

Steps Toward Sustainability

July 5, 2023

This year, Historic Red Hook joined other local organizations in creating and signing a sustainability pledge to guide our future practices. This commitment is a component of Red Hook Together's mission to attain the designation of a Certified Audubon Sustainable Community for the Town of Red Hook.

Our Sustainability Challenge: Opportunities for Commitment

Whereas, the Town of Red Hook has endorsed Red Hook Together's subcommittee in their work in achieving Audubon International's certification in their Sustainable Communities Program (SCP); and

Whereas, the SCP will empower the Red Hook Community to protect our natural, social & economic systems while sustaining our land, water, and wildlife; and

Whereas, Historic Red Hook seeks to promote our community's unfolding story by connecting its past to its present and future; and

Whereas, HRH plays a central role in promoting a mindful community;

Therefore, The Director and Board of Trustees of Historic Red Hook do hereby embrace Red Hook Together's Audubon subcommittee and its work. We pledge to work to:

- Increase our promotion of the sustainable benefits of understanding our past, present and future;
- Participate in community days such as Hardscrabble Day, and organize community events including the Then and Now Festival and the Cemetery Crawl;
- Support the Town/Village as they work towards modifying our transportation model with emphases on walkability, low carbon emissions and public safety;
- Continue supporting our farmers and local merchants and neighbors, seeking new ways to do so;



In June, the Village of Red Hook Public Spaces Initiative contributed this beautiful pollinator garden to the Elmendorph Green.

- Work towards greener purchasing, repurposing, and recycling, with the goal of more efficient use of our resources;
- Publicly celebrate the shared history and progress of our community; and
- Keep energy efficiency and accessibility in mind when planning for building maintenance and renovations;

Thus furthering the certification process that the Town of Red Hook has undertaken.

— Signed by Thea Burgess, Board President, On behalf of the Historic Red Hook Director and Board of Trustees, dated April 21, 2023