



WOODSTOCK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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Draft Scoping Plan Comments

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Albany, NY 12203

RE: CLCPA Draft Scoping Plan Comments

The Woodstock Environmental Commission (WEC) is an advisory board to the Town Board of Woodstock, NY, charged with advising the Town Board on environmental issues within the town, including planning for climate resiliency, protecting open space, and aligning the town's operations with the goals of the CLCPA.

The WEC is submitting comment on the following section from Chapter 19, which specifically calls for funding for Conservation Advisory Commissions (CACs) and Environmental Management Councils (EMCs).

LU5. Mapping, Research, Planning and Assistance

Page 288 Assist local governments to create land-use policies:

We support the recommendation that Conservation Advisory Commissions and Environmental Management Councils such as ours be funded. Although we play a large role in determining land use planning and other vital environmental policy, without financial support we are left with far fewer tools than needed to meet the challenges we face and will be facing into the future.

Funding from the state would allow us to take on larger projects in line with the CLCPA's goals, and increase our ability to reach out to our community with educational programs and materials. It would allow us to invest in needed software, training for commission members, hiring consultants and other experts as needed, and more.

As partners in the effort to address the climate crisis, the WEC emphatically supports the reinstitution of funding for CACs and EMCs throughout the state.

Yours Truly,

Alex Bolotow

Chair

Town of Woodstock

Environmental Commission