

BUCKINGHAM POND CONSERVANCY

ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 27, 2022



Welcome

Turn on your camera



Mute yourself



Please Wait for



MISSION

Our mission is to coordinate existing resources and identify new resources devoted to protecting, preserving, and enhancing Buckingham Pond and its surrounding green space.



AGENDA

1. Welcome (Gabi)
2. Introduction of Current Board Members (Gabi)
3. Board Member Elections (Felton)
Proposed renewing & new board members
4. Treasurer's Report (Jeanette)
5. Year in Review 2021-2022
6. Q & A



CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

2021 – 2022 FINANCIAL YEAR

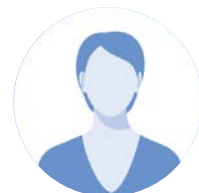
Board Member	Board Term
Gabi Sarhos – President	2020-2022
Felton McLaughlin – Vice President	2020-2022
Jeanette Carioto – Treasurer	2021-2023 (Retiring as Treasurer 2022)
Nancy Costello – Secretary	2021-2023
Grace Bennett – At Large	2020-2022
Kate Carleo – At Large	2021-2023
Ted Kolankowski – At Large	2021-2023
Marsha Penrose – At Large	2020-2022
Anne Savage – At Large	2020-2022
Mark Schlessman – At Large	2020-2022
Laura Shaddak – At Large	2021-2023

BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

2022 – 2024/5 SLATE OF PROPOSED MEMBERS



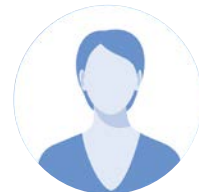
Gabi Sarhos – President



Grace Bennett – At Large



Felton McLaughlin –
Vice President



Marsha Penrose – At Large



Jenny O'Neill – Treasurer-Elect
2022-2025, 3-Year Proposed Term



Anne Savage – At Large



Mark Schlessman – At Large

	TOTAL
Income	
Donations	0.00
Miscellaneous	2,491.21
Total Donations	2,491.21
Interest	58.76
Membership	0.00
Membership 21/22	8,050.00
Membership 22/23	500.00
Total Membership	8,550.00
Total Income	\$11,099.97
GROSS PROFIT	\$11,099.97
Expenses	
Events	71.48
Meeting Expenses	3,284.09
Operating	0.00
Bank Charges & Fees	60.15
NYSFOLA Membership	545.00
Operating Miscellaneous	879.39
Total Operating	1,484.54
Park/Pond Improvements	950.41
Total Expenses	\$5,790.52
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$5,309.45
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TREASURER'S REPORT

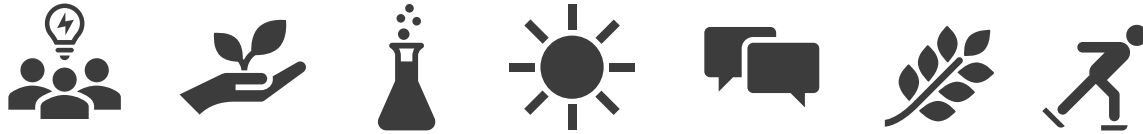
PROFIT & LOSS

4/1/21 – 3/25/22

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
PayPal	3,330.59
SEFCU Checking	5,710.54
SEFCU Preferred Savings	43,216.25
SEFCU Savings	1.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$52,258.38
Other Current Assets	
Restricted Assets	0.00
Allocation - Native plants (March 2019 Board meeting)	-10.00
Allocation - Website (June 2019 Board Meeting)	-2,500.00
Jack Almy Bench	0.00
Landscape Plan	-1,000.00
Playground	-835.02
Total Restricted Assets	-4,345.02
Total Other Current Assets	\$ -4,345.02
Total Current Assets	\$47,913.36
TOTAL ASSETS	\$47,913.36
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
	\$47,913.36

TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE SHEET
AS OF 3/25/22



YEAR IN REVIEW

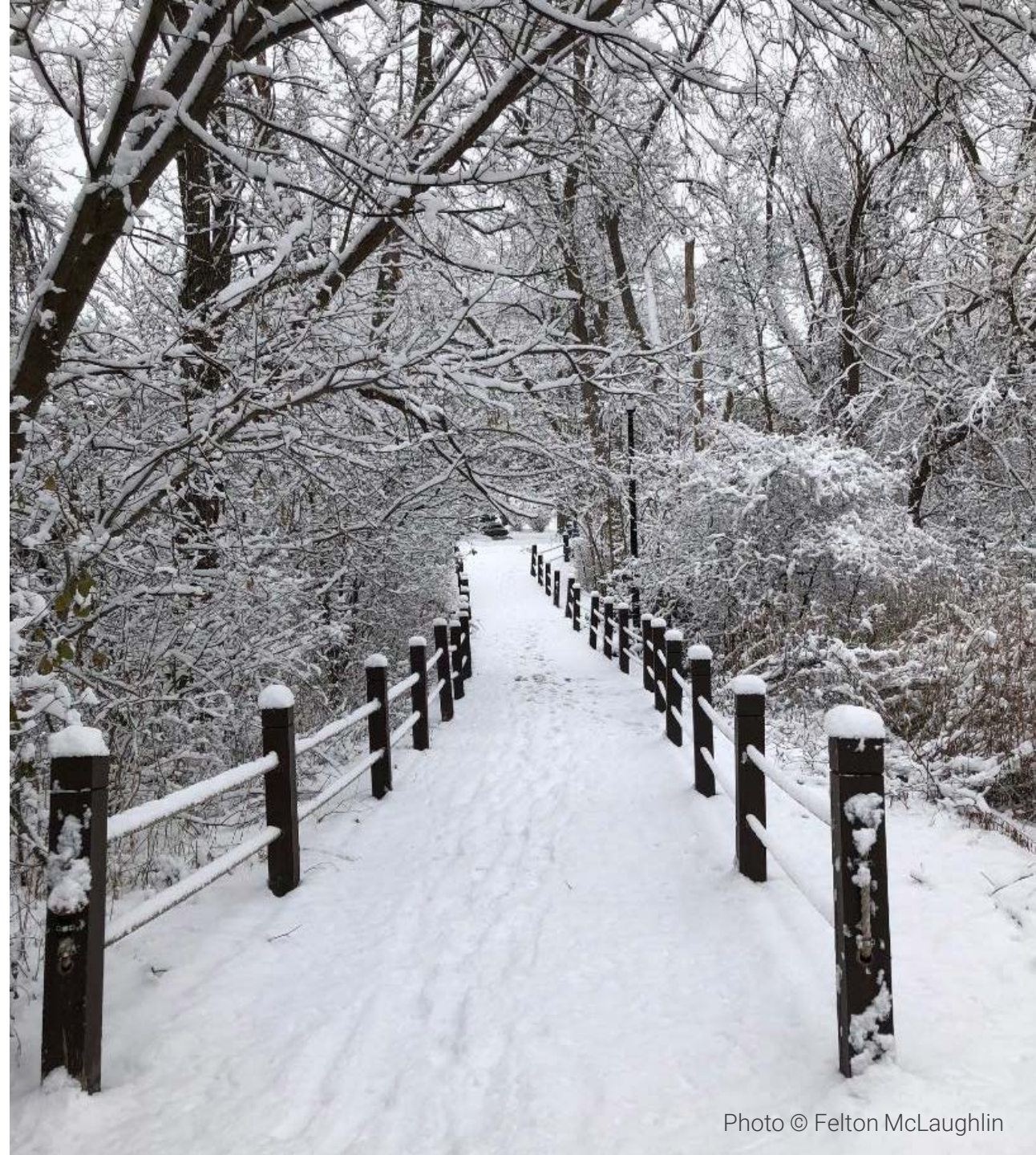
2021 - 2022



COMPLETED & IN PROGRESS

THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS,
DONORS, CITY OF ALBANY

1. Educational tree tagging, 23 species
2. Spring & summer cleanups and invasive bittersweet removals
3. Garlic mustard removal, Rafts Way & Milner Avenue
4. 2021 Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) water testing program
5. Ice Cream Social
6. Fall cleanup, planting of tulip bulbs (thanks DGS)
7. Planned shoreline stabilization and native plantings along the pond's north shore (approvals from AWD/DGS)
8. Ice Skating Party (co-sponsored with Dept of Rec)
9. Playground Champion (thanks Al Lawrence)





1.

