

Municipal CAC/CAB and EMC 2021 Annual Report and 2022 Directory Information

Instructions: Please fill out **both** sections of the directory form completely. The first section is the information that is shared in the public CAC & EMC directory that is updated annually. The second section is not part of the public directory and will not be shared with others. This information is extremely important so that CCE Dutchess staff are able to keep the CAC and EMC listserv up to date.

Please return this form and the Annual Report form (page 2) to Andrea gjr274@cornell.edu by **March 11, 2022**.

Information for 2022 CAC & EMC Public Directory

Contact information for the CAC/CAB/EMC that can be shared with the public

(This information should be for the main point of contact for the group and will be shared on the CCEDC website)

Municipality: Town of Clinton

Chair: Barbara Mansell

Email: CAC@townofclinton.com

Telephone: (845) 522-0268

Council/Committee Meeting Time and Location: Meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month on the 3rd Floor of the Masonic Hall located at 1215 Centre Rd, Rhinebeck at 5:30pm

Council/Committee Website or Town Webpage:

<https://www.townofclinton.com/government/conservation-advisory-council/>

<https://www.townofclinton.com/government/conservation-advisory-council/cac-minutes/>

<https://www.townofclinton.com/cac-agenda/>

<https://www.townofclinton.com/community/climate-smart-program-new/>

Information for 2021 Annual Report

Projects/Work Completed or Ongoing from 2021:

Part 1: Clinton CAC

- Ten meetings were held.
- Reviewed seven Planning Board applications. There is an increase in large properties being subdivided, mostly into two lots with the intention to sell as buildable lots.
- Pollinator Pathway Project overwhelmingly approved by the Clinton Town Board at the May 11, 2021 board meeting after CAC member, Maya Goer-Palenzuela, gave her introduction to the project.
- Created “Town of Clinton of Dutchess County” page on the Pollinator Pathway website. Members added their locations to the Dutchess map. Frances J. Mark Memorial Park and Omega Institute have also been added.
- Introduced the Pollinator Pathway in a Zoom meeting with the Friendship Garden Club of Clinton.
- Keeping links of Pollinator Pathway Zoom meetings to serve as background information for residents who are interested in learning more. For example, 3-23-21 Town of Poughkeepsie CAC – Pollinator Pathway “It Takes A Town” by Susan Hecht via Zoom; 11-3-21 What’s the Buzz: Creating Pollinator Friendly Communities - The CCEDC Environment & Energy Team hosted a fall 2021 environmental forum on the topic of creating pollinator friendly communities.
- Education Outreach
 - Pollinator Pathway table at Clinton Community Library’s Book Sale in June.
 - Pollinator Pathway and Climate Smart Program table at the Democratic Committee Social in September.
- New *Friends of the Clinton Community Library* totes were developed. CAC-created environmental informational sheets are included. These sheets can be found on the CAC webpage Clinton’s website.
- A bird walk was held at the Clinton Nature Trail in May.

Part 2: Climate Smart Task Force

- NYSERDA designated the town of Clinton as a Clean Energy Community on April 15, 2021. A CSC Task Force was established thanks to efforts of by Michael Whitton, then town board member. The first Climate Smart Task Force was held Tuesday, May 25th at 7pm. Ten residents of various backgrounds were invited to attend. CAC members, Jean McAvoy, Jacob Straus and Joe Phelan (Chair) are on the task force.
- The Town Board approved the continuation of the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program.
- The Highway Department is investigating the possibility of future purchase of electric vehicles.
- The town will be developing a Road-Stream Crossing (culverts & bridges) Inventory and Management Plan under the leadership of Sean Carroll at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County (CCEDC)
- A Green Fair will be planned for the Spring.
- Benchmarking the town’s energy consumption is ongoing.
- The town will take advantage of the Climate Smart Resiliency Planning Tool.
- The towns of Pleasant Valley and Hyde Park invited Clinton in collaboration on Repair Cafes.

Impacts/Outcomes/Successes:

- Pollinator Pathway approved by the Town Board
- Climate Smart Task Force created
- Eight CAC members!

Obstacles/Resources or Information Needed:

- Display boards on environmental topics: Vernal Pools, Where Does Your Drinking Water Come From, What is a Watershed

Plans for Work/Projects in 2022

Education Outreach – Pollinator Pathway

- Three Pollinator Pathway in person presentations will be given at the Clinton Community Library by CAC member, Maya Goer-Palenzuela. These presentations will be recorded and saved on the library's website. <http://clinton.lib.ny.us/>
 - Saturday, March 5, 2022 - "Pollinators: Who/What Are They & Why Do They Matter?"
 - Saturday, March 19, 2022 - "Best Native Plant Choices for Our Eco-Region for Threatened Pollinator Survival"
 - Saturday April 2, 2022 - "Property Management: Nurturing Habitat for Non-Humans"
- Schedule a list of local town events where the CAC could have an informational table that would include Pollinator Pathway, Climate Smart Program as well as environmental subjects like "What is Vernal Pool", "Where does your drinking water come from", borrow the CCEDC's "Single Use Plastics" display board.
 - Green Fair at Frances J. Mark Memorial Park on Clinton Hollow Road on May 14, 2022
 - Clinton Community Library Book Sale on May 21, 2022
 - Clinton Community Day on September 3, 2022
- Create a hands-on program to teach what plants are good pollinators.
- Develop a Pollinator Pathway webpage on the town of Clinton website. www.townofclinton.com
- Collaborate with the Friendship Garden Club to develop gardens at the Town Complex and add them to the Pollinator Pathway map.
- Add Pollinator Pathway signage and expand the existing pollinator garden at Frances J. Mark Memorial Park.
- Maya Goer-Palenzuela will present her proposed "Pollinator Pathway Management Guidelines" concerning mowing in Clinton's parks and along its roads to the town board for approval.

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.
- Working with the Summer Camp Director to provide environmental programs.
- Updating CAC information on the town website.
- Placing newcomer folders with the Town and environmental information in the offices of the Town Clerk.
- Walks in the Clinton Nature Trail and update the trail's kiosk with recent projects.

Add a Doggie Waste Station at Frances J. Mark Memorial Park on Clinton Hollow Rd.

Climate Smart Task Force

- Green Fair is scheduled for May 14, 2022
- Achieve Bronze Status
- Road-Stream Crossing (culverts & bridges) Inventory and Management Plan
- Climate Smart Resiliency Planning Tool
- Continue planning Repair Cafes