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Brief Timeline of the Taghkanic Community Forest:

- In 2020, CLC led a collaborative stakeholder group to develop a watershed-focused plan
- The plan aimed to highlight the importance of forests, streams and wetlands for both people and wildlife
- The vision of the plan:

The Taghkanic Headwaters and the lands that surround it support clean water for people, plants, and animals, and provide vital wildlife habitat connections between New York and New England. We envision a future Taghkanic watershed that is cared for by local communities and landowners to protect clean water and the ability of fish and wildlife to move across the landscape.



Taghkanic Headwaters Conservation Plan



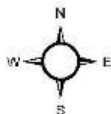
-  Private Easement by Others
-  Owned by CLC not yet open to the public
-  Owned by Columbia Land Conservancy
-  Owned by Other Conservation Organization
-  Owned by Other Organization Protected by a CLC CE
-  Owned by Public Agency or Municipality

Forest Patch Size (acres)

acres

-  Stepping Stone (200 - 1999)
-  Locally Significant (2000 - 5999)
-  Regionally Significant (6000 - 14999)
-  Globally Significant (15000 - 600000)

0 0.5 1 Miles



Property Name

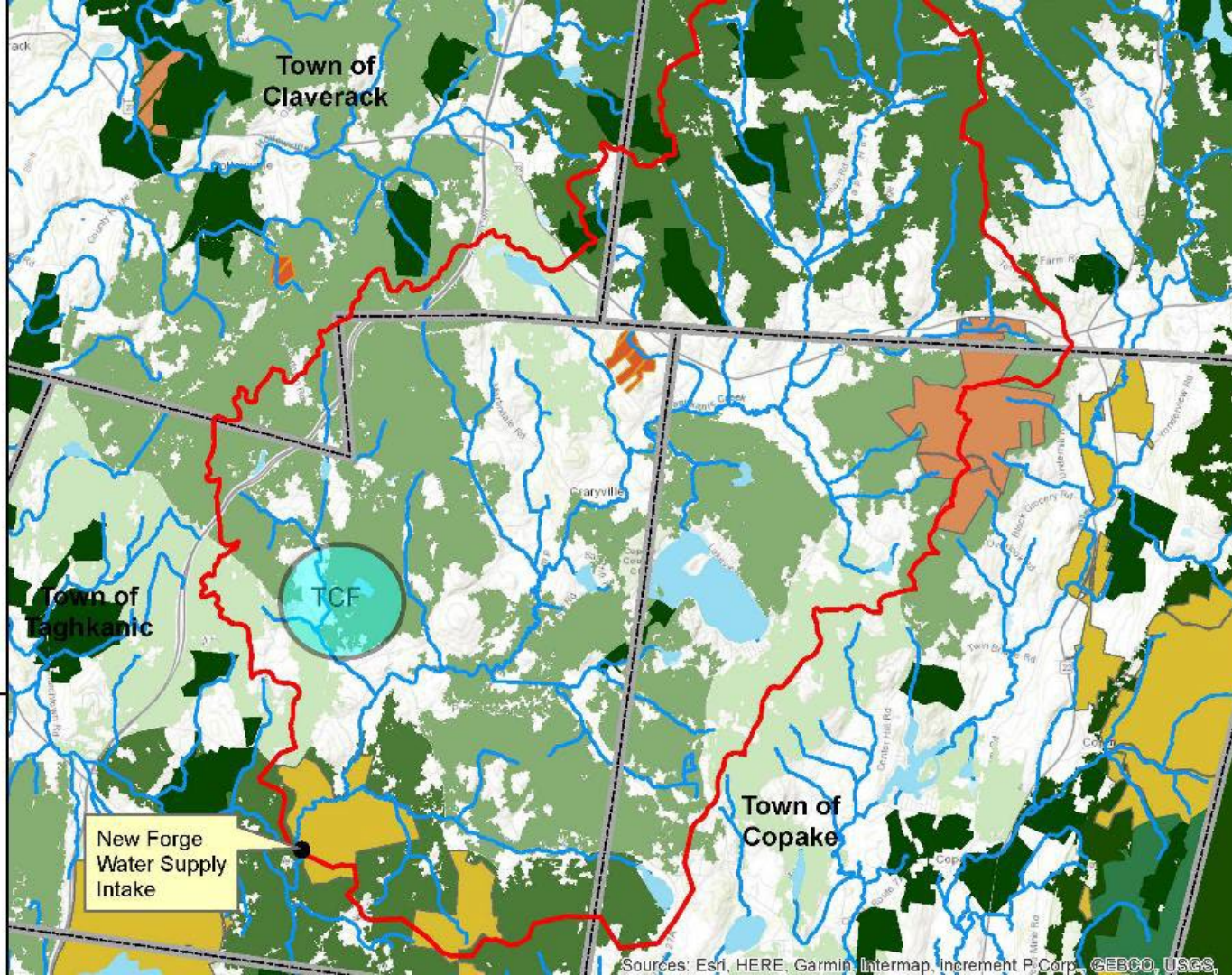
Upper Taghkanic Creek Watershed
& New Forge Intake Basin

