



**Tarrytown
Environmental
Advisory Council**

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2021 TEAC Annual Report to Tarrytown



Tarrytown Environmental Advisory Council (TEAC)

- Is a volunteer, resident-led Council consisting of nine voting members appointed by the Tarrytown Board of Trustees
- Is fueled by a multitude of environmentally minded dedicated volunteers
- Was established by the Village in 1974 under NY State Law (Article 12-f - more detail on next slide)
- Advises the Tarrytown Mayor, the Board of Trustees and other Village Boards and Committees on environmental matters
- Works closely with the Village Administrator, our Trustee Liaison and other Village staff as needed



Conservation and Environmental Advisory Councils - NYS DEC:

In municipalities throughout New York, Conservation Advisory Councils (CACs) and Conservation Boards (CBs) serve as important advisory bodies to local governing boards, planning boards, and zoning boards of appeal.

By providing an environmental perspective on land use proposals, comprehensive plans, stewardship of natural areas, and other issues, CACs contribute to local land use decision-making, conservation, and quality of life for residents in the community.

CACs are established by a municipality under Article 12-F Section 239-x of NYS General Municipal Law and are also called “environmental commissions.” A CAC may be established by ordinance or by local law and is composed of 3-9 residents appointed by the local legislative body. CACs and CBs provide a formal structure within local governments to advise on the development, management, and protection of local natural resources.

Members of CACs and CBs may conduct policy research, deliver education programs, implement stewardship projects, and gather and distribute information to other town agencies, land-use applicants, and the general public.



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TEAC Mission

TEAC is committed to working with community leaders, area businesses, and residents to create a cleaner, greener, safer place to live and work, while fighting the Climate Crisis and other assaults on our environment on a local level, through public education and outreach.



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**...researches
environmental issues and
makes recommendations
and reports on...**

- **land use**
- **built environment**
- **ecological integrity**
- **threats to environmental quality and consequences**
- **quality of life**
- **public health and safety**





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Our Subcommittees...

- **Community Outreach**
- **Energy and Conservation**
- **Healthy Landscaping (native and pollinator-friendly)**
- **Lakes Committee**
- **Zero Waste Committee**
- **Liaison with the Tree Commission, T&MC and Placemaking Committee**





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Current areas of focus include:

- Sustainable landscaping, native planting, pollinator pathways
- Carbon emissions reduction
- Energy conservation and building standards
- Sustainable development
- Healthy air, soil and water and maintaining public spaces
- Waste reduction and recycling (including food scraps)





2021 Activities and Accomplishments

- Launched a successful crowdfunding campaign
 - Planted Pollinator Gardens around the Village
 - Earth Month family activities
 - Educational tabling at the TaSH
 - Clean-ups and Riverkeeper Sweep
 - Invasives removal in Village Parks
 - Swap events and Repair Café
 - Community Garden continuation
 - Published trail maps
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- 2021 NYSACC Conference on the Environment



TEAC Garden Projects





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2021 Ongoing Efforts

- **EnergySmart Homes Rivertowns Campaign**
- **Promoting sustainable gardening**
- **No-Mow May and Leave Leaves**
- **Promote Food Scraps Recycling**
- **Seed giveaways and healthy yard advice**
- **Climate Smart and Clean Energy**
- **Monthly Newsletter & Website**
- **Reducing use of gas-powered leaf-blowers and car idling**
- **Community Garden at John Paulding**
- **Monitoring water at the Lakes with Hackley intern**



TEAC Clean-Up Activities





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TEAC...

- Holds a monthly public meeting on the first Thursday at 7pm via Zoom. (Link on our website and in our newsletter).
- Works with other environmental organizations like SHEAC, Sustainable Westchester, Riverkeeper, Federated Conservationists of Westchester (FCWC), Mothers Out Front, the TaSH Farmers Market, NYSACC and many others.
- Produces a monthly email newsletter with current events and articles of interest to local residents.
- Maintains a public website:
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Collaboration with many other Groups and Village entities

- Community Coalition (C2 - Kids Club)
- EF school
- Environmental Leaders Learning Alliance (ELLA) member
- Federated Conservationists of Westchester County (FCWC)
- Friends of Neperan Park
- Friends of the Riverwalk
- Girl Scouts
- Hudson Compost Services
- JCC
- Mothers Out Front
- NYSACC
- NYSERDA
- Riverkeeper
- Rivertowns Intervillage CAC (collaboration with Irvington, Hastings, Dobbs Ferry, Ardsley)
- Rivers Edge Theater Company
- Scenic Hudson Trails Committee
- Sleepy Hollow Environmental Advisory Committee (SHEAC)
- Sustainable Westchester
- The TaSH Farmers Market
- Warner Library and its Friends group
- Tarrytown Village: Board of Trustees, Planning Board, DPW, Parks
- Tarrytown Tree Commission
- Tarrytown Placemaking Committee
- Transportation and Mobility Committee
- TUFSD school district



TARRYTOWN'S
Earth Month 2021
 APRIL THRU MAY
#EarthDayTTown

Spring Cleaning
 at Neperan
 Park

FAIRY
 HOUSES

CLOTHING
 SWAP

**Hit the
 Trails!**

COMMUNITY
 GARDEN

**EARTH
 DAY**

MUSHROOM
 WALK &
 TALK

River Sweep

CLEAN-UP
 AT THE
 LAKES

PLANT
 POLLINATORS

**Vine Removal
 at the Lakes**





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2022: Looking Forward

- Environmental Film Series @ Warner or Online
- Earth Day April 23 events
- Institutional food-waste recycling
- Sustainable practices for businesses
- Community Solar site development
- Green Champion Landscaping Program
- Climate Smart and Clean Energy
- Work with Planning Board on green building
- Working with Mayor Brown, new Board and Trustee liaison David Kim



More Photos of TEAC events



Zero Waste Work Shop

Wednesday May 19, 2021
6pm-7pm

How to put together a DIY zero waste kit, hand make a shopping bag from a t-shirt and tips for zero waste living

Located Outdoors at Greenburgh Nature Center
99 Dromore Rd, Scarsdale NY, 10588

Space is limited! Reserve your spot here:
www.eventbrite.com/e/154269653687

Greenburgh Nature Center
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Ways to Engage with us:



Visit our website - tarrytownenvironmental.org

Email us at tarrytownenviro@gmail.com

Follow us [facebook.com/tarrytownenviro](https://www.facebook.com/tarrytownenviro)

**Come see us at the TaSH Farmers Market on selected Saturdays!
Join our zoom meetings on the First Thursday of each month:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86908757827?pwd=OTI0VUplb3h5YTERMnR0ZzI3SHJpdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86908757827?pwd=OTI0VUpmb3hxYTl0VUplb3h5YTERMnR0ZzI3SHJpdz09)

-- Rachel Tieger and Dean Gallea, Co-Chairs

THANKS for watching!