EDUCATIONAL TREE TAGGING

Path around shore and Raft's Way

A proud moment, a long time coming.

Aluminum nails and springs allow tree growth outward.

QR code scan leads to USDA Plants Database and more information on each species.



2.



**SPRING/
SUMMER/
FALL
CLEANUP AND
BITTERSWEET
REMOVAL**
North Shore



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPRING, SUMMER, FALL CLEAN-UPS

2021 saw clean-ups events focusing on Invasive Bittersweet removal. Planning three more events in 2022.

Oriental bittersweet is a threat to native environments by aggressively choking out other woody plants. Can easily climb trees up to 90 feet tall. Pervasive all over the pond grounds, more aggressive removal need.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED APRIL & MAY

3.



GARLIC MUSTARD REMOVAL Year 2

Rafts Way
& Milner Avenue



2021 was our second year of preventing new seed production by cutting off flowering stalks or pulling up plants before any seeds matured.

(Top L) Garlic mustard removal; **(Top R) Dense growth of jewelweed, a native annual plant with showy orange flowers, where garlic mustard had dominated the year before.** Last year (2020) in this area, we also planted native wild ginger, white wood aster, golden groundsel, and bloodroot.



First Year Rosettes (L)
and Second year Flower,
Flowers in April – May (R)

Garlic mustard is a threat to the biodiversity (the variety of life on Earth and in a habitat) of many native ecosystems. 2-5 year effort to remove; Cut plant before seeding, discard; Do not compost

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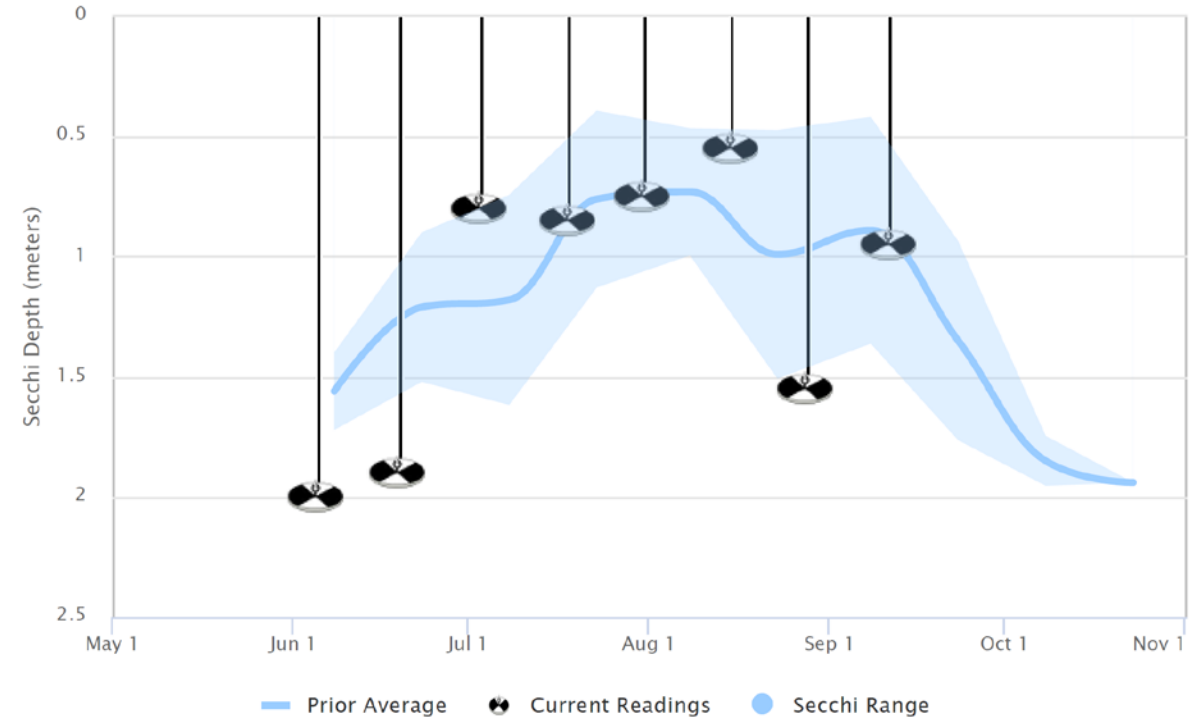
ANOTHER CSLAP SEASON COMPLETE

