

# BUCKINGHAM POND CONSERVANCY ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 26, 2023

Welcome

Treasurer's Report

Board Member Elections  
proposed renewing & new board members

Welcome Neighborhood Specialist  
Tabora Marcus

Year in Review 2022-2023

Q & A

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 Sarhos)
2. Introduction of Current Board Members (Gabi Sarhos)
3. Board Member Elections (Felton McLaughlin)  
Proposed renewing & new board members
4. Treasurer's Report (Jenny O'Neil)
5. Meet Tabora Marcus  
Neighborhood Specialists
6. Year in Review 2022-2023
7. Q & A



# BOARD MEMBERS & ELECTIONS

## 2023 – 2025 SLATE PROPOSED BOARD

Board Member	Board Term
Gabi Sarhos – President	2022-2024
Felton McLaughlin – Vice President	2022-2024
Jenny O’Neill – Treasurer	2022-2025
<b>Nancy Costello – Secretary</b>	<b>2021-2023</b>
Grace Bennett – At Large	2022-2024
<b>Kate Carleo – At Large</b>	<b>2021-2023</b>
<b>Jeanette Carioto – At Large</b>	<b>2021-2023</b>
<b>Ted Kolankowski – At Large</b>	<b>2021-2023</b>
Marsha Penrose – At Large	2022-2024
Anne Savage – At Large	2022-2024
Mark Schlessman – At Large	2022-2024



**Nancy Costello**  
Secretary



**Ted Kolankowski**  
At Large



**Jeanette Carioto**  
At Large



**Laura Andrea Leguía**  
At Large



**Kate Carleo**  
At Large



**Linda Wagner**  
At Large



# TREASURER'S REPORT

## PROFIT & LOSS

4/2022 – 3/2023

	TOTAL	
	APR 2022 - MAR 2023	APR 2021 - MAR 2022 (PY)
Income		
Donations	0.00	0.00
Events	172.75	0.00
Miscellaneous	2,106.00	2,491.21
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>2,278.75</b>	<b>2,491.21</b>
Interest	32.52	64.27
Membership	0.00	0.00
Membership 21/22	0.00	8,050.00
Membership 22/23	6,175.00	575.00
Membership 23-24	50.00	0.00
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>6,225.00</b>	<b>8,625.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$8,536.27</b>	<b>\$11,180.48</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$8,536.27</b>	<b>\$11,180.48</b>
Expenses		
Events	102.28	71.48
Meeting Expenses	1,124.55	4,055.92
Operating	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges & Fees	43.13	64.12
Legal & Professional Services	1,805.00	0.00
NYSFOLA Membership	545.00	545.00
Operating Miscellaneous	990.39	978.36
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>3,383.52</b>	<b>1,587.48</b>
Park/Pond Improvements	0.00	950.41
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,610.35</b>	<b>\$6,665.29</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,925.92</b>	<b>\$4,515.19</b>
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	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
PayPal	3,715.73
SEFCU Checking	10,794.03
SEFCU Preferred Savings	43,254.28
SEFCU Savings	1.00
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$57,765.04</b>
Other Current Assets	
Restricted Assets	0.00
Albany County Legislative Grant	-2,375.00
Allocation - Native plants (March 2019 Board meeting)	-10.00
Allocation - Website (June 2019 Board Meeting)	-1,325.00
Landscape Plan	-1,000.00
Playground	-835.02
<b>Total Restricted Assets</b>	<b>-5,545.02</b>
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ -5,545.02</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$52,220.02</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$52,220.02</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$52,220.02</b>

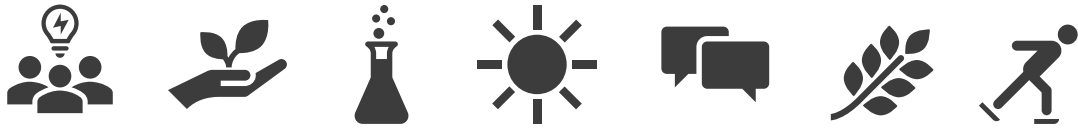
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## BALANCE SHEET

