



CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

August 6, 2025
6:30 In Person
Lansing Town Hall

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Present: Ed Dubovi, Robyn Bailey, John Hatfield, Travis Kitch, John Fleming

Absent: Todd Walters, Brian Boerman, Lisa Scanlon (resigned due to relocation)

Non-CAC attendees: Christine Montague, Town Board; Kathy Yen, Siobhan Hull, CCE;

A quorum of the CAC members was present.

2. The main topic of discussion was the future of the Climate Smart Communities program. As we were preparing to address future efforts, we were informed that the state program was transferred to the Southern Tier 8 Regional Board from Cornell Cooperative Extension. Our new contact in that office is Ashley Seyfried, Director of Sustainability. She is located in Binghamton so being at our meeting will take some planning. We have a tentative commitment for her being in Lansing for the October CSC meeting.

3. The proposal to elevate the CAC to a Conservation Board was discussed. A CB would become more involved in the work of the Planning Board. To get further insight into the operations of a CB, plans are being made to meet with the CB for the Town of Ithaca. The September CAC meeting will be canceled as a meeting with the CB would be only one day later.

4. The CAC members were encouraged to identify members of the community that would be interested in being a part of the CAC. At least two new members will be needed for the 2026 CAC.