Forest Patch Data

Map created February 19, 2020 by: Nicholas Fitel



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Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS

WQIP Site Plan for Taghkanic Community Forest

Legend

Infrastructure

Bench

Cabin

Gate

Gazebo

Kiosk

Parking

Existing Bridge

Planting Area

Existing Driveways

Existing Dam

Existing Trails

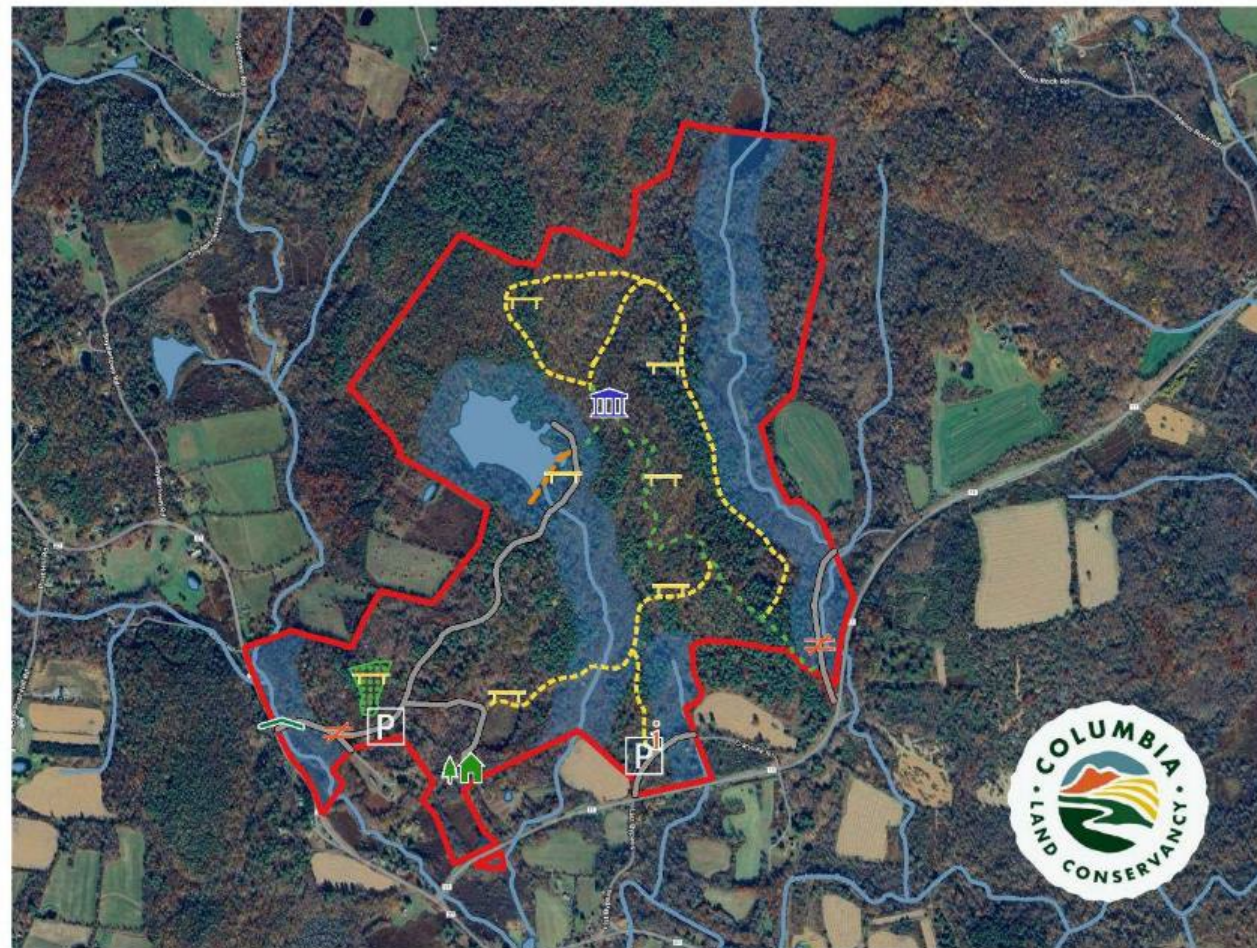
Prospective Trails

Property Boundary

NHD Waterbody

NHD Stream

300ft Riparian Buffer





- The Community Forest Committee is an advisory committee to the CLC Board
- The Mission of the committee is to plan for and steward the TCF
- The committee is made up of community members, CLC staff/board liaison
- Partnering with relevant experts tasked with developing guiding principles, goals, objectives, and management plans
- Will serve as the primary stewardship oversight body







