

# Town of Canandaigua News

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## Awards Presented at New York Planning Federation Conference

Planning Board Chairperson Thomas Schwartz and the Citizens' Implementation Committee were recognized at the New York Planning Federation (NYPF) 80th Annual Conference held in April in Bolton Landing, N.Y.

Mr. Schwartz, who has served on the Planning Board since July 2008, received the Heissenbuttel Award for Planning Excellence. The award is given each year to an individual, municipality or agency for outstanding accomplishment in the planning field. It is named in honor of Henry Heissenbuttel, the former director of the Dutchess County Planning Department.

The Comprehensive Plan Award was presented to the Town of Canandaigua in recognition of the work of the Citizens' Implementation Committee initiative.

Mr. Schwartz has served as Planning Board Chairperson through two administrations, several changes in Planning Board members, a complete turnover of the Development Office staff, and dozens of updates to the Town Code.

He led a project team which focused



The New York Planning Federation recognized Thomas Schwartz, Town Planning Board Chairperson, and the Citizens' Implementation Committee at its annual conference. Pictured (from left): Planning Board Member Karen Blazey; Mr. Schwartz; NYPF President Nina Peek; Town Manager Doug Finch; and Planning Board Member Gary Humes.

on the identification of conservation programs and approaches to promote the conservation of open spaces, natural resources and woodlands as outlined in the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

A retired insurance broker, Mr. Schwartz previously served as a

volunteer mediator with the Center for Dispute Resolution.

"The Town is fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers like Tom to help advance our quality of life," said Town Manager Doug Finch. "Giving tirelessly of himself, Tom spends many hours each week in service to the Town and residents, participating in board and committee meetings, reviewing projects, as well as representing the Town at outside events. Applicants and fellow board members alike are comforted by Tom's composed and clear-headed way of thinking and his ability to lead discussions in a poised and collected manner. Tom is a highly respected and greatly appreciated member of the Town of Canandaigua team."

Mr. Schwartz is a member of the Citizens' Implementation Committee, the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association, the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council Workgroup and the Ontario County Historical Society.

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## Town Events

The Events Committee is planning a full schedule for 2018. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

■ **Highway Garage Ribbon-Cutting**  
Monday, May 21, 2018, 12:00 p.m., at the new Highway Facility, 5440 Routes 5 & 20 West.

■ **Town Open House**  
Saturday, June 16, 2018, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the new Highway Facility.

■ **Fourth of July Parade**  
Wednesday, July 4, 2018,  
10:00 a.m.

■ **Town of Canandaigua Day at the Ontario County Fair**  
Thursday, July 26, 2018.

■ **Outdoor Movie at Outhouse Park**  
Friday, August 10, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

■ **Miller Park Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony**  
September (date and time to be determined).

■ **Halloween at Onanda Park**  
Saturday, October 27, 2018.

**Watch for details in future issues of the Town Newsletter.**

# Awards Presented at New York Planning Federation Conference . . .

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The Town of Canandaigua received the NYPF Comprehensive Plan Award in recognition of the Citizens' Implementation Committee (CIC) initiative.

The mission of the CIC is to focus on each individual goal of the Town's 2011 Comprehensive Plan. The Committee examines each action step for quantifiable objectives in order to track progress and ultimately achieve the identified goals, while keeping in mind

the original plan for the future development of the Town.

CIC teams are currently working on projects including the Open Space and Conservation Master Plan, Complete Streets, Site Design Standards and Criteria, and Economic Development.

The Town's Agricultural Advisory Committee also serves as a project team.

The Cultural and Historic Preservation Team was formed earlier this year.

Members of the CIC are Chairperson Sarah Reynolds, Town Board member Gary Davis, Town Manager Doug Finch, former Town Board member Oksana Fuller, Town Historian Ray Henry, Zoning Board of Appeals member Kelly La Voie, Environmental Conservation Board Chairperson Joyce Marthaller, Town Board member Kevin Reynolds, Planning Board Chairperson Thomas Schwartz, and Environmental Conservation Board member Patricia Venezia.

## Sustainable Lawn Care Helps to Protect Canandaigua Lake

The grass may always be greener on the other side of the fence, but keep in mind that the phosphorus which is used in lawn-care products to make those lawns look so green isn't good for the lake.