3/24/2023

# Welcome Neighborhood Specialist Tabora Marcus





# 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

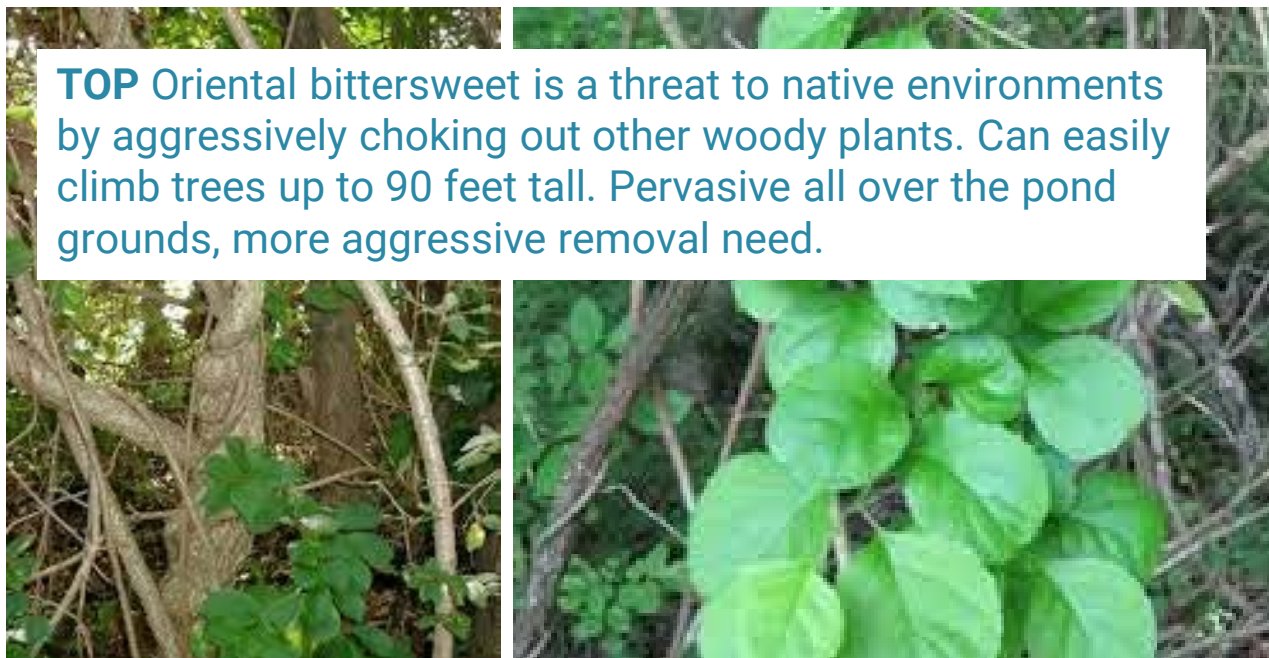
THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS,  
DONORS, AND CITY OF ALBANY



1.

SPRING/  
SUMMER/  
FALL

**CLEANUP AND  
BITTERSWEET  
& GARLIC  
MUSTARD  
MAINTENANCE**



**TOP** 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**

### **BOTTOM**

Removals of highly invasive garlic mustard, year 3:

(L) First Year Rosettes; (C) Second Year Flower

April to May; (R) Jewelweed,

a native annual plant with showy orange flowers, where garlic mustard had dominated the year before





