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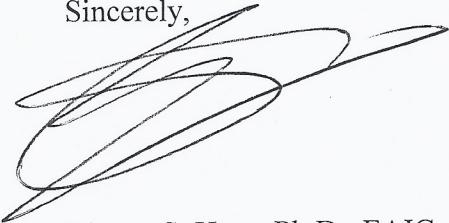
January 24, 2004

To:

George H. Wade III, Supervisor  
Gary E. Beck, Councilman  
Joseph J. Luna, Councilman  
Jon J. Wagner, Councilman  
Mellina A. Weiss, Councilwoman

Attached is a copy of the 2003 accomplishments and 2004 action plans for the Town of LaGrange Conservation Advisory Council for your information. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve our community as Chairman of the Conservation Advisory Council.

Sincerely,



Maung S. Htoo, Ph.D., FAIC

cc: Town of LaGrange Conservation Advisory Council Members  
Joachim G. Ansoage, Director of Planning and Zoning  
John S. Brewster, Planning Board Chairman  
Peter D. Huff, Parks and Recreation Director  
Tracy Johnson, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman  
Kathleen A. Williams, Town Clerk

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL(CAC)  
TOWN OF LAGRANGE**

**2003 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**I. NEW CAC COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE**

New computer hardware and software for CAC use has been installed and is fully operational. GIS (Geographic Information System) has been used for CAC reviews and minutes of CAC meetings have been recorded effective January 20, 2003.

**II. MONTHLY CAC REVIEWS OF PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS**

Completed review of all planning board applications submitted to us prior to our monthly meetings. These included the Hannaford Food & Drug Site Plan and Rolling Meadows at LaGrange Subdivision.

**III. ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION RELATED MEETINGS**

CAC members attended many environment and conservation related meetings in addition to classes and courses (see appendix B)..

**VI. WAPPINGERS CREEK GREENWAY EXTENSION**

CAC member, Rolf Nijhuis, played a key role in all phases of the Wappingers Creek Greenway extension. CAC member, Nancy Swanson, assisted with the on site work. The extension is approx. 0.5 mile along the Rohrbach and Smith property. The public opening and dedication was held on November 1, 2003.

**V. WAPPINGERS CREEK WATERSHED INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

CAC member, Tim Vilinskis, represented CAC in the Wappingers Creek Intermunicipal Council.

**VI. FISHKILL CREEK WATERSHED CONSERVATION**

Provided information to Dutchess County Environmental Management Council on tax parcel numbers of land in the vicinity of Sprout Creek and Wappingers Creek which are open space used for recreation.

**VII. TOWN OF LAGRANGE RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

CAC members, Rolf Nijhuis, Nancy Swanson and Maung Htoo, provided input to Maxian & Horst, Landscape Architects and Land Planners, for the Town of LaGrange Recreation Master Plan.

**VIII. FEDERAL PROTECTION OF ISOLATED WETLANDS.**

Submitted comments to EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) for continued full protection of "isolated wetlands" by the Army Corp of Engineers under the Clean Water Act.

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**2004 PLANS**

**I. MONTHLY CAC REVIEWS OF PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS**

Improve the timeliness and effectiveness of CAC comments by working closely with the Director of Planning and Zoning.

**II. PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION ON STORM WATER DISCHARGE**

Plan and conduct an ongoing public education and outreach program on Storm Water Discharge.

**III. ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION RELATED MEETINGS**

Continue attendance at pertinent environment and conservation related meetings.

**IV. CAC MEMBERSHIP**

Fill all existing vacancies and provide required training for all CAC members.

**V. WALKING TRAILS**

Continue to explore opportunities and implementation of recreational walking trails.

**VI. TOWN OF LAGRANGE RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

Provide CAC input to the plan as required.

**VI.. WAPPINGERS CREEK WATERSHED INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

Continue CAC representation in the Wappingers Creek Watershed Intermunicipal Council

**VIII. FISHKILL CREEK WATERSHED CONSERVATION**

Provide CAC input as required.

**IX. OTHER.**

Initiate new CAC projects as required.

**APPENDIX A**

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC) MEMBERS  
TOWN OF LAGRANGE (2003)**

- 1. Maung Htoo (Chairperson)**
- 2. Edwin Joba**
- 3. Emily Johnson (requested not to be reappointed - December)**
- 4. Stacy Johnson (resigned - September)**
- 5. Robert Kinkade**
- 6. Rolf Nijhuis**
- 7. Nancy Swanson**
- 8. Tim Vilinskis**

## APPENDIX B

### ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION RELATED MEETINGS ATTENDED BY CAC MEMBERS IN 2003

- Pace University Land Use Leadership Training and Certification.  
January 27, 2003 (Maung Htoo, Nancy Swanson)  
October 27, 2003 (Rolf Nijhuis, Ed Joba)
- Monthly Business Meetings by Dutchess County Environmental Management Council.  
(Nancy Swanson, Maung Htoo, Rolf Nijhuis, Ed Joba, Tin Vilinskis )
- LaGrange Town Board Meetings related to Conservation Advisory Council.  
(Rolf Nijhuis, Nancy Swanson, Maung Htoo, Tim Vilinskis, Ed Joba, Bob Kinkade)
- Dutchess County Planning Federation Short Course on "Planning Board Basics".  
March 25, 2003 (Nancy Swanson)
- Dutchess County Planning Federation Short Course on "Urban Landscaping and Lighting".  
September 23 (Nancy Swanson)
- 2003 Conference on the Environment sponsored by New York State Conservation Advisory Councils and Environmental Management Councils.  
October 3-5, 2003 (Maung Htoo)
- Conference on "Groundwater in Dutchess County" at Vassar College.  
October 25 (Rolf Nijhuis, Ed Joba)
- Waterman Bird Club meeting on "The Blanding's Turtle"  
October 27 (Nancy Swanson)
- Hudsonia 3 day course on "Biodiversity Assessment"  
November 11-13 (Nancy Swanson).