

**Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Program is a New York State program that helps local governments take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate.**

**The T.O.W and V.O.M have completed several initiatives that have earned us points toward CSC certification. These initiatives include:**

- Creating Climate Smart Community Task Forces and Coordinators
  - Installed Electric Charging Stations at the Town Hall
  - Pollinators Pathway and No Mow May
  - Planning phases for composting programs for the Village and Town
  - Trainings for Climate Smart Community Task Force Members
  - LED Light replacement in government buildings and streetlights
- AND this Joint Natural Resources Inventory.

## **NRI TASK FORCE MEMBERS:**

### **Village of Millbrook:**

Gen Glasson, VOM Planning Board Member and CSC Coordinator  
Dr. Peter Groffman, Microbial Ecologist  
Mike Herzog, VOM Trustee, CSC Task Force Member, Conservation Advisory Commission VOM Liaison, Chairperson Shade Tree Commission  
Dr. Shannon LaDeau, Conservation Advisory Commission Member, CSC Task Force Member, Disease Ecologist

### **Town of Washington:**

Leslie Heaney, TOW Councilperson and CSC Coordinator  
Richard Phillips, TOW Planning Board member, CSC Task Force Member  
Margaret Schneible, Chair Conservation Advisory Commission, CSC Task Force Member

# VILLAGE OF MILLBROOK AND TOWN OF WASHINGTON



# CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

## NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY (NRI)

The Town of Washington, the Village of Millbrook and the Town of Clinton are working on a joint Natural Resources Inventory, a program supported by the New York State's Department of Environmental Conservation.

## WHAT IS A NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY?

A Natural Resources Inventory is an accounting of a municipality's natural resources. Natural resources include things like water, animal habitats, trees, and vegetation. It can also take account of a municipality's cultural resources as well. NRIs are maps and narrative descriptions identifying these unique and varied resources.



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## WHY IS AN NRI IMPORTANT?

NRIs enable municipalities to make informed decisions around land use. It is vital to fully understand the location and extent of our natural resources when adopting regulations, reviewing changes and making decisions concerning land use.

To learn more about NRIs:

<https://hudson.dnr.cals.cornell.edu/conservation-planning/inventory-and-planning/natural-resources-inventory>

## WHY ARE WE WORKING ON A NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY?

The Village of Millbrook, Town of Washington and the Town of Clinton, was jointly awarded technical support for this NRI by the Hudson River Estuary Program in conjunction with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the Cornell University/Cornell Cooperative Extension.

An updated Natural Resources Inventory was also recommended to our Town and Village as part of the Town of Washington's 2015 Comprehensive Plan and its 2023 Hospitality Addendum. Our NRI should be completed by calendar year end, 2023.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

*We want to hear from you:*

**Town of Washington:**

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Additionally, to learn more about our CSC work and its members, visit the Town of Washington's site at

<https://www.washingtontny.org> or

the Village of Millbrook at

<https://villageofmillbrookny.com>

