

## **New York State Association of Conservation Commissions (NYSACC)**

April 4, 2022

Dear Members of the Village of Bronxville Green Committee,

I'd like to thank you for paying your membership dues to NYSACC for the calendar year 2022. As we essentially receive no other funding than your dues, we appreciate your support.

Here's what we've done with your dues just since January 1<sup>st</sup>:

- Started an effort to create a regional network for communities living on Long Island and the Long Island Sound coastline of Westchester County to create a resilient strategy to sea level rise. We have held one meeting and will be hosting others throughout the year.
- Supported the effort of communities living along Seneca Lake to address the relatively new impact of dedicated proof of work crypto-currency mining, which has resulted in the opening up of moth-balled fossil fuel power plants on the lake to both power large data banks to create bit coin and then dump heated water back into the lake used to cool the thousands of computers. Our next step is to help establish a network of communities not only in the Finger Lakes but also along Lake Erie to understand how this new activity will impact New York State's efforts to meet its declared climate change goals.
- We hosted a free virtual meet-up for all environmental groups in Westchester through the use of our virtual platform Gather Town. This very non- Zoom platform, which we proofed at our Fall Conference on the Environment that had over 500 registrants, allows you to create your own avatar that can interact with others at a meeting to have private 1-on-1 conversations, to sit in on workshops and have the ability to interact with presenters just like at an in-person meeting, as well as to sit in a 500-seat auditorium and hear speakers. And, by the way, if you want to hold a meeting with 25 or fewer attendees, our platform is available to you for free. If you are interested in holding a small local meeting or a regional meeting, please contact me to discuss ([president@nysacc.org](mailto:president@nysacc.org))
- We partnered with Federated Conservationists of Westchester on using our Gather platform to hold a Climate Smart Youth Summit, run by 20-year olds and younger students at no cost to them.
- We partnered with the NYS DEC in providing two special live presentations given only to members of NYSACC on the NYS Climate Action Council's Draft Scoping Plan on the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.
- We continue to share other Conservation Boards' information both regionally or statewide, as appropriate, through directly emailing your committee's activities.

NYSACC is constantly looking for ways to help your committee. If you see issues that are regional, let us know. If you have a local issue with your municipality, let us know. We are your association!

Thank you.

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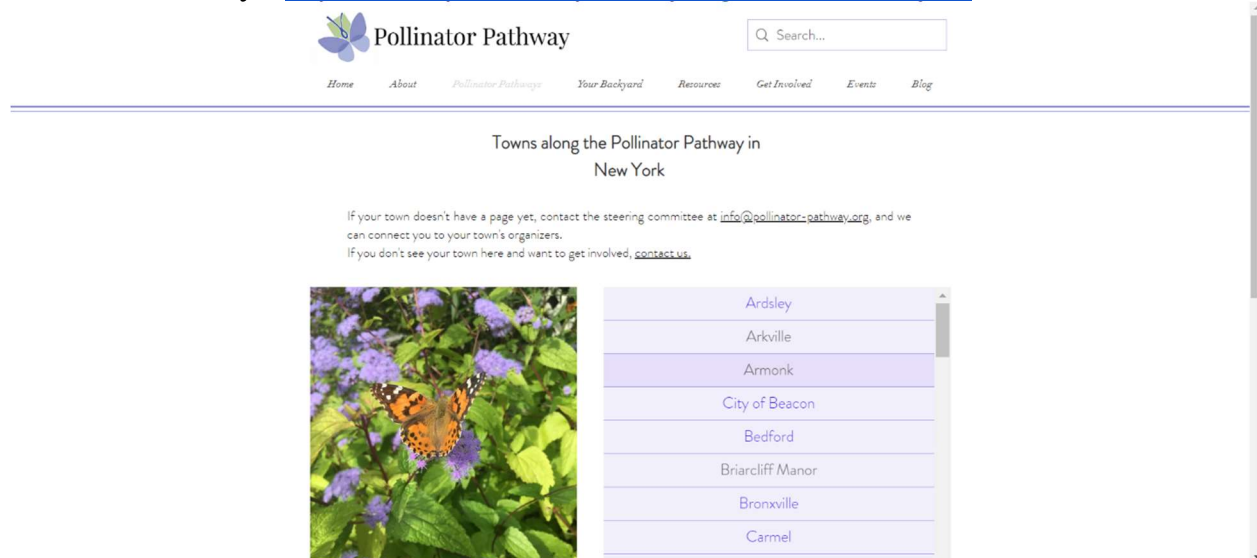
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## Pollinator Pathways