For the past several years, the Town Planning Board has been routinely issuing a set of standard phosphorus use notes as conditions of approval on site plan applications. These conditions help to increase awareness of the adverse implications of phosphorus on the quality of the lake and encourage residents to reduce their use of phosphorus on their lawns in Canandaigua.

For more information, select the fol-



lowing "hot link" to learn more about the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Annual "Look for the Zero" campaign which urges

homeowners to purchase phosphorus-free lawn fertilizer:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NYSDEC/bulletins/1eae21b>

## HIGHWAY GARAGE RIBBON-CUTTING

**Monday, May 21, 2018  
12:00 p.m.**



Join us as we cut the ribbon to the new Highway Garage and recognize everyone who made this facility a reality.

## TOWN OF CANANDAIGUA OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday, June 16, 2018  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Mark your calendars for the Grand Opening of the new Highway Garage**

- 👉 Tour the Highway Garage
- 👉 Demonstrations and information for residents
- 👉 Give-aways for the new Food Recycling and Composting Programs
- 👉 Exhibits and displays by Town departments, boards, committees and community organizations
- 👉 Refreshments



# Natural Resource Protection News

From the Town of Canandaigua Environmental Conservation Board

## Recycling Food Waste . . .

. . . is coming to the Town of Canandaigua and other communities across the nation. As our landfills reach maximum capacity, an alternative means of managing food waste is needed. We should think of food waste as an untapped resource.

Recycling systems for food waste from homes, institutions and businesses (e.g., schools, restaurants, hotels) have been established for many years in Europe and in many large U.S. cities such as Minneapolis and San Francisco. The Town of Canandaigua can do this, too.

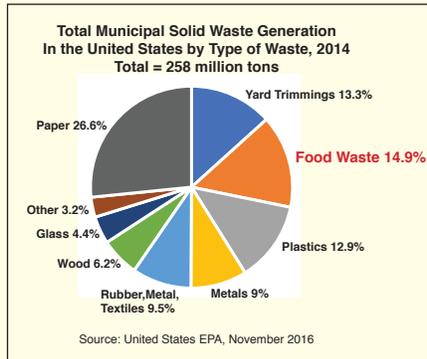
### What Food Wastes Can Be Recycled?

Any prepared or unprepared food wastes, both liquid and solid can be recycled, as well as vegetable and fruit peels, egg shells, tea bags, coffee grounds and filters. Paper napkins and brown paper lunch bags can be included, and even the faded flowers from the dinner table. Meat products, bones, cheese, and other milk products are not recommended for home composting but are included in the Food Scraps Transfer Program as outlined below. More details regarding what is appropriate for your choice of composting method will be available at the Highway Facility Open House on June 16th.

### Two Ways To Recycle Food Waste In Canandaigua—At the Town’s Transfer Station or In Your Own Backyard



Food scrap kitchen caddies will be available to the first 100 residents in each Giveaway Program.



### Collection at the Transfer Station

Food waste collection caddies can be used for countertop or under-the-sink collection. Compostable bag liners can be used to keep the caddy clean and make emptying easier. A larger five-gallon container can be used to store material from the kitchen caddy until your weekly drop-off at the Transfer Station. These organic materials can be upcycled for a valuable soil amendment or for energy production. The Town will use a hauler—Natural Upcycling to collect and transport the material to an anaerobic digester or to a commercial composting site.

There will be no charge to residents for this service. This service to residents will begin on June 30, 2018. Details will be provided at our Highway Facility Open House on June 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**There is also a Giveaway Program of a kitchen caddy, compostable bags, and food scraps transfer pail to be rolled out at the Open House to the first 100 residents to apply.**

Recipients must be Town residents and have a current Transfer Station Permit. Permits are available at the Town Clerk’s Office.

### How Does Backyard Composting Work?

Residents who prefer to compost in their backyard will need a compost bin or pile for kitchen waste and other organic materials. The product of your efforts will provide a rich soil mixture for

your home gardens, flower beds, and lawns.

To help our residents establish this beneficial practice, a *Home Composting and Reducing Waste Food* publication from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is available online at the DEC page (<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8799.html>). This easy and natural practice will provide exciting opportunities for family gardeners.

More information will also be available at the Town’s Highway Facility Open House on June 16th. A table with information for the many options for backyard composters will be staffed by representatives from Cornell Cooperative Extension to answer all of your questions.

