

OCCA receives capacity-building grant from NYCON

The Otsego County Conservation Association has received \$1,000 in funding from the New York Council of Non-Profits to hire a consultant to facilitate a one-day retreat for its Board of Directors. The purpose of this retreat will be to identify the components of a five-year strategic plan for OCCA. For the retreat, scheduled for May 2 at the Upland Center in the town of Springfield, OCCA will be working with NYCON facilitator Claire Higgins.

“In recent years, OCCA has made great strides in both Board development and program expansion. We are very grateful to NYCON for giving us the opportunity to pause and reflect on our achievements and come up with a roadmap for the next five years,” said OCCA president Martha Clarvoe.

Clarvoe emphasized that the five-year plan builds on a previous three-year plan, also supported by assistance from NYCON.

“Coming up with these plans will help OCCA become more proactive, less reactive,” Clarvoe said.

The plan will serve as a management tool to focus OCCA’s energies, ensure that Board, staff and members are working toward the same goals, and adjust OCCA’s direction in response to current environmental issues, she said.

NYCON was formerly known as the Council of Community Services of New York State and its website is still searchable under www.ccsnys.org.

OCCA is a private, non-profit environmental membership organization dedicated to promoting the enjoyment and sustainable use of Otsego County's natural resources through education, advocacy, resource management, research, and planning. For more information about OCCA, or to donate in support of its mission, call 547-4488 or visit www.occainfo.org.