

Information for 2019 Annual Report

Projects/Work Completed or Ongoing in 2019:

Ten meetings were held in 2019 and four Planning Board applications were reviewed with recommendations made.

The third High Impact Action, Benchmarking, was completed for the Clean Energy Community criteria.

CAC worked with Hudson Valley Energy to move towards completing our fourth High Impact Action, joining a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA). In October, the CAC organized two required public meetings informing residents what the CCA is and what their options are. At the end of 2019, the town was awaiting approval from the Department of Public Service to move forward with the next required step.

Created a Climate Smart Program webpage on the town's website that will inform residents what the program is and what they can do to become a clean energy household.

Members of the CAC presented environmental programs to the summer campers (aged 5 to 11) at Fran Mark Park. Skeletons of different animals were seen and discussion about what sort of habitats the animals lived in and what they ate was generated. Also, they learned where their water came from.

Two Clinton Community Library Programs were held: Preventing Lyme and Other Tick-Borne Diseases In Our Communities given by a scientist from Cary IES and Home Garden Design given by a CAC member.

Several members attended various environmental workshops and shared what they learned.

The CAC had table at an outdoor function in Clinton's Fran Mark Park. The focus was on where drinking water comes from.

Publicized via the town's website and Clinton Community FB page, the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling Events.

Impacts/Outcomes/Successes:

Three out of the 4 High-Impact Actions for the Town to become designated as a Clean Energy Community were completed.

Obstacles/Resources or Information Needed:

Informing town residents of important information that affects them such as the Community Choice Aggregation. We learned that Mailchimp is available on the town's website and are encouraging the town to make use of it.

Plans for work/projects in 2020

Continue working with the Town Board to become a Clean Energy Community by completing the 4th High-Impact Action by joining a Community Choice Aggregation. After which, find projects to continue education and projects to curb greenhouse emissions in the town.

Encourage the town to make use of Mailchimp for communicating important news to town residents.

Continue to work with the Summer Camp Director to provide environmental programs.

Continue updating CAC information and the Climate Smart Program webpages on the Town website.

Continue placing newcomer folders with the Town and environmental information in the offices of the Town Clerk and Clinton Community Library.

Continue working with the Planning Board, Building Department, and Zoning Board of Appeals in an advisory capacity on subdivisions, site plans, special use permits, community planning and development, and wise use of the Town's natural resources.

Continue working to protect natural habitats of concern.

Continue hosting programs at the Clinton Community Library to educate residents on the importance of their participation in the preservation and conservation of drinking water, energy, wildlife habitats, and the Town's scenic beauty.

Encourage visitors to use the Town's Nature Trail.

Continue promoting Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling Events via the Town's website and Clinton Community Bulletin on Facebook.