**A Giveaway Program for the first 100 residents to sign-up for a wooden compost bin and kitchen caddy will also highlight the day.** There is a \$20 participation fee when signing up. The compost bin is valued at \$120. To apply you must be a Town resident and have a current Transfer Station Permit.

Further details will be available at the Open House.

*Food waste collection at the Transfer Station begins June 30th.*



# Shoreline Development Guidelines Protect Scenic Lake Resources

Canandaigua Lake offers beautiful views for residents along its shores. The lake also provides scenic views for boaters and lake enthusiasts.

The adopted *Comprehensive Plan* recommends addressing lakeshore development through the creation of development guidelines. The development guidelines are specific to development in the Residential Lake District (RLD) and apply to all projects which require site plan review in the RLD in accordance with Article VII of the Town of Canandaigua Zoning Law.

Minimizing visual impacts of shoreline development can be accomplished in a number of ways including through setbacks and shoreline vegetation requirements.

The purpose of these development guidelines is to assist in protecting scenic resources in the Town, while allowing property owners and developers to make informed, sensible decisions regarding construction along the shoreline of Canandaigua Lake.

## Shoreline Treatment

The focus of shoreline treatment should be to provide the homeowner with a scenic lake view, while allowing for a natural view of the shoreline from the lake. Emphasis should be placed on softer design approaches for the treatment of the shoreline, such as natural vegetation or rip rap, if needed. A softer design approach is preferred to a harder, more engineered treatment such as a retaining wall. Typically, strongly engineered treatments do not appear natural and can have a more significant visual impact.

## Building Setbacks and Design

Building setbacks are an effective way to protect sensitive shoreline resources and minimize visual impacts. Buildings should be setback from the shoreline at a distance which allows the natural topography and vegetation to screen the structures from the lake. Proper setbacks can reduce the possibility of storm or flood damage and lessen runoff from impervious surfaces. A large enough setback will also reduce potential erosion. Erosion control mea-



*In this example, the lack of natural vegetation makes the homes on the left of the dashed line very visible from one another and from the lake. Also, the use of a retaining wall creates an unnatural shoreline. To the right of the dashed line, maintenance of natural vegetation screens the homes from one another and reduces the visual impact of high-density lakeside development.*

asures should be implemented according to existing Town of Canandaigua Code.

The photo above shows a combination of setbacks and vegetative covers to create a pleasing visual appearance of the shoreline and also allow for a filtered view from the dwelling.

In addition, the design of a building can also have a significant visual impact. Color and materials used for buildings should be compatible with the natural landscape. Earth tone colors and natural materials such as wood, natural brick, slump block walls, tile or earth tone concrete shingles are recommended.

Even structures located directly on the shoreline can be designed in a manner that does not have a negative visual impact.

## Vegetative Buffer

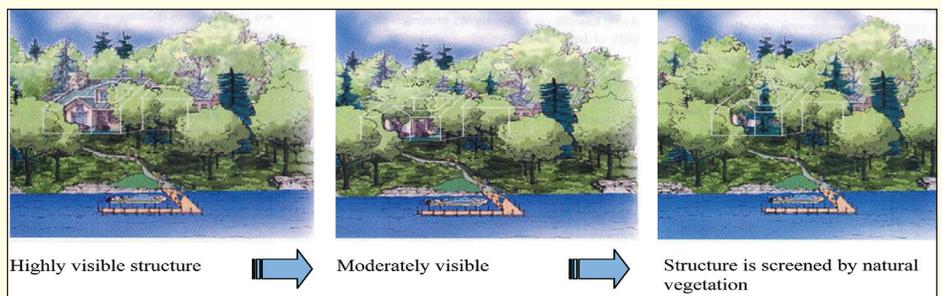
Working in coordination with building setbacks, a vegetative buffer is an important element used to preserve existing shoreline views and screen development along the lake. Native shrubs and trees should be retained

along the shoreline whenever possible to help maintain the natural appearance of the lake's edge, reduce erosion, and provide habitat.

Existing vegetation and trees should be protected from damage during any new construction and clear cutting should be kept to a minimum.

Native vegetation should be installed in order to screen new development in such a way as to preserve existing views from neighboring residences. Selective pruning of vegetation is one technique to preserve views both from the structure and from neighboring residences. This "keyhole effect" allows for scenic views from the structure.