The Pollinator Pathway project is organized by volunteers from town conservation organizations working together to establish pollinator-friendly habitat and food sources for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinating insects and wildlife along a series of continuous corridors. The Village of Bronxville's Green Committee started a Bronxville Pollinator Group in 2020. Our efforts include educating residents about Pollinator Pathways and establishing numerous native plant gardens in our community. Below are screen shots of the Pollinator Pathways website, which lists Bronxville as a participating town, and a screen shot of our website providing information on our Pollinator Pathways group.

Pollinator Pathways: <https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/towns-1/new-york>



Village of Bronxville Green Committee Pollinator

Pathways: <https://www.bronxvillegreencommittee.org/biodiversity/pollinator-pathways>



The Bronxville Pollinator Pathways are in the part of a larger

Sharp declines in bee, butterfly and other pollinating populations are due to loss of habitat and nutrition from land fragmentation, pesticide use and climate change.

Public parks alone can no longer provide enough support to sustain these environmentally important populations. Fortunately, Pollinator Pathways in communities like Bronxville can provide a solution!

As a resident of Bronxville, you can contribute any way you wish – putting one pot on your balcony, adding a patch of native flowers to your yard, planting a tree, helping with a community project or changing the way your yard is cared for.

We're inviting every Bronxville resident to join! Participants



Get Started!

Click on the steps below to learn how to transform your garden to a beautiful and healthy native plant environment. These are tips and resources you can do yourself or give to your gardener.

## Bronx River Watershed Coalition

The Bronx River Watershed Coalition was formed in 2003 as a partnership among Westchester County municipalities and agencies and not-for-profit organizations seeking the same goal: to improve water quality in the Bronx River. It also helped address flood mitigation. The coalition developed a comprehensive watershed plan, which lays out a strategy for limiting the amount of stormwater runoff and pollutants entering the Bronx River and its tributaries.

Coalition members included municipalities in Westchester County whose boundaries fall wholly or partly within the Bronx River watershed. Below is a screen shot of the coalition's web page (<https://planning.westchestergov.com/bronx-river/>) indicating Bronxville as a member.


Westchester County Mobility and Transit Plan  
Let's shape the future of mobility in Westchester.

Department of Planning > Bronx River

### WATERSHEDS

- Watershed Protection
- Croton-Kensico +
- Long Island Sound
- Indian Brook
- Bronx River +**

## Bronx River Watershed Coalition



Covered by forests, meadows, marshes and swamps and intersected by streams that eventually emptied into their larger cousin, the Bronx River watershed or drainage basin was similar to most of Westchester County. Over time after European settlement, new farmland gave way to paved roads, parking lots and buildings of all kinds. Today, the watershed is considerably developed, especially in southern Westchester. Low-, moderate- and high-density housing, shopping centers, offices, industry and other similar land uses have replaced many of the natural resources that once dominated the landscape. Even recreational uses, like

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Ardsley	Greensburgh	New Castle	White Plains
Bronxville	Harrison	North Castle	Yonkers
Eastchester	Mount Pleasant	Scarsdale	
Elmford	Mount Vernon	Tuckahoe	

Other members include the:

- Westchester County Department of Planning
- Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation and the Bronx River Conservancy
- [Bronx River Alliance](#)
- [New York City Department of Parks and Recreation](#)
- [New York City Department of Environmental Protection](#)
- [New York Department of State Division of Coastal Resources](#)
- [New York Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Water](#)