC/CAB: TOWN OF NORTH EAST CAC

Members: DIANNE ENGLEKE, KENT KAK, LYNN MORDAS, JANE ROSSMAN

Projects/Work Completed or Ongoing

- ONGOING REVIEW OF SUPERMARKET PLANNING DOCUMENTS
- WORK WITH TOWN BOARD TO CHOOSE AN AGRICULTURAL
- ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- WORK WITH THE VILLAGE OF MILLERTON CAC, NOW
- FORMING
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Impacts/Outcomes/Successes:

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Obstacles/Resources or Information Needed:

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Plans for 2012:

- CONTINUE TO REVIEW SUPERMARKET DOCUMENTS
- AND REPORT TO PLANNING BOARD
- HOST AN INFORMATION WORKSHOP ON TICK-BORNE
- DISEASES, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- ASSIST TOWN BOARD IN IMPLEMENTATION OF FARM
- PLAN

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**Name of CAC/CAB: Pine Plains Conservation Advisory Council**

Members: Gregg Osofsky (Chair), Mary Woods, Suzanne Ouellette, Joan Franzone and Jessica Silvia

**Projects/Work Completed or Ongoing**

- Heritage Tree Project: Documenting heritage trees for reference regarding new town law. [www.pineplains.org/trees](http://www.pineplains.org/trees)
- Educational Outreach: Hosted booth at Fall 2011 FFA Fair. Highlighting the importance and existence of biodiversity within our town's habitats
- Critical Environmental Area Expansion (ongoing): expanding our town's existing CEA to include the watershed of our towns central lake and wetlands area
- Wetlands Ordinance: researching how to adapt a proposed Wetlands Ordinance to supplement our new zoning regulations
- Research and Educational Development of our Council: Review of town's documents, walking tours of specific habitats, consultation with Hudsonia.

**Impacts/Outcomes/Successes:**

- Successful Educational Outreach to the community
- Incorporating public feedback into the CEA Expansion
- Deeper understanding of our role and the needs of our community

**Obstacles/Resources or Information Needed:**

- Continued education and direction from existing institutions and experienced leaders in this area
- Better understanding of Wetlands Law and the role of towns in protecting them
- Time constraints of our members and the need for additional ones

**Plans for 2012:**

- Consulting Town on New Neighborhood Development application from Durst
- Getting a deeper understanding of our town's Zoning Regulations to better advise Boards
- Zoning amendment proposals relating to our town's CEA Expansion and Wetlands Regulation
- Continued community outreach and educational campaigns

Submitted by Gregg Osofsky, Chair, 2/22/12





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### **Name of CAC/CAB:**

Town of Pleasant Valley CAC

### **Members:**

Debby Glynn, Teddi Southworth, Meta Plotnik, Kay Saderholm, Paul Case

### **Projects/Work Completed or Ongoing:**

- The Pleasant Valley Wetlands Ordinance was amended to clarify Town jurisdiction over DEC & US.
- May 1 - Bower Park clean-up and hike with Girl Scouts. Trails signs were created by a Girl Scout and put up by the Town.
- The CAC worked on getting speed limit reduced on West Road to facilitate walking and biking. Both West Road School and Redl Park are located there.
- July 27 Waterman Bird Club organized a bird walk at Bower Park as part of Wappinger Watershed Awareness Month. Frank Margiotta reported positively on Bower Park and listed 41 species identified there.
- August 10 Kay Saderholm was appointed to the CAC. She is a retired chemistry teacher and attended the Bard Hudsonia biodiversity workshop.

### **Plans for 2012:**

- The CAC is working with PV Open Space Committee on biodiversity mapping.
- The CAC began discussions on a community garden on public or private land.
- In December, the Town Board passed a Recreation Plan that focuses on park development and trails for hiking and biking. The CAC will support implementation.

