

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council (CAC)

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**Meeting Location: Top floor of Masonic Hall at the Town Complex,
1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck, NY**

Agenda – September 9, 2026 – 5:00pm

Review and Approve Minutes – August 12, 2026 Minutes were taken by Barbara Mansell.

CAC A8090.4	Amount	Spent	Remaining
2026 Budget	\$3,400	\$1,210.76	\$ 2,189.24

2027 Budget – On August 24th, Barbara submitted a request for \$2,500. It includes estimated costs for the clintoncac.com annual subscription, CAC/CSC postcards and mailing, sponsoring environmental presentations, supplies and materials, native plantings in the Norene Collier Nature Trail, and costs for CCD and Library outreach.

Planning Board – Michael

Comprehensive Plan Committee Update – Michael

Regional Resilience Grants by The Understory – Tree of Heaven - Deborah Subcommittee

Regional Resilience Grants by The Understory with the Library

Barbara, Margaret, Jean and Joe will meet with Brytanie Killebrew, Programming & Outreach Coordinator, and Carol Bancroft, Director of the Clinton Community Library, on Friday, September 11th at 10am to discuss their ideas for a grant that would include the CAC&CSC TF help.

CAC/CSC Public Outreach – Jean

Jean is working on a spreadsheet that lists the history of our public outreach. We plan to meet after the above meeting at the Library at 11am on September 11th to review the great work that she has done so far. Others may join us.

Town of Clinton CAC/CSC Postcards Mailing in 2027 – Deborah

Clinton Community Library (CCL)&CAC Partnership for Educational Events on the Norene Collier Nature Trail – There were 21 attendees, including Lynne and Margaret, at Barbara's Butterfly Walk on Saturday, August 15th. Margaret will lead a Meditative Nature Walk on Saturday, September 19th. Margaret has organized a "Fall Garden Clean-Up Lecture" at the library on September 12th at 11am and a "Fungi Identification Walk" on October 3rd at 11am on the Norene Collier Nature Trail, both led by Nick. These events have been added to the CAC website.

Barbara emailed the town requesting that the Streamloop on the Norene Collier Nature Trail be cleaned up and widened in time for Margaret's walk on September 19th.

CAC/CSC Website (www.clintoncac.com) – Ray and Barbara Mansell

Fred Shequine, Business Technology Consultant, has been very helpful answering Barbara's questions about working with Squarespace. A future update to the clintoncac website could be "Supporting Pollinators". Mike Whitton and Fred Shequine stated that according to NYS Open Meetings Law, the CAC can keep its domain name as long as the Agendas and Minutes are saved on the town's website.

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Town Website – CAC/CSC Agendas and Minutes have been uploaded to the CAC and CSC respective pages on the website as well as on the Laserfiche Public Portal.

Natural Resource Inventory Workshop by CCEDC - “NRIs in Action: Using NRIs”, September 23rd, 5:30pm-7:30pm, 2715 Route 44, Millbrook. This program is free, but registration is required. Register online here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/MFDYU0VKdr>. We need to share this with the Planning and Zoning Boards.

Climate Smart Communities Task Force – Joe

The Climate Vulnerability Assessment survey deadline is August 31st. A Climate Vulnerability Assessment Workshop will be held on September 29th. Barbara attached the 2026-07-28-CSC-Minutes and 2026-08-25-CSC-Agenda to the CAC email meeting notice.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 12, 2026 - CCL&CAC Partnership – Fall Garden Clean-Up Lecture given by Nick Sacerdote at the Library at 11am.

Saturday, September 19, 2026 - CCL&CAC Partnership - Summer Walk Series: Meditative Nature Walk with Margaret. Meet at the Norene Collier Nature Trail at 9am.

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 - Natural Resource Inventory Workshop at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County. “NRIs in Action: Using NRIs”, 5:30pm-7:30pm, 2715 Route 44, Millbrook. his program is free. Pre-registration is required. **Register online here:** <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/MFDYU0VKdr>

Saturday, October 3, 2026 – CCL&CAC Partnership – Fungi Identification Walk with Nick Sacerdote. Meet at the Norene Collier Nature Trail at 11am.

Next CAC Meeting: October 14, 2026 @ 5:00pm

2026 Meetings: November 11 (Veteran’s Day?); December 9.