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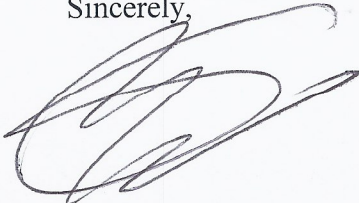
January 24, 2005

To:

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

Attached for your information is a copy of the 2004 accomplishments and 2005 action plans for the Town of LaGrange Conservation Advisory Council (CAC). Our membership reached the maximum authorized level of nine members in 2004 (first time in recent years). Our participation in the LaGrange Community Day ( first time in CAC's 32 year existence) was well received by the community. Our accomplishments were also recognized at the county level. We were selected to receive a Greenway Award from the Dutchess County Planning Federation for our contributions in the development and implementation of Wappinger Creek Greenway Trail.

Sincerely,



Maung S. Htoo, Ph.D., FAIC  
Chairperson  
Town of LaGrange Conservation Advisory Council

cc: Town of LaGrange Conservation Advisory Council Members  
Joachim G. Ansonage, 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**

**2004 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**I. CAC MEMBERSHIP**

Made recommendations to the town board with names of qualified candidates to fill all three vacancies in January 2004. This is the first time in recent years that LaGrange CAC has reached the maximum authorized level of nine members.

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

Completed review of all planning board applications submitted to us prior to our monthly meetings. The major environmental issue in 2004 was protection of the Blanding's Turtle Habitat.

**III. ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION RELATED MEETINGS**

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

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

Selected a brochure design on storm water discharge "After the Storm" after working closely with specialists from Chazen Companies. 500 of these brochures were printed for distribution at the LaGrange Community Day on June 12, 2004. Implemented the CAC web site on storm water discharge. Invited NY State Department of Environmental Conservation Specialist to come to the Community Day and conduct learning activities for children (and their parents) on storm water issues.

**V. PARTICIPATION AT LAGRANGE COMMUNITY EVENTS**

CAC had a table at the LaGrange Community Day to hand out brochures and conduct learning activities on storm water discharge (see item IV above). This is the first time that LaGrange CAC has participated in a community event since it was created by the town in 1972. It was well received by the community.

**VI. WAPPINGER CREEK BANK RESTORATION**

Applications have been submitted to the Town of LaGrange and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to restore approx. 150 feet of the eroded bank of Wappinger Creek to protect the Town of LaGrange's "Wappinger Creek Greenway Trail". It has received support from the Town Supervisor, George Wade; Planning and Zoning Director, Joachim Ansonage; the Trout Unlimited organization and Dutchess County Environmental Management Council.

**VII. DUTCHESS COUNTY PLANNING FEDERATION AWARD.**

LaGrange CAC has been selected to receive a Greenway Award for our contributions in the development and implementation of the Wappinger Creek Greenway Trail. The award will be presented at the planning federation annual dinner in January, 2005.



VIII. WAPPINGER CREEK WATERSHED INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL

CAC member, Keith Christensen, represented CAC in the Wappingers Creek Intermunicipal Council and attended all the meetings.

IX. TOWN OF LAGRANGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

CAC member, Rolf Nijhuis, represented CAC in the Comprehensive Plan Committee meetings chaired by Councilperson, Joe Luna. We also reviewed and made comments on the first draft of the Comprehensive Plan.

X. TOWN OF LAGRANGE RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Reviewed and made comments on the Recreation Master Plan.

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

**2005 PLANS**

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

Improve the efficiency of the CAC review process by acquiring up-to-date information and assuring that all members receive the necessary training on a timely basis.

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

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

**III. PARTICIPATION AT LAGRANGE COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Continue participation at the LaGrange Community Day (our first participation in June 2004 was well received).

**IV. ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION RELATED MEETINGS**

Continue attendance at pertinent environment and conservation related meetings.

**V. WALKING TRAILS**

Continue to explore opportunities and implementation of recreational walking trails.

**VI. WAPPINGER CREEK BANK RESTORATION**

Assure completion of Wappinger Creek bank restoration in 2005 as planned.

**VII. WAPPINGER CREEK WATERSHED INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

Continue CAC representation in the Wappinger Creek Watershed Intermunicipal Council.

**VIII. TOWN OF LAGRANGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

Continue CAC participation in the Comprehensive Plan Committee meetings.

**XI. OTHER**

Initiate new CAC projects as required.

**APPENDIX A**

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC) MEMBERS  
TOWN OF LAGRANGE (2004)**

- 1. Maung Htoo (Chairperson)**
- 2. Keith Christensen**
- 3. Edwin Joba**
- 4. Robert Kinkade**
- 5. Linda McPhee**
- 6. Rolf Nijhuis**
- 7. Dianne Olsen**
- 8. Nancy Swanson**
- 9. Tim Vilinskis**

## APPENDIX B

### ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION RELATED MEETINGS ATTENDED BY CAC MEMBERS IN 2004

- Monthly Business Meetings by the Dutchess County Environmental Management Council  
(Keith Christensen, Maung Htoo, Edwin Joba, Rolf Nijhuis, Dianne Olsen, Nancy Swanson)
- LaGrange Planning Board Meetings  
(Linda McPhee, Nancy Swanson)
- LaGrange Town Board Meetings  
(Robert Kinkade, Rolf Nijhuis, Nancy Swanson)
- LaGrange Comprehensive Plan Committee Meetings  
(Rolf Nijhuis, Nancy Swanson)
- Stormwater Discharge Education Committee Meetings with Chazen Companies  
(Maung Htoo, Rolf Nijhuis, Nancy Swanson)
- CAC Comment Improvement Committee Meetings  
(Keith Christensen, Maung Htoo, Linda McPhee, Rolf Nijhuis)
- NYS Association of Towns Training Course  
(Nancy Swanson)
- Wappinger Creek Intermunicipal Council Meetings  
(Keith Christensen)
- Nature Education Center in the Skidmore Sanctuary  
(Maung Htoo)
- Dutchess County Planning Federation Short Courses  
(Linda McPhee, Rolf Nijhuis)
- Dutchess County Planning Federation Workshops  
(Ed Joba, Nancy Swanson)
- Town of Dover CAC Meeting on Well Testing  
(Robert Kinkade)
- Poughkeepsie Chamber of Commerce Smart Growth Meeting  
(Keith Christensen)
- Wappinger Creek Watershed Symposium at Marist College  
(Linda McPhee)
- LaGrange Community Day  
(Keith Christensen, Maung Htoo, Linda McPhee, Rolf Nijhuis, Dianne Olsen),
- Wappinger Creek Bank Restoration Meetings  
(Rolf Nijhuis)
- New GIS Program Training  
Rolf Nijhuis (instructor)- Linda McPhee, Nancy Swanson (trainees)