Submitted by Meta Plotnik and Kay Saderholm, 2/23/12



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Name of CAC/CAB: TOWN OF Poughkeepsie CAC

Members: JENNIFER REAP, ED ORCHOWSKI, MARGARET KELLAND,  
JAMES KENNEDY, DOREEN TIGNANELLI

Projects/Work Completed or Ongoing

- REVIEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS PROPOSED AND SUBMIT ADVISORY
- LETTERS ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES TO BE TAKEN INTO
- CONSIDERATION.
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Impacts/Outcomes/Successes:

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Obstacles/Resources or Information Needed:

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Plans for 2012:

- CONTINUE TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON PROPOSED PROJECTS
- SO THAT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ARE CONSIDERED.
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**Name of CAC/CAB: Town of RedHook Conservation Advisory Council**

### Projects/Work Completed or Ongoing:

- Supported preparation of a Climate Action Plan – to be finalized mid 2012
- Sent two middle school students to DEC Environmental Camp (students funded by VFW).
- Carry out monthly reviews of Planning Board minutes
- Supported pilot program for smart meters
- Completed 10% Challenge year (10% energy use reductions, 10% participation)
- Reviewed proposal for new highway garage and use NYSERDA program to support green construction goals
- Grants:
  - Applied for grant to bring Property Assessed Clean Energy program to Red Hook (unsuccessful)
  - Applied for grant to bring centralized compost facility to Red Hook (unsuccessful)
  - Applied for grant to weatherize St. Margaret's building (unsuccessful)
  - Applied for grant for an energy consultant for Town of Red Hook to (successful)
  - Completed grant funded solar photovoltaic installations on Town Hall and Fire House.
- Supported NYSDEC with Big Night amphibian crossings
- Earth/Arbor Day celebration: Zero waste table and 10% Challenge. Compost bin raffle/give away
- Support Town roadside cleanup days - 2

### Plans for 2012:

- Climate Action Plan
  - Work on getting the plan adopted by TB as a resolution or in comp plan as an amendment?
  - Implementation via subcommittees on Energy, Transportation, Waste & Consumption, and Water & Land Use
- Water
  - Evaluation of Aquifer Ordinance for adoption by Town with possible mandatory septic cleanout requirement?
  - Evaluation of BMPs for Agricultural Environmental Management
  - Watershed Management Plan (long term)
- Two e-waste collections (during community days) for businesses and residents (need not be a Dutchess county resident): Apple Blossom Day & Hardscrabble Day
- Energy Star Law for new construction – needs revision
- Term Easement Law – needs revision
- DEC Summer Camp Scholarships – 2 students funded by VFW
- Assist with Trails committee work in Tivoli Bays
- Onsite septic regulation is very important for the Village and Town (mandated, scheduled pump outs and inspections). Stormwater management and flood control are also very important.

Submitted by Laurie Husted, CAC Chair, 2/23/12

Town of Rhinebeck - 2011 Annual Report  
Conservation Advisory Board (CAB)  
Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)  
Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC)

**2011 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

1. Followed DEC guidelines and was designated a Conservation Advisory Board by the Town Board
2. Continued to review Planning Board applications using existing science-based map templates and advised accordingly.
3. Developed a greatly expanded capacity for generating site-specific maps showing a range of environmental data.
4. Provided LWRP reviews, when necessary
5. Distributed parcel map information to Rhinebeck property owners during permit process and to residents upon request
6. Assisted The Gardens at Rhinebeck (Phase II and III) and Mid-Hudson Medical Group in landscaping/wetland buffers and stormwater issues on their projects.
7. Provided environmental information and outreach at the Farmer's Market and Cary Institute/Chancellor Livingston forum. Generated a flyer to promote the Transfer Station
8. Initiated discussion to develop an Inter-Municipal agreement between the Town and Village
9. Continuing Education by CAB members included DEC's *"Big Night"*, Cornell's *Green Infrastructure Tour* and Hudsonia's *Biodiversity course*. Community outreach by CAB members included the Town Cemetery Committee, the Thompson-Mazzarella Park Committee, the Village Tree Commission, the Solid Waste Task Force, the Energy Task Force and Winnakee Land Trust
10. The CAB had a presence at all Planning Board meetings and most Town Board meetings in 2011.

