

Conservation Advisory Council | City of Newburgh, New York

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AGENDA

August 4, 2025

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

- **Roll Call**
- **Public Comment on Agenda Items**
- **Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) Presentation**
Jonathan Midler/City Planner
Ingrid B. Haeckel/DEC
Jessica Ridgeway/Orange County Senior Planner
- **Administration**
 - Approval of Minutes -July 2025
 - Monthly Financial Report
 - Volunteer hours
 - 2025 Annual Disclosure and Training
 - 2024 Annual Report draft for review
 - September CAC meeting reschedule (Labor Day)
- **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
- **On-going Updates**
Sub-Committees

AGENDA continued
August 4, 2025
6:30 p.m. – Heritage Center (123 Grand Street)

- Urban Forestry
 - Fall Tree Planting
 - Tree planting maintenance
 - Tree City application
- 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)**
 - 8-11-25 City Council Meeting
 - 8-08-25 Greater Newburgh Parks Conservancy Stakeholders Meeting
 - 8-12-25 Architectural Review Council Meeting
 - 8-19-25 Planning Board Meeting
 - 8-26-25 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

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

- August 4, 3rd River Sweep Event - Community Engagement
- 5th CAC Monthly Meeting

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

September

- Aug
- 8th CAC Monthly Meeting –
Objectives:
- 2025 Strategic/Action Plan – Develop
 - Urban Forestry Tree Planting Fall Plan
 - Tree City Application for City Council approval
- 29th Materials Due for Oct. CAC Meeting

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:
▪ EJV Close Out Report
▪ 2025 Annual Report – approval
29th Materials Due for January CAC Meeting