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CACDA Cazenovia Republican Column

It is hard to believe that nine months have passed since I became the first Executive Director of the Cazenovia Area Community Development Association, Inc. (CACDA) in June of 2005. The entire community has been incredibly welcoming and supportive from the beginning, which is a critical factor in helping us determine how CACDA can most effectively assist the greater Cazenovia area.

Our strong Board of Directors serves as a broad cross-section of local stakeholders. Representatives from the Village, Town, Chamber, College, Cazenovia Preservation Foundation, Cazenovia Lake Association/Foundation, Trush Park Association and the Agricultural/Equine community comprise the eight standing members. Seven at-large members have ties to the Cazenovia Central School District, Madison County Tourism and various other entities.

CACDA was originally formed to provide full-time assistance for local organizations, governments and residents by helping them accomplish goals and objectives through consensus building activities, cooperative efforts, educational programs and the location of funding sources to implement priority projects.

I am pleased to report that we are currently involved with several initiatives, including the Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant application, which Supervisor Liz Moran detailed in a previous issue. We are working with the Town and Village of Cazenovia, the Town of Nelson and the Cazenovia Central School District to define specific areas where the four entities can cooperate more efficiently through shared services. Monthly meetings between the partners are providing a forum for better communication, an essential ingredient for future planning efforts.

CACDA is also collaborating with the Village of Cazenovia to implement restoration of the riparian, or lakeshore, buffer zone at Lakeside Park. The first phase of the project begins on Wednesday, 22 March at 7:00 p.m. at the Cazenovia Public Library with a presentation on the "Impacts of Watershed and Riparian Health on Cazenovia Lake". Scott Ingmire, Madison County Planning Department, will be the featured speaker.

A 3-D model that demonstrates dramatic visual depictions of cumulative pollution effects throughout a watershed will be available for viewing. Julia Shotzberger will describe point and non-point pollution sources, and offer practical suggestions for controlling both. Please join us for this important informational program.

The project's second phase will involve preparation of the shoreline area by village personnel, and subsequent installation of native plants by local volunteers and professionals of all ages. Actual planting dates have yet to be determined. Graduate students from SUNY ESF's Landscape Architecture program are assisting with plant selection and design. Cazenovia Lake Foundation (CLF) has helped fund the cost of materials and supplies.

If you happen to be walking in downtown Cazenovia during the month of March, be sure to stop and see CACDA's display window at the Chamber of Commerce office. We are proud to represent so many local organizations and residents, and look forward to strengthening our relationships as we all move forward together.

On behalf of CACDA, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who has contributed to our initial success and, ultimately, the success of the larger community. Particular thanks to the Greater Cazenovia Area Chamber of Commerce for their patient nurturing of similar ideas from different entities until they grew into a separate 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization known as CACDA, and to Cazenovia College for their continuing generous donations of office space and technical assistance.

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We welcome support for CACDA's programs from individuals and organizations through donations and volunteer efforts. For more information, call Barbara Henderson, Executive Director, at 655-7651 or e-mail director@cacda.net.