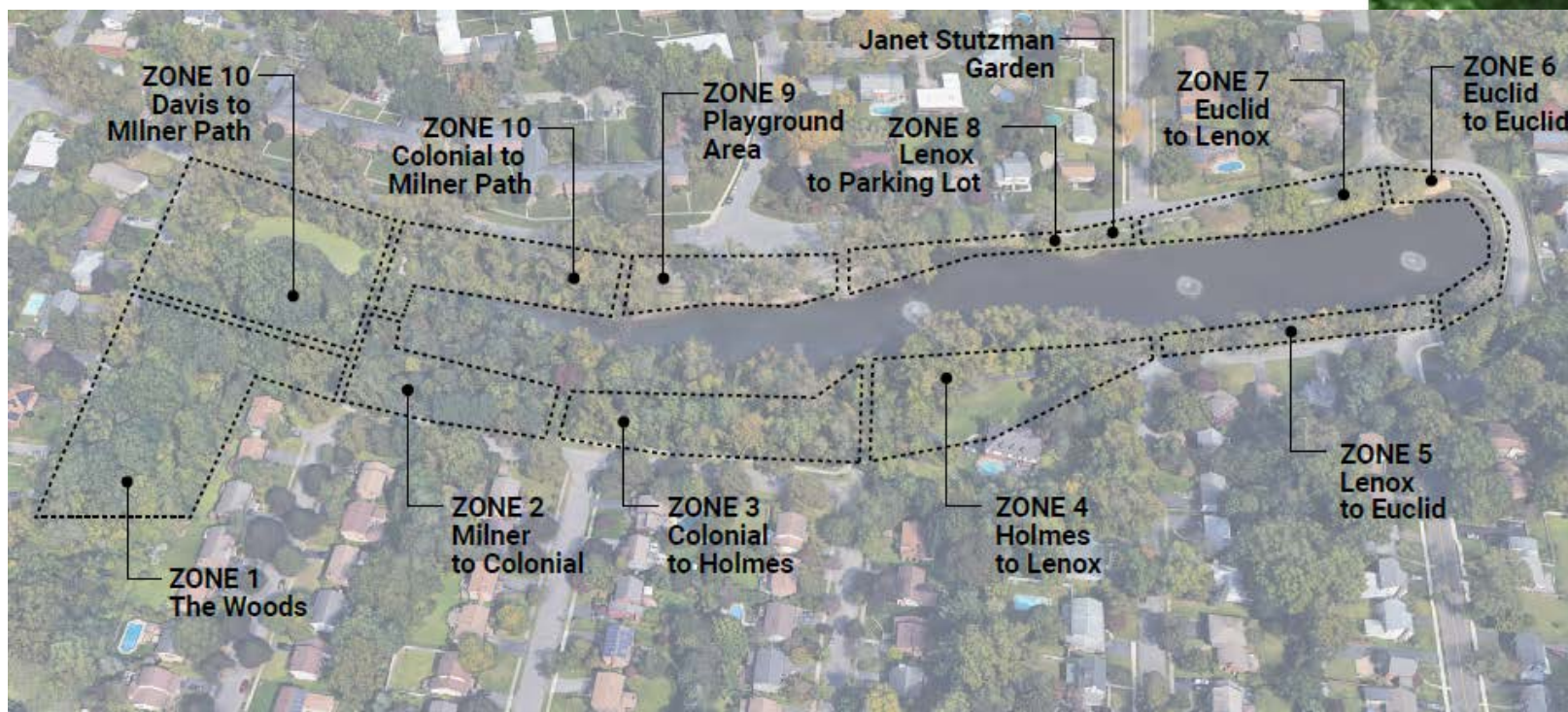
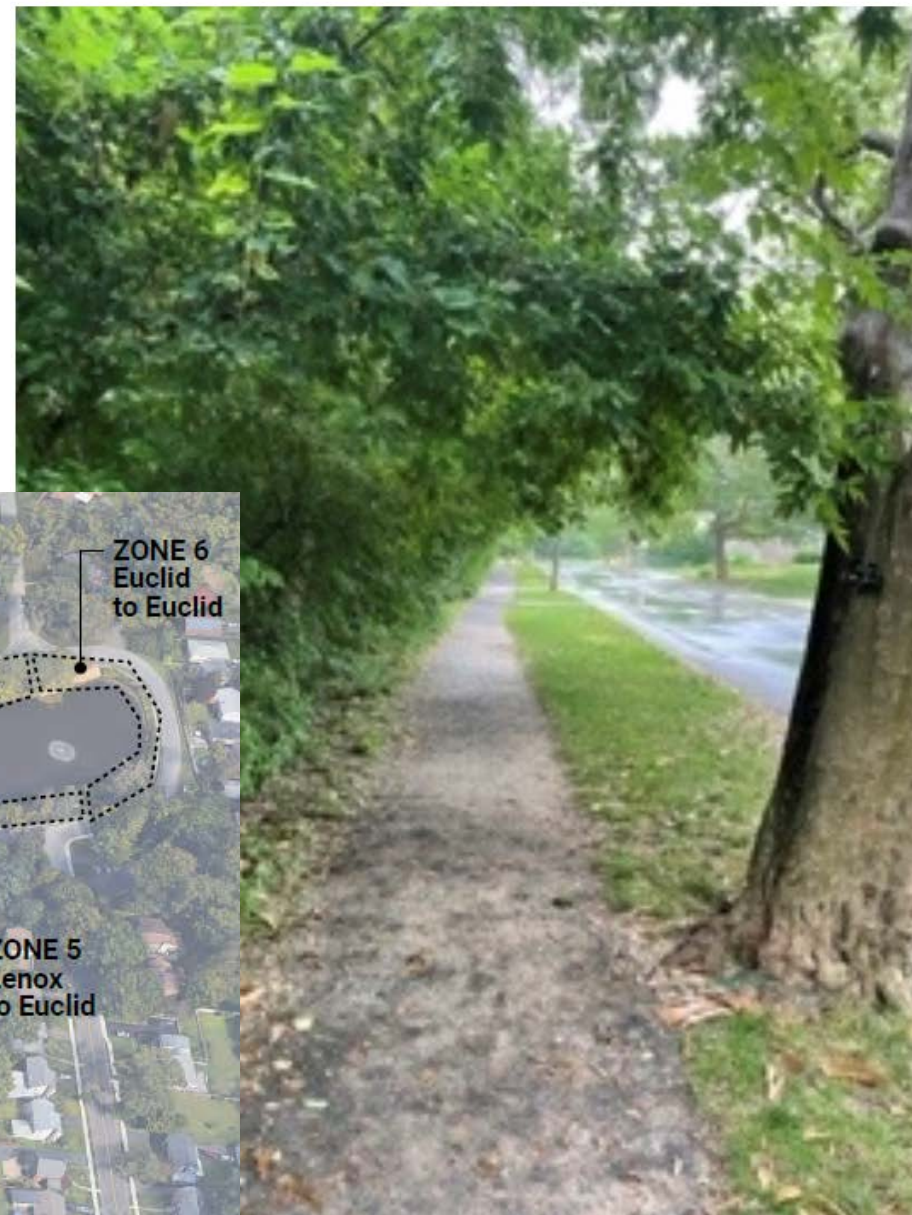