Pond Water Quality
through NYSDEC
and NYSFOLA



Buckingham Pond – Water Clarity – Secchi Readings

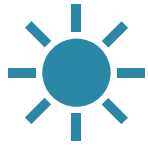
Comparing 2021 with Prior Averages



Through our membership in the NYS Federation of Lake Associations we completed the 2021 Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program completed with good results on water clarity. We also scored higher than other years on plant growth.

This year's Secchi disk readings tend to indicate clearer water than the normal range of readings collected from 2011 to 2020, while the "recreational use" definition changed to include swimming this year, which yielded us low marks on that metric.

5.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Featuring individually packaged ice cream

Striving to maintain safe connection with the community during pandemic made us rethink the ice cream social

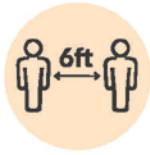
Ice Cream Social Stay safe guidelines



Wear
a face covering while waiting for your ice cream



Stay Home
If you have COVID symptoms please stay home



Stay
6ft
per
live



Cough
tough/
hygiene.
elbow
sue

Wash
your hands for at least 20 seconds when you get home



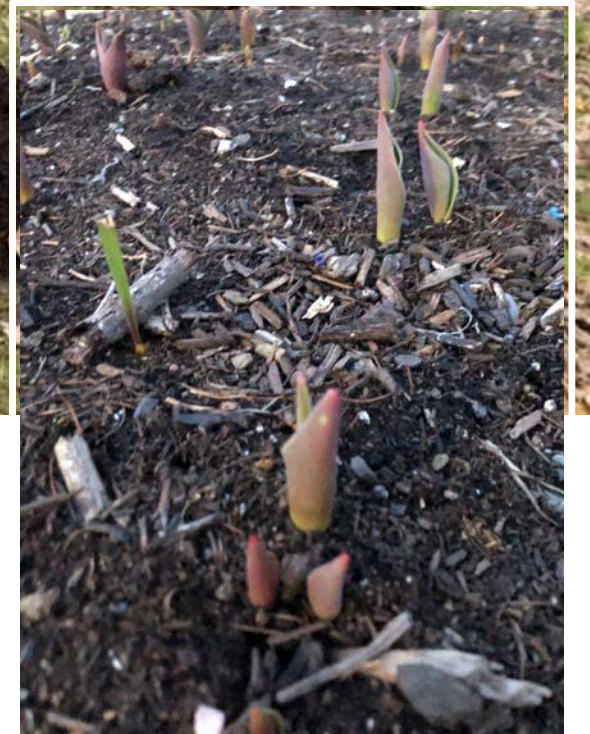


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FALL TULIP PLANTING

Parking Circle
DGS Tulip Bulbs

Lots of kiddos helped and tulips are making their way out this spring already!