Taghkanic Community Forest Community Conversation

Betsy Albert
Tim Kennelty

Why We Got Involved



Work in 2025

- Tree Planting
- Selecting Committee Members and Land Stewards
- Meeting with Forester
- Mapping the trails
- Preparing for June 6 Opening



Tree Planting Preparation

- Why we did it?
- Met with CLC staff to discuss goals for tree planting
- Staff prepped the site:
 - removed invasives
 - augured holes
 - delivered soil and mulch
 - Taghkanic Fire Co. supplied water and tools
- Additional volunteers and staff installed deer fence



Tree Planting on May 17



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- Huge success
- More than 100 volunteers participated
- Planted over 1,200 trees in one day
- Fantastic Community Engagement



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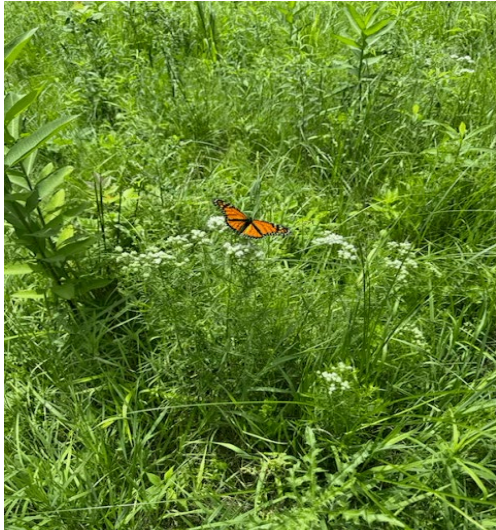


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Revisiting the Tree Planting Site in July

- 80-90 percent of trees had survived
- Proliferation of native wildflowers



Selecting Committee Members and Land Stewards in August



Land Steward Training in September



Meeting with Forester in November



- Walked property with forester, Cory Creagan
- Reviewed proposed forest management plan ideas
- Visited various stands of the forest and discussed options
- Need to prioritize work
- Preparing for June 6

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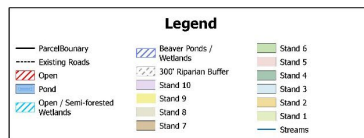
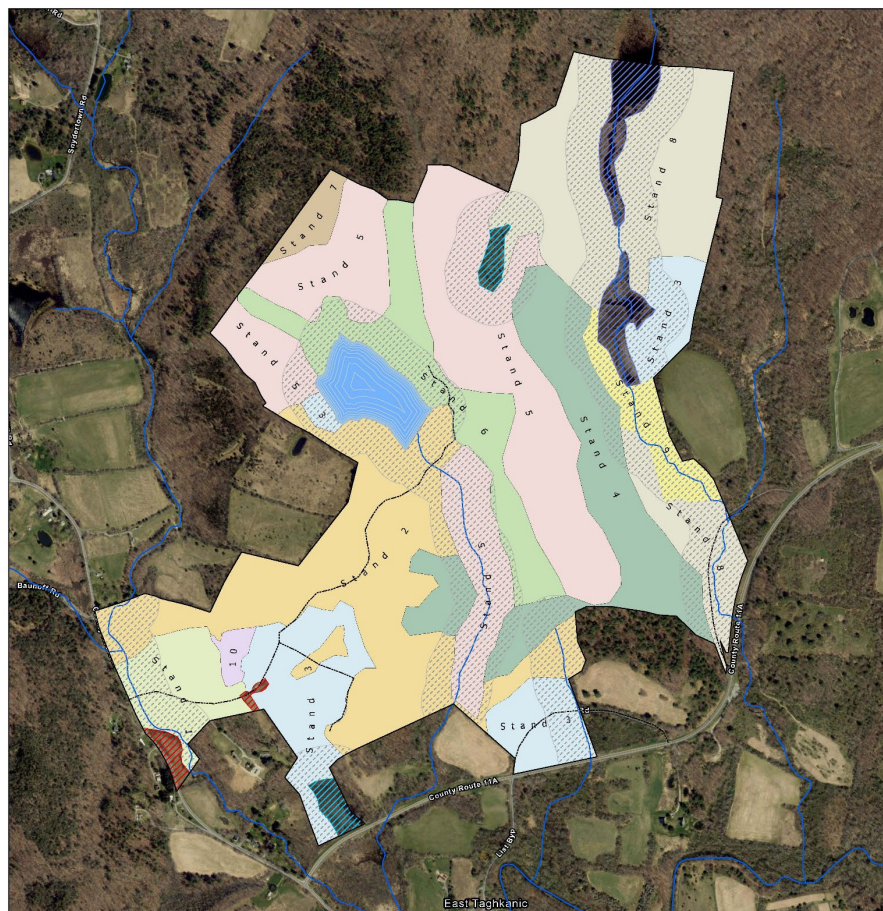


