

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE
TOWN OF TAGHKANIC, NEW YORK

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE TOWN BOARD
March, 2026

The Conservation Advisory Committee and Climate Smart Communities Committee met on Thursday, February 26. After hearing reports from our Taghkanic representatives on current activities of the County's Environmental Management Council and Climate Smart Communities Committee, we reviewed plans and assigned responsibilities for the upcoming Taghkanic Talks presentation on March 7; we briefly reviewed plans that have been finalized for most programs for the balance of the year; and set a date for a working group to begin to dig into developing a strategy to move up from our current Bronze to a Silver status under the State's Climate Smart Communities Program, which would make significant additional grant monies available to the Town. We had a more detailed discussion on a developing strategy to move ahead with creation of a combined Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) and Open Space Plan (OSP). We anticipate coming to the Board at the March 9 meeting with a proposal to seek grant funding to develop an NRI/OSP, which would substantially enhance the Town's land use planning resources. Finally, we noted plans in progress for several Earth Day celebratory events, including a tree planting at Town Hall on April 22 and a Route 82 clean-up on Saturday April 25.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter & Charlene Paden
March 2, 2026