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

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE TOWN BOARD FOR AUGUST 2026

The Conservation Advisory Committee and Climate Smart Communities Committee did not meet this month. However, a number of our activities have moved ahead.

- On Saturday August 22, we hosted another Taghkanic Talks program at the firehouse, a panel presentation on “Meadow Making and Management.” More than 60 people attended. The event was not available on Zoom, but the slide deck and accompanying literature is available on the town website. Also, Tim Kennelty’s Taghkanic Lending Library was rolled out at the event. This mobile book cart holds over 60 books that Tim inscribed and donated to the town. The cart will be available at the Fire Company during our events and otherwise housed at Town Hall for easy self-checkout during regular TH hours. Many thanks to Tim for yet another great contribution to our community!
- Our Natural Resource Inventory and Open Space Plan working group met via Zoom on August 17. We had in hand three responses to the “Solicitation of Interest” that we had sent around earlier to a half dozen professional planning or environmental consulting firms, seeking preliminary input on the process we will propose and the potential cost, i.e. information we will need to prepare a compelling grant application. The responses provided a good deal of useful information and suggestions about how we might organize and execute the NRI/OSP process. All three respondents indicated a willingness to speak with us further and assist in planning and making an application for grant support. We are planning to be ready to submit a grant application to the NYS Estuary Program when requests for applications come out sometime this fall. Whether to proceed with such an application will be a decision for the Town Board, and we will of course keep the Board apprised and make a recommendation at an appropriate time.
- The next CAC/CSC meeting will be held on September 23, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter & Charlene Paden
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