

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council
Agenda – November 12, 2014

1. **Public comment**
2. **Minutes** – October 8, 2014
3. **Communications**
4. **Update on finances**

Source	Amount	Spent	Remaining
Clinton Watch Funds	\$3740.46	\$2642.71	\$857.75
Town of Clinton Budget	\$1000	\$ 231.15	\$764.85

5. **Water, watersheds, wetlands protection**
 - a. WIC News
 - b. Long Pond Association
2. **Biodiversity**
 - a. Implement Biodiversity Plan
 - b. Future Workshop – Wildlife Corridors?
3. **Education and Outreach**
 - a. Welcome folders
 - b. Website update
4. **Nature Trail Subcommittee**
 - a. Update
 - b. Clinton Watch Funds
5. **Green Energy and Climate Change**
 - a. Information on geothermal energy for town web site
6. **Open Space Plan**
7. **Zoning Revision**
8. **Proposed Powerlines – Environmental Subcommittee**
9. **Old and New Business**
10. **Goal Setting Meeting Follow-up**
 - a. Goals for each member...
11. **Announcements**

Next Town Board meeting, December 9, 6:30 PM
Next CAC meeting, December 10, 7 PM
12. **Meeting Adjournment**

Hudson River Almanac: The DEC's Hudson River Almanac is a natural history journal, updated weekly, that encompasses the Hudson River, from the Adirondacks to New York Harbor. To view the almanac, visit: www.dec.ny.gov/lands/25611.html

2014 Farm Bill

November 14, 2014. 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. The Farm and Home Center, Millbrook Agriculture & Horticulture Program

Please join us for an informative meeting about the 2014 Farm Bill and the way it will help the Hudson Valley farmers grow.

Topics to be discussed will include:

- New programs for Dairy, Commodity, Fruit and Vegetable producers
- Changes to existing disaster, loan and conservation programs
- New incentives for Beginning, Limited Resource, Socially Disadvantaged and Veteran farmers
- New conservation and streamlined conservation programs

To RSVP or for special accommodations please contact Ford Barber at 845-343-1872 ext. 104, or by email ford.barber@ny.usda.gov

Presented by the USDA Service Center of Millbrook and Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County.

November 10, 11, 12, 14, 19: Evenings

Riverkeeper's Regional Volunteer Happy Hours

Volunteers (potential and current): We hope you'll come help Riverkeeper raise a glass in celebration of the 10,000+ hours of dedicated support that *you and over 2,000 volunteers like you* have provided to Riverkeeper and the Hudson River in 2014. Here are five reasons why you should join us at an upcoming volunteer appreciation happy hour: 1. You support Riverkeeper, please give us a chance to say *thank you*. 2. We can't pay for your beer, but the appetizers are on us! 3. Meet other dedicated clean water advocates from your stretch of the river. 4. Learn more about what you helped us accomplish in 2014 and get the download on our goals for 2015, including in-person volunteer trainings happening throughout New York City and the Hudson Valley this winter. 5. Haven't had the opportunity to volunteer with us yet? Want to increase your involvement? Have a friend who wants to get involved? All are good reasons to come out, bring your friends, and get to know us. We are hosting events in Albany, Peekskill, Newburgh, Kingston and Manhattan. Please RSVP for the event in your region. We highly encourage all past and present Ambassadors, outreach volunteers, Sweep Leaders, Sweep volunteers, and volunteer-curious to attend. Please visit www.riverkeeper.org/news-events/events for regional details (location and time).

November 13, 2014: 11:00 AM

Stream Ecosystem Responses to Changing Climate

Scientific seminar at Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies.

Diane McKnight, University of Colorado, will discuss Glacial Meltwater Streams in the McMurdo Dry Valleys, Antarctica. Location: Cary Institute Auditorium, 2801 Sharon Turnpike (Route 44), Millbrook, NY

November 14, 2014: 7:00 PM

Birthright: People and Nature in the Modern World

Stephen Kellert, Senior Research Scholar at the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies and a pioneer in the field of biophilia - the study of human beings' inherent affinity for nature - provides a fresh understanding of how much our essential humanity relies on being a part of the natural world. Kellert asserts that our capacities to think, feel, communicate, create, and find meaning in life all depend upon our relationship to nature, while at the same time modern society has largely undervalued the importance of contact with the natural world. In this talk, based on his book, "Birthright: People and Nature in the Modern World," he discusses why conservation is critical not just to the survival of our planet and species, but also to our

well-being and the quality of our lives. Location: Cary Institute Auditorium, 2801 Sharon Turnpike (Route 44) Millbrook, NY

November 20, 2014: 11:00 AM

Can we forecast invasive species distributions?

Scientific seminar at Cary Institute for Ecosystem Studies, speaker Andrew Kramer, University of Georgia. Location: Cary Institute auditorium, 2801 Sharon Turnpike (Route 44), Millbrook, NY

December 4, 2014: 11:00 AM

Microbiomes at Multiple Levels and Their Impact on Ecosystems

Scientific seminar at Cary Institute for Ecosystem Studies, speaker Jenny T. Kao-Kniffin, Cornell University. Location: Cary Institute auditorium, 2801 Sharon Turnpike (Route 44), Millbrook, NY

December 5, 2014: 7:30 PM

Screening - *Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time*

Join us for a screening of an Emmy award-winning documentary about the great conservationist Aldo Leopold (1887-1948). The father of the national wilderness system, Leopold was a key figure in developing the fields of wildlife management, restoration ecology and sustainable agriculture. The film explores Leopold's life, sharing highlights from his extraordinary career and explaining how he shaped conservation in the twentieth century. Author of the conservation classic *A Sand County Almanac*, Leopold is renowned for his work as an educator, philosopher, forester, ecologist and wilderness advocate. *Green Fire* illustrates Leopold's continuing influence by exploring contemporary projects that connect people with the land. From urban children learning about local foods to wildlife biologists working with threatened and endangered species, the film portrays how Leopold's vision of a community that cares about both people and nature has inspired modern conservation efforts.

A Q&A with conservation biologist Curt Meine, the film's on-screen guide, will follow the film. Run time: 73 min. Location: Cary Institute Auditorium, 2801 Sharon Turnpike (Route 44) Millbrook, NY

May 9, 2015

SAVE THE DATE: Riverkeeper Sweep 2015

Save the date for the 2015 Riverkeeper Sweep, our fourth annual day of service for the Hudson River. In 2014, a record of 1,900 volunteers turned out in 82 locations to remove more than 31 tons of trash. Check back for details. If you want to build a team and organize your own service project in your community, please contact Dana Gulley at dgulley@riverkeeper.org. See more at: <http://www.riverkeeper.org/news-events/events/rvk-events/riverkeeper-sweep-2015/#sthash.8tNbXLDw.dpuf> Location: Throughout NYC and the Hudson Valley