**2012 GOALS:**

1. Complete additional educational brochures on Wetlands, waste management and the Hudsonia Report
2. Assist the Town in creating a Timber Harvest Ordinance that would include
3. Protection/Conservation/Planting
4. Recruit two new members to form a complete 9-member Board
5. Encourage members to continue environmental education (Hudsonia courses/Cornell forums) and community outreach
6. Provide Rhinebeck realtors with CAB packet of local environmental information
7. Implement, from the Comprehensive Plan List, the designation of Scenic Roads
8. Continue public education outreach at the Farmer's Market, with the Cary Institute, the Rhinebeck Science Foundation and with biodiversity map displays in Town and Village Halls
9. Work with the Cemetery Committee to plant Tulip trees
10. Continue to have a CAB presence at all Planning Board meetings and most Town Board meetings for 2012.
11. Continue to review Planning Board applications using existing science-based map templates and advise accordingly and provide property owners/residents with maps when any adjoining property is under review

Submitted by Lisa Camp, 2/21/12



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**Municipal CAC/CAB and EMC 2011 Annual Report**  
(as required under NYS General Municipal Law, Article 12F)  
For Dutchess County CACs/EMC ~ facilitated by CCEDC

**Name of CAC/CAB:     Town of Stanford CAC**

**Members:**

Elizabeth Kilmer, Chair; Barry Haydasz, Co-chair; Sonia Barrenger, Secretary & member;  
John Kemmerer; Brenda Lynch; Mike Picinelli; Charles Shaw

**Projects/Work Completed or Ongoing:**

1. Continued work with the Master Plan revision Committee regarding environmental aspects.
2. Continued to oversee/further develop town lands: Stanford Wildlife Preserve, Whitlock Preserve.
3. Boy scout project for bluebird boxes. Collaborate w/ Waterman Bird Club's Bluebird Trail program.
4. Completed "Welcome Package" for new residents containing natural resource and environmental info.
5. Annual roadside cleanup.
6. Booth at annual Community Day.
7. Representative in WIC.

**Plans for 2012:**

1. Continue our work with the Master Plan Committee.
2. Continue to oversee/further develop town open spaces.
3. Follow up on the SWP Plan.
4. Continue Open Space Inventory.
5. Continue to persue CEA designation for 3-4 sites.
6. Develop Landfill use proposal.
7. Continue annual events.
8. Increase CAC presence on town web site.

Submitted by Barry Haydasz, 2/22/12



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Name of CAC/CAB:      Town of Washington CAC

### **Members:**

John Askildsen, Ron Galente, David Greenwood (chair), Mike Herzog, Walt Jacobs, Tim Marshall, Howard Schuman, Dave Strayer

### Projects/Work Completed or Ongoing

- Wetlands Ordinance
- Town's Comprehensive Plan Update Committee advisement.
- Intermunicipal cooperation with the Village of Millbrook. TOW CAC is now the official CAC for the Village of Millbrook

### Impacts/Outcomes/Successes:

- Wetlands Ordinance adopted
- Comprehensive Plan advisement and review is ongoing

### Obstacles/Resources or Information Needed:

- Need to receive information from the TOW Planning Board in a more timely manner in order to better advise them

### Plans for 2012:

- Work more closely with the TOW Planning Board
- Work with Neil Curri at Cornell Cooperative Extension to improve GIS skills
- Sponsoring a series of walks or other activities in the town and village, perhaps in conjunction with partners such as the Cary Institute or the Rotary Club
- Continue involvement with the TOW Comprehensive Plan project
- Calendar project. This year's theme is celebrating the land with a variety of local period photographs, including farms, trees, water. It is a project of the CAC and sponsored/underwritten by the Bank of Millbrook

Submitted by Dave Greenwood and Howard Schuman, 2/21/12