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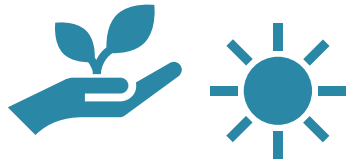
## You can help! With a bit of training you can become a Park Steward!

SPRING/  
SUMMER/  
FALL  
**PARK  
STEWARDS**

TASKS:  
Clipping, trimming shrubs on pathway  
and shoreline; raking leaves; etc.



3.



### EVENTS



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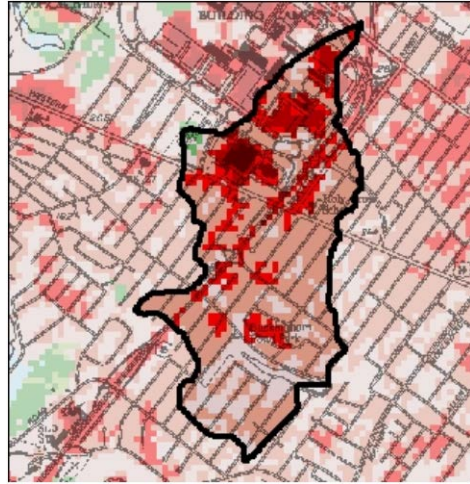




4.

**ANOTHER CSLAP SEASON COMPLETE**

Pond Water Quality through NYSDEC and NYSFOLA



Our watershed is 158 acres, 93.33% of which is residential, many of whom use commercial-grade lawn treatments.

