



Come Join the Lloyd Environmental Conservation Council

Public Meetings held the third Monday of every month
7:30 pm at the Lloyd Town Hall
Come visit with any environmental questions, concerns or thoughts
OR stay and become a member!
Contact Jack Maguire for info – (845) 691-3564
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We're Online!

Please visit our website at:
http://www.townoflloyd.com/Pages/LloydNY_Bcomm/ECC/index



And like our facebook page for ECC updates and activities:
<https://www.facebook.com/TownOfLloydEnvironmentalConservationCouncil>

ECC Members

Nancy Hammond, Laura Kelly, Donna Deeprose, Bud Hossenlopp, (bottom L to R), and Dan McGuirk, Jack Maguire, Kelly Oggenfuss (top L to R), invite you to join ECC sponsored activities or to join the ECC itself.

Discover more about our town's natural heritage and scenic beauty.

Help clean up our roads, waterways, and parks.

Encourage town development that maintains the health of our land, air, water, plants and animals.

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Who are we?

The Environmental Conservation Council (ECC) is a town-appointed council that advises the Town of Lloyd on the preservation, development and use of Lloyd's natural and historical resources.

ECC's mission is to ensure that as our town's residential and commercial facilities expand, its residents and visitors continue to enjoy clean air and water, biodiversity of plants and wildlife, and the scenic beauty with which our town is blessed. We believe these things redouble in importance with the town's growing reputation as a center for outdoor recreation.

What do we do?

Provide counsel to Town on environmental threats and opportunities

Coordinate with other environmental groups in region

Promote environmental education in schools

Manage and improve the Black Creek Water Trail

Honor individuals and institutions for environmental contributions

Promote the creation of an Open Space Plan for the Town of Lloyd

Our Number One Goal: An Open Space Plan for Lloyd

The Town of Lloyd's newly adopted Comprehensive Plan calls for the creation of an Open Space Plan. This is a blueprint for protecting our natural resources; ensuring the health of our air, water, and soil; guarding against flood, drought, pests, and disease; and preserving a desirable local look that will appeal to residents, businesses and visitors.

The expression "open space" is applied to any natural area free of major development, including fields, forests, waterways, outdoor recreational areas, and schoolyards. Even within major developments, whether commercial, residential, or institutional, open spaces can be preserved with site plans that cluster constructed areas where they do the least harm to the natural landscape.

An Open Space Plan helps preserve an optimum variety (or biodiversity) of wildlife by maintaining interconnected natural corridors for animals to travel and plants to spread. Otherwise, when open spaces are cut off from each other, wildlife tends to die out within them. An Open Space Plan also guarantees a sufficient amount of natural landscape to collect and protect groundwater;

prevent an imbalance of undesired insects, rodents, and blights; and guard against noise and light pollution and barriers to scenic views.

An Open Space Plan is vitally important in Lloyd because of its abundance of remarkable natural treasures and its growing interest in ecotourism as a key source of local business. The following areas in particular have been identified by the NYS Department of Conservation as having significant ecological value and being especially in need of Open Space planning: Swartekill, Chodikee Lake, Black Creek, Lily Lake, Pine Hole Bog, Twaalfskill Creek, and Blue Point.

The first step in Open Space Planning is for a committee of local citizens to learn more about Lloyd's natural resources and set up Open Space goals. Would you like to help Lloyd develop an Open Space Plan? Contact the ECC about volunteering your time or ideas.