Landscaped shorelines serve to buffer views from the lake. In the graphic below, the illustration at left depicts a highly visible structure from the lake. The middle illustration shows the addition of natural vegetation and a moderately visible structure. The illustration on the right is preferable with very little of the structure visible from the lake through the vegetation. However, the views from the structure remain through selective pruning.



# Highway Department Projects Scheduled for Spring and Summer

## From Highway and Water Superintendent Jim Fletcher

Please remember to slow down, be alert and give our Highway Department staff space as they enter the busy season for clean-up, repairs and construction.



Among the projects are the reconstruction of Wells Curtice Road from Middle Cheshire Road to County Road 16 and Seneca Point Road from County Road 16 to Monks Road. The work will include upgrades to drainage, replacing culverts and new asphalt.

On Hickox Road, drainage repairs will be made on the west side of the road between Routes 5 & 20 and County Road 32. Hickox Road also will receive an asphalt overlay.

On Buffalo Street Extension from Overlook Lane to Outhouse Road, concrete gutters and an asphalt overlay will be installed.

The Town of Canandaigua will partner with the Town of Farmington to replace a large box culvert on the west

end of Canandaigua–Farmington Town Line Road near Beaver Creek. The road will be closed for a period of time during the repair. Residents and the public will be informed when a date has been determined.

The following roads will receive surface treating with micro paving: Nott Road west of 21, Woolhouse Road, McCann Road, Campus Drive, Schoolhouse Road, McIntyre Road and Goff Road.

The Water Department will begin work on Extension 41 on County Road 32. There will be a water main extension from Hopkins Road 4,000 feet to the west. The Water Department will also replace the water main on the west side of County Road 10.



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Dennis Brewer

### Highway and Water Superintendent

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Jean Chrisman

### Town Historian

Ray Henry

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### Town Hall Hours

Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Town Clerk's Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Open until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays

### Court Clerk's Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## "Love My Parks" Day

Saturday, May 12 • 9 a.m. to 12 noon  
Blue Heron Park

Volunteers needed to help with trash clean-up, mulching and some planting.

To help, e-mail Dennis Brewer,  
Director of Parks and Recreation  
dbrewer@townofcanandaigua.org

## Open Space Master Plan Public Information Meeting

Monday, June 18, 2018  
Canandaigua Town Hall • 5:00 p.m.



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Town of Canandaigua

## Meeting Dates, June 2018

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| <b>4</b> —Town Board Ordinance Committee, 9:00 a.m.             | <b>13</b> —Complete Streets Committee, 10:30 a.m.   |
| <b>5</b> —Citizens' Implementation Committee, 9:00 a.m.         | <b>13</b> —Town Board Environment Committee, 4:30 p.m.                                      |
| <b>5</b> —Town Board Economic Development Committee, 12:00 p.m. | <b>18</b> —Town Board, 6:00 p.m.  |
| <b>7</b> —Town Board Finance Committee, 8:00 a.m.               | <b>19</b> —Citizens' Implementation Committee, 9:00 a.m.                                    |
| <b>7</b> —Cultural and Historic Preservation Team, 8:30 a.m.    | <b>19</b> —Zoning Board of Appeals, 6:00 p.m.   |
| <b>7</b> —Environmental Conservation Board, 4:30 p.m.           | <b>26</b> —Town Board Finance Committee, 8:00 a.m.  |
| <b>7</b> —Agriculture Advisory Committee, 6:00 p.m.             | <b>26</b> —Drainage Advisory Committee, 11:00 a.m.  |
| <b>12</b> —Design Standards Committee, 9:30 a.m.                | <b>26</b> —Planning Board, 6:00 p.m.  |
| <b>12</b> —Drainage Advisory Committee, 11:00 a.m.              | <b>27</b> —Town Board Environmental Committee, 4:30 p.m.                                    |
| <b>12</b> —Planning Board, 6:00 p.m.                            | <b>27</b> —Parks and Recreation Committee (at Richard P. Outhouse Memorial Park), 6:00 p.m. |

For a complete 2018 calendar visit  
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# Town of CANANDAIGUA

## Highway Garage Ribbon Cutting



### Event Information

**When:** May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018, at Noon

**Location:** Town Highway Garage  
5440 Route 5 & 20 West  
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Please join us at the ribbon cutting ceremony and share in our celebration of our new 40,000 S.F. Highway Garage.