Open Water Indicators	2022 Sampling Results								Seasonal Change	Season Median	Decadal Median	Decadal Trend	Longterm Median	Longterm Trend
	06-11	06-25	07-10	07-23	08-06	08-20	09-03	09-25						
Clarity (m)	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.4	0.8	1.6	1.1	0.8		1.2	0.9	no	1	no
Upper Temp (degC)	20	22	25	29	29	25	22	17		23.5	25	no	25	no
Surface TP (mg/L)	0.095	0.095	0.094	0.077	0.107	0.103	0.084	0.057		0.095	0.071	no	0.067	no
TN (mg/L)	0.809	0.881	0.847	1.266	0.942	0.854	0.726	0.639		0.851	0.773	no	0.744	no
TN:TP	8.5	9.3	9	16.4	8.8	8.3	8.6	11.3		8.9	10.1	no	10.7	no
Surface NH3 (mg/L)	0.052	0.029	0.093		0.112	0	0.058	0		0.052	0.034	↑	0.034	no
Chl.a (ug/L)	5.2	21.3	9.6	11.1	26.3	17	18.5	11.1		14.1	16	no	11.8	↑
pH	8.6	7.9	7.7	7.9	7.9	8.2	7.9	8.4		7.9	7.7	↑	7.7	↑↑
Surface Chloride (mg/L)	284.7		278.4							281.6	281.6	no	281.6	no
True Color (ptu)	10	15	15	15	12	17	15	8		15	16	↓↓↓	17	↓↓↓
Cond (uS/cm)	894.2	940.2	1016	1152	1067	853.5	757.6	736.3		917.2	832.5	↑↑	814.9	↑↑

**Trophic State**

Eutrophic

**HABs Susceptibility**

No Reported Blooms, Moderate susceptibility

**Invasive Vulnerability**

Invasives present, High vulnerability



5.

**CFA GREEN INNOVATION PROGRAM APPLICATION**

North Shore



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Applied for CFA Grant for \$550K

Path Improvements

Green Infrastructure at Parking Lot

250' of shoreline improvements and native planting habitats

**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





6.

## ALBANY COUNTRY LEGISLATIVE GRANT



Awarded Albany County Legislative Grant of \$2375  
for additional native plantings.

Thank you to County Legislator Gary Domalewicz for sponsoring  
our application, and to County Legislators Ray Joyce and Frank  
Commisso for supporting it.



7.

## PARTY PIT CLEANUP



Thanks to Sara Hart for her advocacy and bringing this to BPC, DGS, and APD attention

DGS helped to remove the trash/furniture

APD to monitor regularly

Vandalism at the Party Pit is dangerous and unsightly. Please remain vigilant.

Officer Wallace and his partner Dan Webster welcome emails with concerns from the public regarding the party pit; Albany Police Department and DGS will continue to monitor.



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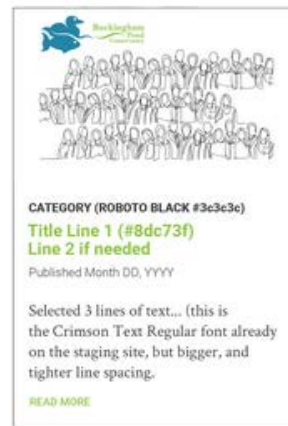
## WEBSITE UPDATES

Excited to make progress towards the new updated BPC website

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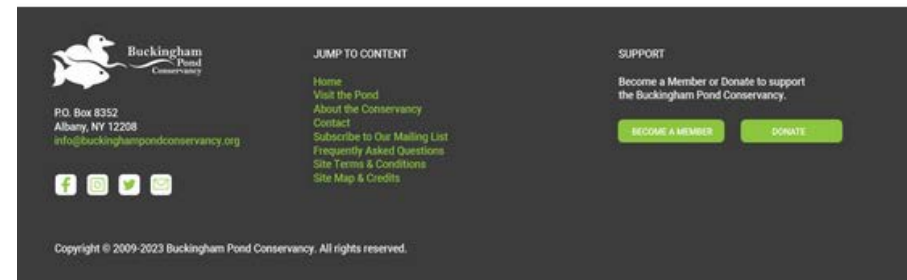
### RECENT NEWS



