



# 2022 TEAC Annual Report

- **TEAC is a volunteer, resident-led Council consisting of nine voting members appointed by the Tarrytown Board of Trustees**
- **TEAC was established by the Village in 1974 under NY State Law (Article 12-f - more detail on next slide)**
- **We are fueled by a multitude of environmentally minded dedicated volunteers**
- **We advise the Tarrytown Mayor, the Board of Trustees and other Village Boards and Committees on environmental matters**
- **We work closely with the Village Administrator and Assistant, our Trustee Liaison and other Village staff as needed**
- **TEAC is committed to working with community leaders, area businesses, and residents to create a cleaner, greener, safer place to live and work, while fighting the Climate Crisis and other assaults on our environment on a local level, through public education and outreach.**



## **Conservation and Environmental Advisory Councils - NYS DEC:**

**In municipalities throughout New York, Conservation Advisory Councils (CACs) and Conservation Boards (CBs) serve as important advisory bodies to local governing boards, planning boards, and zoning boards of appeal.**

**A CAC may be established by ordinance or by local law and is composed of 3-9 residents appointed by the local legislative body. CACs and CBs provide a formal structure within local governments to advise on the development, management, and protection of local natural resources. By providing an environmental perspective on land use proposals, comprehensive plans, stewardship of natural areas, and other issues, CACs contribute to local land use decision-making, conservation, and quality of life for residents in the community.**

**Members of CACs and CBs may conduct policy research, deliver education programs, implement stewardship projects, and gather and distribute information to other town agencies, land-use applicants, and the general public.**



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## We research, make recommendations and report on...

- land use
- built environment
- ecological integrity
- threats to environmental quality and their consequences
- quality of life
- public health and safety



## Our Subcommittees...

- **Community Outreach**
- **Energy and Conservation**
- **Healthy Landscaping (native and pollinator-friendly)**
- **Lakes Committee**
- **Zero Waste**
- **Liaise with the Tree Commission and Placemaking Committee**



## Current areas of focus include:

- Sustainable landscaping, native planting, pollinator pathways, invasives control
- Carbon emissions reduction
- Energy conservation and building standards
- Sustainable development
- Healthy air, soil and water and maintaining public spaces
- Working towards “zero waste” and plastics reduction
- Saving specimen trees

## 2022 TEAC Activities and Accomplishments

- Installed Public Planters on Main Street
- Planted Pollinator Gardens around the Village
- Hosted Earth Month activities and annual Eco Fair
- Educational tabling at the TaSH
- Clean-up projects including a Riverkeeper Sweep
- Invasives removal on Village Property
- Organized Household and Clothing Swap events
- Community Garden continuation
- Participated in Repair Cafés in the Rivertowns
- Planted hundreds of “Trees for Tribs” at the Lakes
- Stakeholder in the CaD Studio by Cornell University
- Attended Hackley School Community Service Fair
- Helped design and build the winning, solar-powered Halloween float



# TEAC Projects and Events



## 2022 Ongoing Efforts

- Promoting sustainable landscaping
- No-Mow May and Leave Leaves Alone
- Promote Food Scraps Recycling
- Seed giveaways and healthy yard advice
- Climate Smart and Clean Energy
- Monthly Newsletter & Website
- Reducing emissions (GPLB/idling)
- Community Garden at John Paulding
- Work with Planning Department as needed
- Publish articles in local newspapers
- Vine removal from strangled trees
- Promote Textile Recycling



# TEAC Clean-Up Activities



## TEAC...

- Holds a monthly public meeting on the first Thursday at 7pm
- Works with other environmental organizations
- Produces a monthly email newsletter with current events and articles of interest to local residents.
- Maintains a public website:  
[tarrytownenvironmental.org](http://tarrytownenvironmental.org)
- Maintains a Facebook page:  
[facebook.com/tarrytownenviro](https://facebook.com/tarrytownenviro)



## Collaboration with local Groups and Village entities

- **Community Coalition (C2 - Kids Club)**
- **EF school**
- **Environmental Leaders Learning Alliance (ELLA) member**
- **Federated Conservationists of Westchester County (FCWC)**
- **Friends of Neperan Park**
- **Friends of the Riverwalk**
- **Hackley School**
- **Hudson Compost Services**
- **JCC**
- **Mothers Out Front**
- **NYSACC**
- **NYSERDA**
- **Riverkeeper**
- **Intervillage CAC Coalition**  
(collaboration with Irvington, Hastings, Dobbs Ferry, Ardsley)
- **Scenic Hudson Trails Committee**
- **Sleepy Hollow Environmental Advisory Committee (SHEAC)**
- **Sustainable Westchester**
- **The TaSH Farmers Market**
- **Warner Library**
- **Tarrytown Board of Trustees, Planning Board, DPW, Parks Department**
- **Tarrytown Tree Commission**
- **Tarrytown Placemaking Committee**
- **Transportation and Mobility Committee**
- **TUFSD school district**

# 2022 Eco Fair Photos





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## 2023: Looking Forward

- Environmental Film Series
- Earth Month events April-May
- Hosting our first Repair Café April 15th
- Institutional food-waste recycling
- Trees for Tribs continuation
- Collaborating with Morse School Eco Club
- Green Landscaping Champion Program
- Climate Smart Community Certification
- Work with Planning Board on green building
- Pursuing more solar projects in the Village
- Eco Fair at the TaSH Farmers Market
- Newly Formed TEAC Vine Squad



# TEAC Trees for Tribes Project



Photos and video thanks to  
Suzy Allman.

<https://vimeo.com/762746610>



## Ways to Engage with TEAC:

Visit our website - [tarrytownenvironmental.org](http://tarrytownenvironmental.org)

Email us at [tarrytownenviro@gmail.com](mailto:tarrytownenviro@gmail.com)

Follow us [facebook.com/tarrytownenviro](https://facebook.com/tarrytownenviro)

**Visit us at the TaSH Farmers Market on selected Saturdays!  
Attend monthly meetings the First Thursday at Village Hall**

***Rachel Tieger and Dean Gallea, Co-Chairs***

**THANKS for watching!**