

TOWN OF LAGRANGE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC)

A. 2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Continued review of applications from the planning board.
2. Continued attendance at pertinent environment and conservation related meetings including (a) 2013 Update for CACs and EMCs at the DEC HQ in Albany, NY on June 9 (b) seminar and training session for the new SEQRA requirements and (c) the Climate Smart Communities workshop on May 22.
3. Continued to assure availability of up-to-date information on the environment and conservation at LaGrange town hall
4. Attended the final meeting of the Citizen Advisory Committee of Route 55:Lauer Road TSP organized by NYSDOT on February 7, 2013.
5. Recommended a sundial in the middle roundabout of the three roundabouts to be installed on item 4.
6. Attended the annual Dutchess County EMC/CAC Roundtable at Millbrook Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County on February 27 and presented highlights of the 2012 CAC achievements and 2013 objectives.
7. Attended the New York State Association of Conservation Commissions (NYSACC) Board of Directors Spring meeting at Albany, NY on June 8.
8. Changed the role of CAC from “participation” to “assure availability of up-to-date information” in March since CAC member Chris Rohrbach resigned in February to become a member of the Zoning Board and continued to participate in the Wappinger Creek Intermunicipal Council. Chris continued to keep CAC informed of the activities.
9. Updated CAC related information on the town web site.
10. Participated in the Operation Trash Bash, road trash pickup, in the town of LaGrange on April 20 and picked up trash on both sides of the 2 mile long Cramer road.
11. Sponsored student art competition at Arlington high school for Earth Day 2013. The three winning artworks were displayed at the CAC table on Community Day and are on display at the LaGrange Town Hall.
12. Participated at the LaGrange Community Day on June 9 and handed out up to date information on the environment and conservation.
13. Sponsored and lead a walking tour of the Wappinger Creek Greenway Trail in the town of LaGrange on September 15 by participating in the 14th Annual Hudson River Valley Ramble. Freedom Plains Grange supported this event.
14. Registered a CAC web site “www.Lagrangecac.org” which will allow detailed information on CAC such as annual reports, past projects, present projects and environment literature to be put online without any additional expense to the town.
15. Continued volunteer trail maintenance (brush trimming, trash removal, shrub planting, trail signs, etc.).
16. Built a detour on the trail section damaged by Hurricane Irene and Leo.
17. Reviewed and made suggestions on the proposed section through LaGrange of the “Hudson Trail” from Manhattan to Mt. Marcy.
18. Participated regularly at the GIS Special Interest Group meetings facilitated by Neil Curri, GIS Resource Educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County.

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B. 2014 GOALS

1. Continue review of applications from the planning board.
2. Continue attendance at pertinent environment and conservation related meetings.
3. Continue to keep informed of Wappinger Creek Intermunicipal Council activities.
4. Continue to assure availability of up-to-date information on the environment and conservation at LaGrange town hall.
5. Update CAC related information on the new CAC web site.
6. Participate in the “ Operation Trash Bash” road trash pickup in the town of LaGrange in April.
7. Sponsor student art competition at Arlington high school for Earth Day 2014.
8. Participate at the LaGrange Community Day in June and hand out up to date information on the environment and conservation.
9. Sponsor and lead a walking tour of the Wappinger Creek Greenway Trail in the town of LaGrange in September by participating in the 15th Annual Hudson River Valley Ramble.
10. Mount tree tags to identify the largest diameter tree of each type along the trail for public awareness and learning.
11. Continue volunteer trail maintenance (brush trimming, trash removal, shrub planting, trail signs, etc.) and complete installation of trail markers on the trail extension.
12. Repair the trail section damaged by Hurricanes Irene and Leo.
13. Repair trail entrance gate damage due to deterioration.
14. Initiate Climate Change Action Plan for Town of LaGrange..
15. Determine condition of CAC Rain Gardens and implement corrective action as required.
16. Complete transition from old to new GIS software and data and hands on training of all CAC members.
17. Move back to Town Hall for CAC meetings.
18. Fill the two vacancies in the CAC with qualified and motivated candidates..