The new state-of-the-art facility will allow us to operate much more efficiently and safely, help conserve natural resources, and better serve our Town far into the future.



Please RSVP by May 18th to [rsvp@mrbgroup.com](mailto:rsvp@mrbgroup.com) or by calling 585-381-9250 x152



# Ontario County Road 16 - West Lake Road Pedestrian & Bicycle Accommodations Feasibility Study



Department of Public Works - Ontario County, NY

Ontario County Road 16 winds along the shore of Canandaigua Lake, providing unparalleled lake views and attracting a large number of pedestrians and cyclists.

Providing opportunities for walking and cycling can have positive community wide impacts including health benefits, environmental benefits and economic benefits.

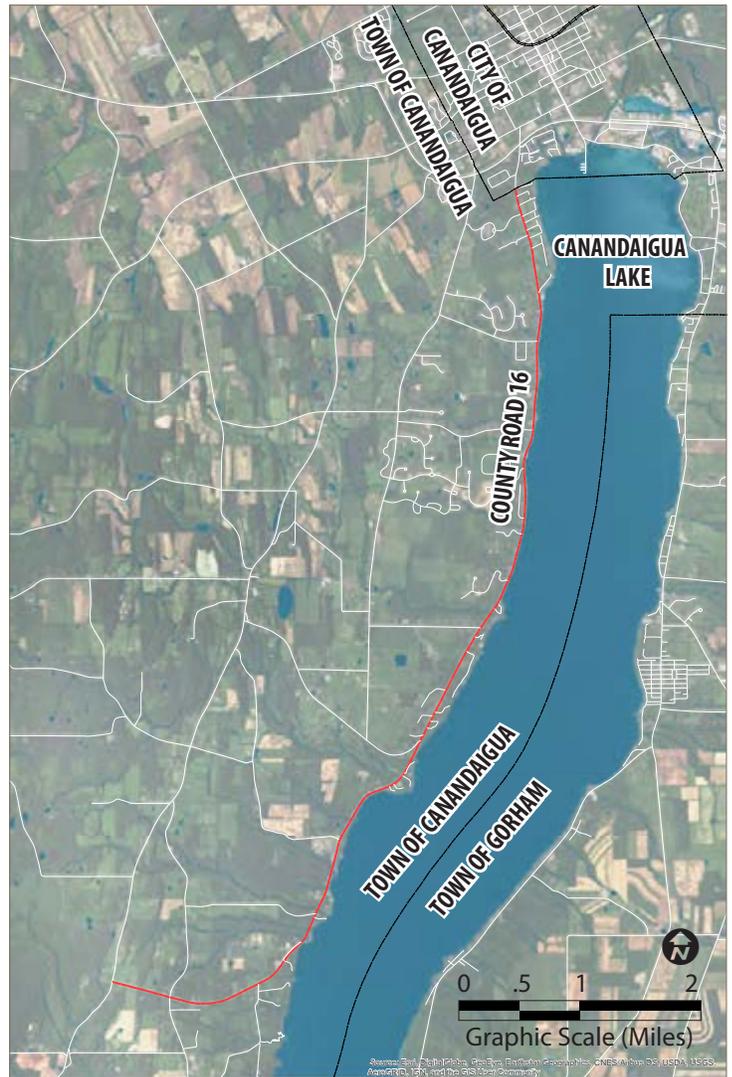
The purpose of this study is to make Ontario County Road 16 safer and more attractive for pedestrians and cyclists, while improving safety for all users.

This feasibility study will support the continued development of safe, functional and attractive facilities for biking and walking in Ontario County.

## WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

**For more information, please contact:**

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Ontario County DPW  
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**Ontario County Road 16**

## PLEASE TAKE OUR ONLINE SURVEY

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M8D3FWR>

Thank you for helping to shape Ontario County's efforts to increase active transportation.



*The Town of Canandaigua invites you to join us*

# **Active Adult Summer Kick-off Picnic**

**When?** *Tue. June 12, Noon-1:30PM*

**Where?** *Outhouse Park, Canandaigua*

Come and join town officials for a picnic luncheon to celebrate the beginning of summer! We will also be discussing ideas and taking your feedback regarding recreational opportunities in the Town for active adults.

**Kindly RSVP by May 29**

*[TBloom@TownofCanandaigua.org](mailto:TBloom@TownofCanandaigua.org)*