MORE POND NEWS



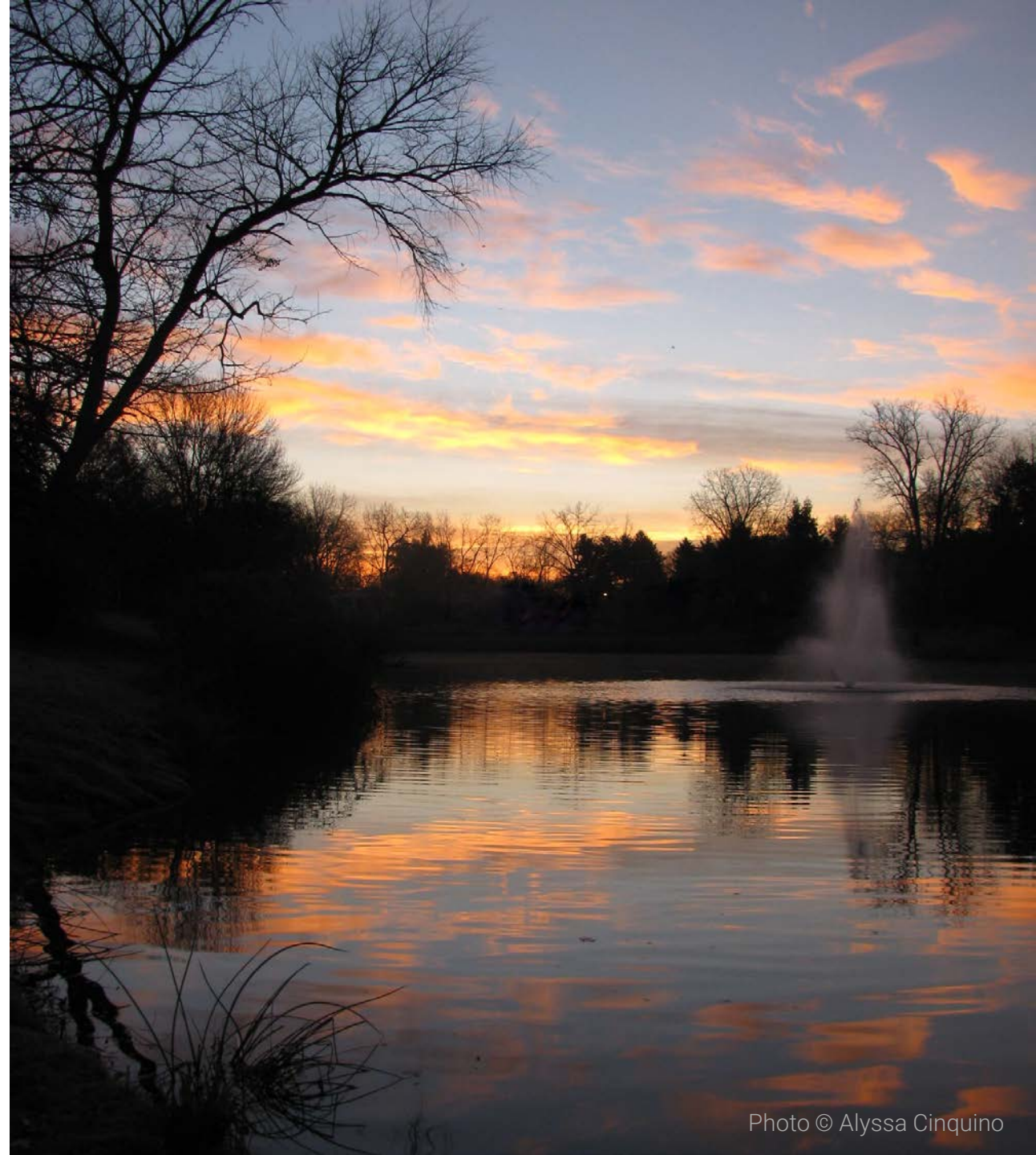
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# OPPORTUNITIES

## 2023 – 2024 LOOK AHEAD

- Keep you updated on website, social media, and virtual monthly meeting.
- Continue developing relationship w/ City departments (DGS/AWD/REC), Deb Zamer, Tabora
- Prioritize path improvements with AWD & DGS
- Complete website redesign
- Continue invasive species removals and native species planting
- Mobilize more volunteers, Park Stewards
- NYSFOLA/CSLAP water testing







Questions / Comments.

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**THANK YOU**

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