

## Information for 2022 CAC & EMC Annual Report

### **Municipality: Town of Clinton**

**Person(s) completing this form:** Barbara Mansell - CAC Chair & Joe Phelan - CSC Task Force Chair

#### **CAC:**

- 8 members with one vacancy
- 10 meetings were held in 2022

### **Projects/Work Completed or Ongoing from 2022:**

#### **Planning Board Applications -**

- Reviewed 4 Planning Board Applications. Currently, there is a 100acre parcel where a developer wants to build homes. The initial plan was for 12 houses, but the Planning Board is working to make that 5. The CAC has a good relationship with the Planning Board, and we will be asked to review the proposed plan when available.
- 5 members attended the Online Mapping Tools for Local Conservation Planning training in September. The mapping tools were shared with the Planning Board and ZEO officer.

#### **Pollinator Pathway Projects:**

- CAC member developed 3 Pollinator Pathway presentations at the Clinton Community Library
  1. "Pollinators: Who/What Are They & Why Do They Matter?"
  2. "Best Native Plant Choices For Our Eco-Region for Threatened Pollinator Survival;"
  3. "Property Management: Nurturing Habitat for Non-Humans"
- Education Outreach Events: CSC Task Force's Green Fair, Clinton Community Library's Book and Plant Sale, and Clinton Community Day.
- CAC members developed handouts such as "No Mow May" and "To Mow or Not to Mow" on best mowing guidelines for events the CAC attended.
- Webpage on the Pollinator Pathway website called "*Town of Clinton of Dutchess County*"
- Sponsored two Master Gardener programs at the Clinton Community Library:
  1. "Stop the Spread: Scout for New Invasives Citizen Science Training"
  2. "Controlling Invasives in Managed Landscapes and Beyond"
- Planted a Pollinator Pathway Garden at the Clinton Town Hall Complex

#### **Clinton Summer Camp Programs:**

- "1 Bird New York Beginners' Birders Challenge"
- Monarch Butterfly exhibit. The campers took home caterpillars in homemade boxes to watch their development.

#### **Welcome to the Town of Clinton folders:**

- Folders are continually being updated with new town and environmental information such as maintaining septic systems and wells and are distributed via the Town Clerk's office.

#### **CSC Task Force (Subcommittee of the CAC):** Joe Phelan, Chair. Committee includes 3 members of the CAC.

- Road Stream Crossing Inventory & Management Plan with the CCEDC (ongoing)
- Greenhouse Gas Inventory (completed)
- Benchmarking (completed)
- Held a Green Fair in May 2022 (completed)
- Climate Smart Resiliency Plan with the CCEDC, presented to the Town Board, includes adopting an Emergency Preparedness Plan for Hazard Mitigation Recovery (ongoing)
- Climate Action Plan 2022 (ongoing)

### **CSC Task Force (Subcommittee of the CAC) – cont'd**

- Natural Resources Inventory (ongoing): Grant received from DEC Hudson River Estuary Program. Clinton is partnering with the neighboring Town and Village of Millbrook on year-long NRI project. Current existing Town of Clinton maps have been inventoried.

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

- Various Education Outreach programs
- A CAC member presented “Pollinator Pathway Management Guidelines” for Clinton which was accepted by the Town Board
- Benchmarking and Greenhouse Gas Inventory completed and inaugural Green Fair held in May 2022

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

### **Plans for work/projects in 2023:**

- Continue working with the Planning Board by reviewing applications.
- Continue supplying Welcome Folders to the Town Clerk.
- Continue updating CAC webpage, CAC Agendas and Minutes on the Town of Clinton website.
- Continue developing Pollinator Pathway projects and attend local town events.
- Continue providing programs for the Summer Camp.
- Continue to work with the Clinton Community Library offering programs.
- Completion of ongoing projects (Road Stream Crossing Inventory & Management Plan, Natural Resources Inventory, Climate Smart Resiliency Plan Emergency Preparedness Strategies for Hazard Mitigation Recovery, Climate Action Plan, and CAC/CSC Task Force web page development), leading to successful submittal of application for Bronze Climate Smart Communities designation
- Develop a CAC-CSC Task Force website.