

Town of Gardiner Natural Resources Inventory

August 31, 2020, 4-5:15pm

Minutes

1. NRI narrative

- Nate has received most of the team's comments and will be working to produce a second draft (with photos) for team review before September 11th. He will also forward the first draft to CSC Gardiner for their input on the report, particularly recommendations for the climate change section.
- There was a brief discussion on the adoption of the NRI, either by local law or resolution.
- Carol drafted the cover of the NRI report cover and presented to team. She will add photos from the Google Drive once she has permission to download. Roberta will make sure everyone with access to the drive have all permissions enabled.
- The team should develop a list of NRI reviewers. So far Nate has suggested sharing it with the Wallkill Valley Land Trust, Mohonk Preserve, Town and Planning Boards, and Ulster County Department of the Environment.
- Jean will follow-up with Miss Amy at the library to inquire about photos and artwork that might be able to be used in the NRI report.
- Nate will confirm with Ingrid that the maps available on the Google Drive are the highest resolution versions.

2. Public Presentations

- The team discussed engaging the planning board through a special meeting that would provide participants with training credit. This meeting/training would include an OSC presentation on the newly developed conservation easement template and a more detailed presentation about the NRI with a parcel-based exercise. Jean will follow up with Marybeth about making this meeting mandatory for PB members and will propose dates for early October.
- A public presentation will likely be scheduled for 2021, after the NRI has been completed.

3. Press Release

- Instead of issuing a press release, the team wants to coordinate a social media campaign to
 - 1) Promote public awareness of the NRI
 - 2) Engage the community by requesting photos to be included in the report
- Posts will promote the maps, direct viewers to the NRI web page, and request photos on the the Gardiner, New Paltz, Gardiner CSC, Gardiner OSC, and Gardiner ECC facebook pages. This content should also be shared with folks on Marybeth's Town e-mail list.
- All submissions will be directed to Gardiner CSC contact

4. Informational Pamphlet

- Jean indicated interest in developing a pamphlet to be coupled with OSC outreach efforts to be conducted in 2021. Printing could likely be funded through the OSC and ECC budgets.

TIMELINE: 9/11 – Nate will provide second draft to NRI team
9/11 - 9/25 – Gardiner NRI team will provide Nate with comments and revisions
9/25 - 10/2 – Nate will provide final draft to NRI team
(Nate will be on paternity leave from ~mid-October until January 1)
10/2 – 11/2 – NRI team will circulate to a variety of reviewers
11/2 – NRI team will collate comments and
1) Share with Nate to incorporate the comments into the document in Jan 2021
or
2) Incorporate those comments themselves in Nov/Dec 2020

After comments are incorporated, Laura Rose will provide a last copy edit before publication.

NEXT MEETING: 10/5 at 6pm via Zoom

5. Homework

- Review and comment on second draft of NRI report
- Brainstorm reviewers for the final draft of the NRI report
- Add additional photos to Drive
- Schedule and plan PB presentation in October
- Begin social media and e-mail campaign in September