

Town of Ithaca Conservation Board Activities & Accomplishments for 2024

- Awarded its 21st annual Richard B. Fischer Environmental Conservation Award to Adrianna Hirtler and held a tree planting ceremony in Tudor Park where an American Basswood tree was planted;
- Environmental Review Committee continued to provide comments on 6 site plan and subdivision projects, including the Verizon Wireless Telecommunication Facility and the Cornell Game Farm Road Field Hockey Field;
- Provided support to the Town's Deer Management Program, including research and discussions regarding browse monitoring methods;
- Continued to update and monitor the Conservation Board Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/IthacaConservationBoard>) and the new Instagram account (<https://www.instagram.com/townofithacaconservationboard/>);
- Hosted a public invasive species education event (Ten Nasty Invaders) at the Town's East Ithaca Nature Preserve in June as part of NYS's Invasive Species Awareness Week;
- Discussed several topics related to Indigenous Environmental Justice throughout 2024, including work being done to create an ethnobotanic trail, highlighting 11 plants at Tutelo Park (<https://townithacany.gov/tutelo-park-plant-walk/>);
- Researched and provided a letter to the Town Board regarding artificial turf, including the suggestion of implementing a moratorium.