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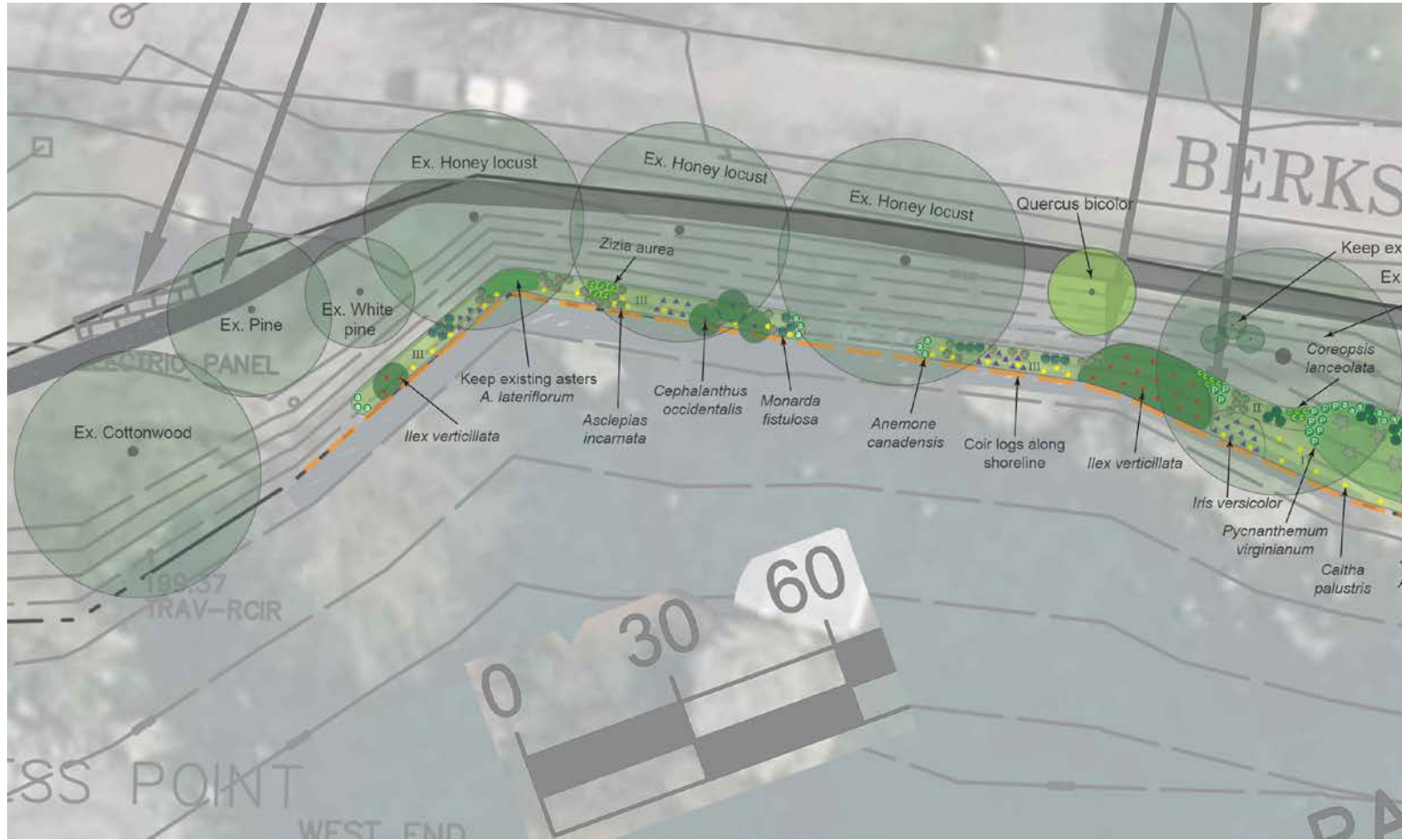
PLANNED SHORELINE STABILIZATION & NATIVE PLANTINGS

North Shore

Major capital project still in planning stages

250' of shoreline improvements and native planting habitats

Low fencing to prevent accidental mowing



VOLUNTEER NEED PENDING



Native Shoreline Stabilization Plants

Marsh marigold
 Cardinal flower
 Blue flag iris
 Early goldenrod
 Virginia mountain mint
 Blue vervain

Wild bergamot
 New England aster
 Canada anemone
 Culver's root
 Swamp milkweed
 Black-eyed Susan

Fox sedge
 Buttonbush
 Winterberry



7.

**PLANNED
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& NATIVE
PLANTINGS**

North Shore



8.



ICE SKATING PARTY

Co-sponsored with
Department of
Recreation

Thanks Dunkin',
Justin Atlas,
Deb Zamer, and
Vince Rossi

Ice conditions
typically posted on
Rec website bulletin



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAR THE ICE





9.

