



# Town of Kent Conservation Advisory Committee

Agenda for Monthly CAC Meeting  
June 21, 2023 at 7 PM

*NOTE: This meeting is open to the public and will be held by online video/telephone conference to make the meeting as accessible to all as possible in the presence of on-going concerns regarding COVID-19.*

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## Online Meeting Details

### Join from the meeting link

<https://kentconservationfoundation.my.webex.com/kentconservationfoundation.my/j.php?MTID=mb7c714ecb35050be719aa5d33158cf11>

### Join by meeting number

Meeting number (access code): 142 809 0822

Meeting password: WDeEMfPE825 (93336373 from phones and video systems)

### Tap to join from a mobile device (attendees only)

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Some mobile devices may ask attendees to enter a numeric meeting password.

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## Meeting Minutes

Review and approve minutes from May 2023 meeting:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zXFiA3YiFrzMhkiU4CZEqeVMBgi8Ab6i0j9CNtnQcVo/edit?usp=sharing>

## Chair's Report

- Update on LULA conference
- Update on Bio-Diversity Hike at Huestis Park by Bill Buck/Beth Herr
- Eagle Scout project – Pollinator Garden at Town Center
  - Discuss ongoing maintenance by CAC
- Discuss August CAC meeting date
  
- Upcoming NYS DEC Virtual Meeting – June 28, 2023 9:00AM – 1:00PM

DEC staff from several programs will provide brief program updates, with time allotted for Q&A and discussion, including:

Division of Water,  
Fish and Wildlife,  
Lands and Forests,  
Digital Services, and  
Solid Waste.

The DEC will share information about how to register when it is available.

- Ongoing NYS DEC Conservation and Land Use Webinars
  - Great sources of information for conservation activities.
  - Past webinars can be found here → <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/120539.html>

## KCAC Projects

Review projects the KCAC is currently working on

### **Climate Smart Communities (CSC)**

The Climate Smart Communities committee is a working group to assist the town in achieving Climate Smart goals. The CSC committee will provide an update to the CAC.

The CSC meeting is held monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

- Next CSC meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2023 at 7:00PM
- CAC members and public are welcome to join CSC meetings

### **Kent Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)**

- NRI Draft 24APR2023 is available for CAC and NRI team members to review and comment on. Please review and provide commentary.

- Update on the initial presentation of the NRI project to the Town Board on Tuesday, June 20
  - Link to presentation:
  - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nyazgOpmTTMQgR3JFK9LdQj6eHs1q69P/view?usp=sharing>
- Final NRI publication due 4Q2023 → We are heading into the home stretch!
- Hours tracking sheets coming due for 2Q2032 NRI project work
- CAC members – PLEASE review the current NRI draft v1 and comment. We are actively working to develop the Conservation Action Plan as well as provide input to other areas of the NRI document.
- NRI team meeting date has changed to 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. CAC members are invited to join the NRI meeting.
  - Next NRI meeting is June 26, 2023 at 7:00PM
- Update on biodiversity Inventory project

## Other CAC projects

### Discussion and review of current Land Development Projects in town

- Updates from Town Council regarding any new progress toward updates to the town code to accommodate soil removal, excavation, and mining in the Town of Kent
- Town Council and/or Planning Board updates to CAC re: possible new or updated projects which require advisory input from the CAC

## Town of Kent CAC hikes and events

The Town of Kent CAC has a wonderful inventory of trails and open spaces available for all types of activities, hiking, bicycling, fishing, hunting, and different field sports activities, all here within the town. The CAC encourages everyone to get out and explore our wonderful outdoors. As part of our work, the CAC holds different outdoor events throughout the year to bring folks together for a fun activity combined with some history of the local town.

### Planning for new events

- Discuss planning for other hikes and events
- Date for next Star Party

## Kent Conservation Foundation Report

Receive a report from the Kent Conservation Foundation

Kent Conservation and Kent CAC are always building and maintaining a list of volunteers who are interested in working on the Nimham fire tower and related stewardship activities

- Nimham Fire Tower painting – Update from KCF

## Meeting End

Final comments from anyone

## Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held as a virtual meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, July 19, 2023 at 7:00PM by WebEx video/telephone conference.

## Contact

For further information about the CAC, including projects the CAC is working on or our meetings, please contact Bill Volckmann, CAC Chair at [cac@townofkentny.gov](mailto:cac@townofkentny.gov) or 914-671-2764.