

From:

Village of Scarsdale Conservation Advisory Council (CAC)

8 August 2016

To:

Steve Papallardo, Scarsdale Village Manager

Benny Salanitro, Scarsdale Superintendent of Public Works

Dear Mr. Papallardo and Mr. Salanitro,

The CAC is pleased to forward Kim Eierman's implementation details for conversion of the Palmer-Secor field into a sustainable meadow. Here are several key points and considerations:

- The work should ideally begin this summer before leaf collection, commencing primarily with removal of invasive vines along the wooded border. Shortly after you both left our site meeting, we walked its border with Ms. Eierman and determined that these invasives would negatively impact the project and should therefore be removed beforehand. Some replanting would also occur at this time.
- We recommend that Ms. Eierman continue to be engaged, as she possesses unique qualifications for this project. Her help will be critical with seed selection, planting and other decisions. Her fees are modest and, whereas Lena Crandall generously reimbursed her for this initial consultation, we would appreciate the Village paying Ms. Eierman's future fees.
- There is an excellent chance that this project will have a **positive** economic return on investment for the Village. The startup costs of tilling, seeding, plant materials, invasive removal and "specialized" mowing should be outweighed by lifecycle savings, as the maintenance needs of an established meadow are very slight. Mowing will be reduced drastically from the first year and, within 3-4 years, mowing will occur just once per year.

Please let us know whether Ms. Eierman's document suffices or whether you'd prefer actionable recommendations in another format, which we would be glad to provide.

Sincerely,

Lee Fischman
Chair, CAC