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

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE TOWN BOARD FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

The Conservation Advisory Committee and Climate Smart Communities Committee met at Town Hall on September 23. A copy of the draft meeting minutes accompanies this report.

In addition, our Natural Resource Inventory and Open Space Plan working group met on September 14. We had a further discussion of the three responses to our "Solicitation of Interest" received in August and agreed on a plan to begin drafting sections of a grant application in anticipation of a Request for Applications (RFA) coming out from New York State in the near future. As it happens, the RFA was announced on Thursday September 24. We have taken a preliminary look at it and one or more of us will be attending a webinar for prospective applicants on Thursday October 8. Applications are due on or before December 17. We will be focusing on this very closely in the coming weeks and will keep the Board apprised of our thoughts.

The next session of our Taghkanic Talks series will take place on Saturday November 14 with an expert panel presenting on invasive species issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter & Charlene Paden
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