

Hi Janet! I had wanted to add something during the Zoom concerning the takeover of the Museum on Bova Rd.... but??? Couldn't chat, my video and audio were not enabled and short of sending over a pigeon (or a bat at that hour) couldn't signal you! So, in brief (definitely under the 3mins!)

As a member of BKAA and present President of the Sullivan County Audubon Society (many of our members hold membership in both organizations) and we strongly agree that anything that strengthens the Bashakill area will result in not only tourism but an increase in wildlife and bird friendly community participation. The Bashakill is a key birding area both for resident birds and Fall/Spring migratory birds. So many of us enjoy this free and open Park with adjacent facilities.

SCAS is also a member of the Delaware River Watershed Committee and the Bashakill is part of the system which feeds into drinking water for NYC and Philadelphia. It would be good to have a stabilizing group like the Town of Mamakating watching over this precious resource.

I'm sure Orange County Audubon, Mearns Bird Club, NY Audubon and NYSOA (NY State Ornithological Association) would agree!

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