A topographic map of the Taghkanic area. The map shows the Tenetzi Swamp, a large body of water, and the Taghkanic River. The area is characterized by rolling hills and valleys, with contour lines indicating elevation. Key roads shown include MAHERS RD, CO RD 11, CO RD 10, CO RD 9, CO RD 8, CO RD 7, CO RD 6, CO RD 5, CO RD 4, CO RD 3, CO RD 2, CO RD 1, CO RD 0, CO RD -1, CO RD -2, CO RD -3, CO RD -4, CO RD -5, CO RD -6, CO RD -7, CO RD -8, CO RD -9, CO RD -10, CO RD -11, CO RD -12, CO RD -13, CO RD -14, CO RD -15, CO RD -16, CO RD -17, CO RD -18, CO RD -19, CO RD -20, CO RD -21, CO RD -22, CO RD -23, CO RD -24, CO RD -25, CO RD -26, CO RD -27, CO RD -28, CO RD -29, CO RD -30, CO RD -31, CO RD -32, CO RD -33, CO RD -34, CO RD -35, CO RD -36, CO RD -37, CO RD -38, CO RD -39, CO RD -40, CO RD -41, CO RD -42, CO RD -43, CO RD -44, CO RD -45, CO RD -46, CO RD -47, CO RD -48, CO RD -49, CO RD -50, CO RD -51, CO RD -52, CO RD -53, CO RD -54, CO RD -55, CO RD -56, CO RD -57, CO RD -58, CO RD -59, CO RD -60, CO RD -61, CO RD -62, CO RD -63, CO RD -64, CO RD -65, CO RD -66, CO RD -67, CO RD -68, CO RD -69, CO RD -70, CO RD -71, CO RD -72, CO RD -73, CO RD -74, CO RD -75, CO RD -76, CO RD -77, CO RD -78, CO RD -79, CO RD -80, CO RD -81, CO RD -82, CO RD -83, CO RD -84, CO RD -85, CO RD -86, CO RD -87, CO RD -88, CO RD -89, CO RD -90, CO RD -91, CO RD -92, CO RD -93, CO RD -94, CO RD -95, CO RD -96, CO RD -97, CO RD -98, CO RD -99, CO RD -100. The map also shows the locations of Taghkanic, Tenetzi Swamp, and Pumpkin Hollow Swamp. The map is oriented with North at the top.

	Map Area	Type	Acres
Forested	Stand 1	Red Oak-Northern Hardwood	18,607
	Stand 2	Northern Hardwood	90,407
	Stand 3	Northern Hardwood	53,091
	Stand 4	White pine - Northern Hardwood	55,619
	Stand 5	Oak Hickory	115,789
	Stand 6	White pine - Northern Hardwood	38,630
	Stand 7	Hemlock - Oak	5,764
	Stand 8	Northern Hardwood	87,474
	Stand 9	Northern Hardwood	12,034
	Stand 10	Reforestation / Afforestation	2,730
		Subtotal	480,147
Wetlands	Beaver Ponds / Wetlands	Beaver Ponds	14,562
	Open / Semi-forested Wetlands	Semi-Forested	5,157
		Subtotal	19,720
Open lands	Open	Old Fields	2,730
		Subtotal	2,730
			TOTAL

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Scale = 1:9,500

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Mapping the Trails in December



Mapping the Trails in December



Community Forest Committee Meetings



Preparing for June 6 Opening

- Finalize trails
- Create kiosks
- Build parking lot
- Plan opening



Volunteer Opportunities

- Need land stewards and future committee members
- Chance to get out and experience nature
- Be a part of the community
- Contact Patrick Knapp or Betsy and Tim



Thank You And Questions



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