

# TOWN OF OLIVE



# CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

INFORMATION | EDUCATION | ACTION

## Mission

Our mission is to help the Town Board, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals make informed decisions about residential and commercial development. The OCAC helps town decision-makers balance future development with the preservation of our town's natural beauty by gathering vital information about environmental conservation and protecting our natural resources.

We have consolidated our focus into three main areas:  
Information. Education. Action.

## Information

- **Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)**
  - The OCAC completed the NRI in 2021; a 139-page report that maps and describes virtually all of Olive's 40,000 acres.
  - Identifies and describes the naturally occurring resources, including forests, streams, wetlands, natural habitats, topography, geology and soils, recreation, scenic uses, land uses, climate conditions and projections.
  - Aims to cultivate a better understanding and appreciation of the community's natural resources, and set the stage for planning and conservation goals.



## Education



- Promote the education of conservation issues that impact the livelihoods, quality of life, and cost of living of residents.
- Provide information on cost-saving conservation and energy reduction strategies.
- Encourage residents to conduct do-it-yourself energy audits, to reduce energy costs.

## Action

- Working with local organizations to help combat climate change.
- Planting native flowers and shrubs to prevent erosion.
- Preservation and planting of milkweed to help restore the monarch butterfly population.
- Conduct periodic energy assessments of town-owned buildings and vehicles.
- Participation in the Boiceville Visioning project.



More information on CACs is available from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation:

[www.dec.ny.gov/docs/remediation\\_hudson\\_pdf/cacfsheet.pdf](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/remediation_hudson_pdf/cacfsheet.pdf)

To better understand the process and function of CACs in NY, visit:

[www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/GMU/239-X](http://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/GMU/239-X)