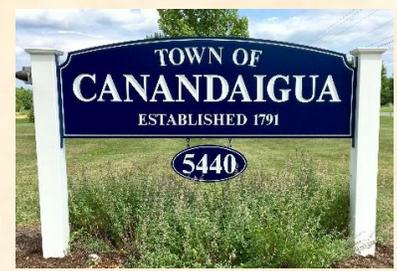


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## **Natural Resource Protection News** *From the Town of Canandaigua Environmental Conservation Board*

### Taking a **CLOSER LOOK** At the **OPEN SPACE, CONSERVATION & SCENIC VIEWS MASTER PLAN**



In the coming year the Environmental Conservation Board (ECB) begins an exploration of the new Open Space Master Plan. For more than a year, a dedicated Committee of residents undertook the task of updating the previous 2006 Plan. In the late summer of 2018, after participation of residents in many public meetings and an online survey, the Town Board adopted a revised Plan. The Master Plan can be viewed [here](#).

As residents we do enjoy a wonderful quality of life. We value the beauty of Canandaigua Lake and the rural nature of our Town. The Plan articulates this vision and provides tools to achieve it.

“Preserve the Town’s open spaces for their health, economic, social and environmental benefits and to maintain a high quality of life for residents of the Town of Canandaigua.”

“.....the Plan documents the Town’s open spaces and identifies those with the highest potential impact as

conservation lands. It describes tools that the Town can use to protect its open space resources. Finally, it presents a detailed implementation strategy and actions steps to ensure the protection of the Town’s high priority open spaces and its rural character.”

This year the ECB will actively begin to engage in these Strategies and Implementation Action Steps that have been assigned to us in the Plan. And we will discuss these Action Steps in upcoming newsletter articles and relate our progress in 2019. We have chosen five ambitious goals for this year:



**Encourage land stewardship by landowners.** Schedule a forum for landowners to encourage the benefits of the value of trees as a hydrologic feature; develop a land stewardship training for residents; provide information on sources of technical assistance and financial incentives for conserving land.

**Enhance wildlife habitat.**

Reach out to the Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District for a possible tree giveaway program; schedule a forum to encourage landowners to plant native species; provide forest management, effective habitat management and technical assistance information; manage Town-owned land to enhance wildlife habitat.

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**Conserve open space through land use regulations.** Review stream corridor, lakeshore, and other regulations pertaining to open space protection; develop recommendations for the Ordinance Committee.

**Acquire land and/or conservation easements for land with exceptional conservation value.** Partner with Finger Lakes Land Trust to develop a list of top priority parcels of conservation value; plan a public workshop for landowner participation in a Conservation Easement Program; provide information on sources of technical assistance and financial incentives for conserving land.

**Increase understanding among government officials and the general public about the benefits of open space.** Conduct periodic workshops and other educational events and programs to celebrate the Town's open space; plan a Bird Habitat presentation at Miller Park in the spring; prepare newsletter articles on open space topics throughout the year.

The ECB looks forward to serving our community in its open space initiatives. Please join us in learning more about natural resource protection and preservation in the coming months.

## Parks and Recreation News and Notes



**From Director of Parks and Recreation,  
Dennis Brewer**

### Senior Activities

Our recurring program Thursday mornings at the building at Richard P. Outhouse Park has been well received. Head over to enjoy time visiting, have coffee and snacks, and play games and other activities. The program runs weekly every Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

This year we will again offer a few trips with Covered Wagon. Last year we enjoyed a trip to a play in Auburn, a day in the Thousand Islands, and a visit to the Country Museum in Cortland. More information on this year's trips will be coming in early February so stay tuned.

### Summer Recreation Guide

The Town will be offering a number of programs for children ages 6 to 14 again this summer. The Town and City will run the very popular six-week Day Camp as well. The guide should be out by the end of February.

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