**PLAYGROUND
CHAMPION**

Al Lawrence

Observe
maintenance
issues at the
playground and
report to Board
and/or Dept of
Recreation

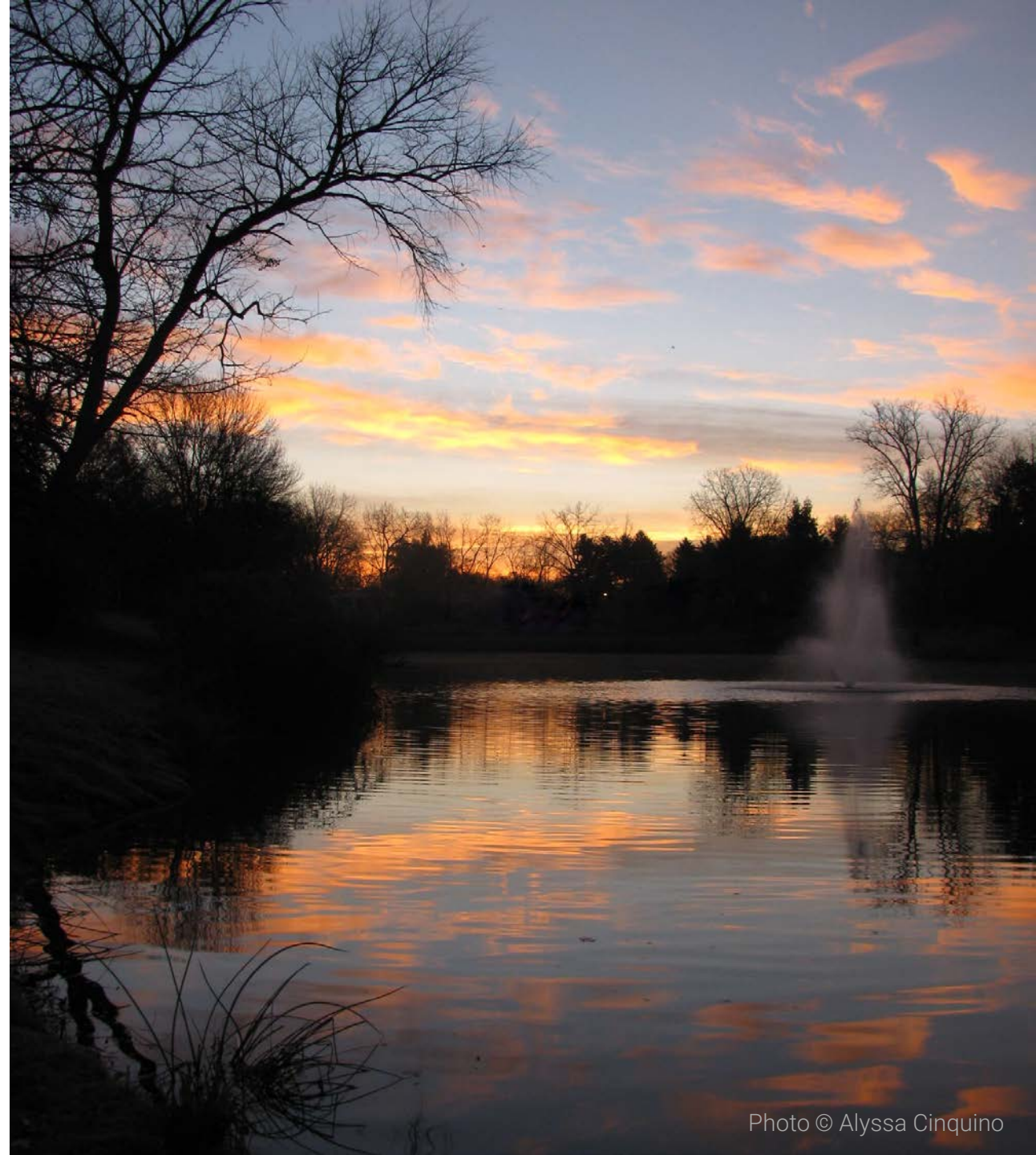


OPPORTUNITIES

2022 – 2023 LOOK AHEAD

We will keep you updated on work ahead through the website, social media, and virtual monthly meeting.

- Complete website redesign
- Shoreline stabilization & native planting plans
- Continue invasive species removals and native species planting
- NYSFOLA/CSLAP water testing
- Tree removals (long term)
- Continue developing relationship w/ City departments (DGS/AWD/REC)





Questions / Comments. Raise hand in Zoom.
Thanks for your patience.



THANK YOU

INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK

WWW.BUCKINGHAMPONDCONSERVANCY.ORG