

Conservation Advisory Council | City of Newburgh, New York

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AGENDA

July 7, 2025

**6:30 p.m. – Heritage Center
(123 Grand Street)**

- **Roll Call**
- **Public Comment on Agenda Items**
- **Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) Presentation**
Representative: Ingrid B. Haeckel / DEC
- **Administration**
 - Approval of Minutes -June 2025
 - Monthly Financial Report
 - Volunteer hours
 - 2025 Annual Disclosure and Training
 - 2024 Annual Report draft for review
 - 2026 Budget Proposal
- **Old Business**
 - Draft appeal to City Council regarding stricter enforcement of illegal trash dumping and defacing.
 - Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act Resolution Request
 - NYSDEC Urban and Community Forestry Grant
 - Draft resolution to request the waterfront plan for Con Iron and incinerator/ sewer plant areas
 - Quassaick Creek and Schleiermacher Park
 - CSX Underpass Beautification Plan

AGENDA continued
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- **On-going Updates**

- **Sub-Committees**

- Urban Forestry
 - Spring Tree Planting
 - Fall Tree Planting
 - Tree planting maintenance
 - Newburgh “National Night Out” CAC to table at event
 - Newburgh Climate Ready – Climate Smart Communities Task Force
 - DEC Natural Resource Inventory Grant
 - Restoration Advisory Board /Stewart Air National Guard
 - Tree Permit -Local Code Revision

- **Calendar of Upcoming events (webinars, training, community events)**

- 7-08-25 Architectural Review Council Meeting
- 7-11-25 Greater Newburgh Parks Conservancy Stakeholders Meeting
- 7-14-25 City Council Meeting
- 7-15-25 Planning Board Meeting
- 7-22-25 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
- 8-13-25 Newburgh National Night Out

Public comment on general CAC non-agenda items

Motion to Adjourn

2025 Governance Calendar

January

- 6th CAC Monthly Meeting
Objectives:
- Submit remaining invoices for 2024
 - 2023 & 2024 Annual Reports Overdue!
 - 2025 Strategic/Action Plan – Develop
 - “The Christmas Tree Mulching Event” January 11, 2024, 9a.m. to 1p.m.
- TBD Objectives: EJV Agreement Execute
- 21st Materials Due for February CAC Meeting

February

- 3rd CAC Monthly Meeting
Objectives:
- Urban Forestry Tree Planting –Draft Spring Plan
 - Plan - Arbor Day Event 4/25/25
 - Arbor Day Planting Plan
 - Submit event permit
 - Plan - River Sweep Event
- 24th Materials Due for March CAC Meeting

March

- 3rd CAC Monthly Meeting
Objectives:
- Urban Forestry Tree Planting –Review Draft Spring Plan
 - Urban Forestry Tree Planting – Approve Spring Plan
 - Arbor Day Event – Promotions
- 31st Materials Due for April CAC Meeting
- TBD EJV 2025 Program - Commence

April

- 7th CAC Monthly Meeting
Objectives:
- River Sweep Event
- 28th Materials Due for May CAC Meeting
- 25th Arbor Day Event and planting – Community Engagement

May

- 3rd River Sweep Event - Community Engagement

July 7, 20

- 5th CAC Monthly Meeting
Objectives:

- Meeting Date Change for /September Labor Day
- TBD 2025 Budget Submission Deadline
- 29th Materials Due for Sept. CAC Meeting

September

- 8th CAC Monthly Meeting –
Objectives:
- 2025 Strategic/Action Plan – Develop
 - Urban Forestry Tree Planting Fall Plan
 - Tree City Application for City Council approval

July 29th Materials Due for Oct. CAC Meeting

TBD 2025 Budget Submission Deadline (City Council)

28th Materials Due for Dec. CAC Meeting

28th NRI Due!

30th CAC Terms Ending: Chuck Thomas
Zachary German
Chris Knasiak
Lesly Mejia

TBD 2026 Budget - City Council Approval

December

1st CAC Monthly Meeting
Objectives:

- EJF Close Out Report
- 2025 Annual Report – approval

29th Materials Due for January CAC Meeting