

## Monthly Report to LaFayette Town Board

LaFayette Advisory Conservation Commission (LACC)

December 9, 2021

Submitted by: Mark Distler, LACC Chair

These are the LACC activities between November 5 and December 9, 2021:

1. **Membership** – No change in membership.
2. **Meetings** – A meeting was held on November 16.
3. **Projects & Programs** - See attached status summary of projects requested by the Town Supervisor and programs designed at building a community conservation culture. Of note:
  - a. The LACC reached out to the Optimists to offer assistance with the upgrades to Bailey Park planned for 2022. The LACC will assist with planning for the upgrades and connecting with the Cardiff Hamlet community.
  - b. Upon the initiative taken by the Information Officer who created a web page for the LACC, the LACC provided edits and new content. Currently, the page is available under the Community tab and includes monthly reports to the Town Board and educational materials prepared by the LACC for the Town Newsletter. The page content will be continually updated.

## LACC Project & Program Status Summary

<b>Projects</b>	<b><u>Objective</u></b>	<b><u>Sub team</u></b>	<b><u>Current Actions</u></b>	<b><u>Previous Actions</u></b>
<b>Comprehensive Plan Update</b>	Participate on Tiger Team to update 2012 Comprehensive Plan	Carole, Kelly, Mark	-Review final Goal #2 action items and prepare a plan for each	-Submitted input on vision, goals, objectives, action items -Provided input on land use approaches -Wrote FAQs for public communication -Prepared for public open house & hearing (10/28) -Provided input on revisions to CP based on public input
<b>Senior Center</b>	Propose concepts to connect visitors to the nature of Stafford Park	Kelly, Larkin, Mark	-ESF to design ravine landscape & new park plantings in Spring '22 -Look for grants that could fund the construction	-Met ESF to discuss their involvement -Received Supervisor's and Optimist's approval to proceed w/ ESF -Got construction ROM cost estimates for ravine & nature trail plantings
<b>Parks</b>	Propose concepts to increase visitor's awareness of nature and/or environment	Amy, Keith, Mark	-Obtain cost estimates for trees & benches -Select concept for Bailey Park for Spring 22	-Developed list of concepts -Finalized list of plantings for ESF by September; involve Optimists & Prince -Drafted tree/bench memorial program -Received Supervisor approval to obtain cost estimates -Worked out transaction details w/ Chartrand & Marzo
<b>Bailey Park Tree Planting</b>	Coordinate planting of trees at Bailey Park to replace those removed	Amy, Mark	COMPLETED	-Obtained cost quote to plant 5 trees -Received Supervisor's approval -Coordinated planting & residents' donation
<b>Bailey Park Upgrades</b>	Support Optimists about 2022 updates for the Park by helping them communicate with Cardiff Hamlet	Amy	-Provide community input on suggested updates	

<b>Electric Car Charging Stations</b>	Develop scope & cost for stations on Town property	Mark, Rachel	-Request contractors for installation estimates at two locations -Look for new funding programs in Spring '22 -Get TB approval to apply for funding by Oct '22	-Contacted CNYRPDB to learn about funding options -Got Supervisor approval to contact contractors
<b>Solar Farms</b>	Propose recommendations on siting policy	Carole, Kelly, Doug	-Complete internal review -Submit final recommendations to Supervisor by end of year	-Researched other towns' guidance -Drafted recommendation edits to current law
<b>Agritourism</b>	Recommend approaches to create a Town initiative	Isabella, Larkin	-Discuss possible scopes with Palmer & McConnell -Consider farm products census	-Discussed possible scopes with Supervisor
<b>Wild Parsnip</b>	Propose approaches to manage the risk of plant at Stafford Park	Claire, Kelly	-Recommend distribution of the new fact sheet via newsletter and social media (discuss with information officer) -Consider expanding resident education to other invasive and hazardous plants	-Discussed with Supervisor prior to identification -Prepared warning signs for installation at parks -Developed fact sheet
<b>Apple Valley Park Noise</b>	Provide technical support of noise & noise ordinance	Mark	-Ongoing support in event of mass gathering permit application	-Conducted noise evaluation during concert, submitted report -Recommended revisions to noise ordinance
<b>Culture Building Programs</b>				
<b>Town Newsletter Articles</b>	Provide communications that increase resident's awareness to nature and environmental conservation	Rotating authors	-Write 1Q article on plastic exposure due December 10 -Future topics: glass recycling, community solar	Q4 - LACC update, plastic recycling Q3 - LACC update, tick safety
<b>Town Website</b>	Post conservation topics on a LACC web page	Mark	-Continually update content	-Obtained Supervisor & IO approvals -Added existing content to the site page
<b>Natural Resource &amp; CEA Inventory</b>	Provide recommendations for future land use policies	TBD	On hold until CP update is finalized	

<b>Resident Experts</b>	Use volunteer resident experts to address conservation-related needs of Boards, as they come up	Mark	Speak with Supervisor about program and ways to eliminate liability concerns for volunteers	
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