

# **RUSH RPA**

## **ANNUAL MEETING,**

### **JULY 13, 2021**

### **AGENDA**

Greetings and Introductions

Ballot Results

Presentation

Award

Closing and Transfer to New Board

Refreshments!



Presented at the  
Rush RPA Annual  
Meeting

Tuesday, July 13,  
2021

**RUSH RECREATION  
AND PARK  
ASSOCIATION  
(RUSH RPA)  
REPORT TO THE  
COMMUNITY**

# THE RUSH RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION

AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR TOWN  
BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR  
PROTECTING OUR PUBLIC PARK AND  
RECREATIONAL LANDS AND OPEN SPACE.

# THE RUSH RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION SERVES OUR COMMUNITY

- Created in 2018, NYS non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Same as Mendon and Henrietta Foundations.
- Mission: Preserve and protect our public land, park land and green space
- 2019 Stewardship Agreement to develop the Hundred Acres Nature Park
- “Jewel in the emerald necklace along the Genesee River
- Other public lands: Rush Riverside Refuge, Stonybrook, Town Hall Campus and gardens
- 2020 Riverfront Planning Grant
- Advocate for Tree City Status

# RUSH RPA ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Can be viewed on the Rush RPA website,  
[rushrpa.org](https://rushrpa.org)

<https://rushrpa.org/page-18222>

# RUSH RPA SECRETARY'S REPORT

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- Six Rush RPA Board meetings
- One general meeting to amend bylaws.
- Annual meeting is our first in-person meeting since COVID lockdown

# RUSH RPA TREASURER'S REPORT



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## Rush Recreation and Park Association, Inc.

### Statement of Activities

For the Six Months January 1 - June 30, 2021

#### Revenues

- Memberships       \$   762.00
- Donations           \$       0
- Grants               \$       0

#### Expenses

- General & Administrative   \$ 21.30
- Insurance                   365.00
- Tree Donation               199.97

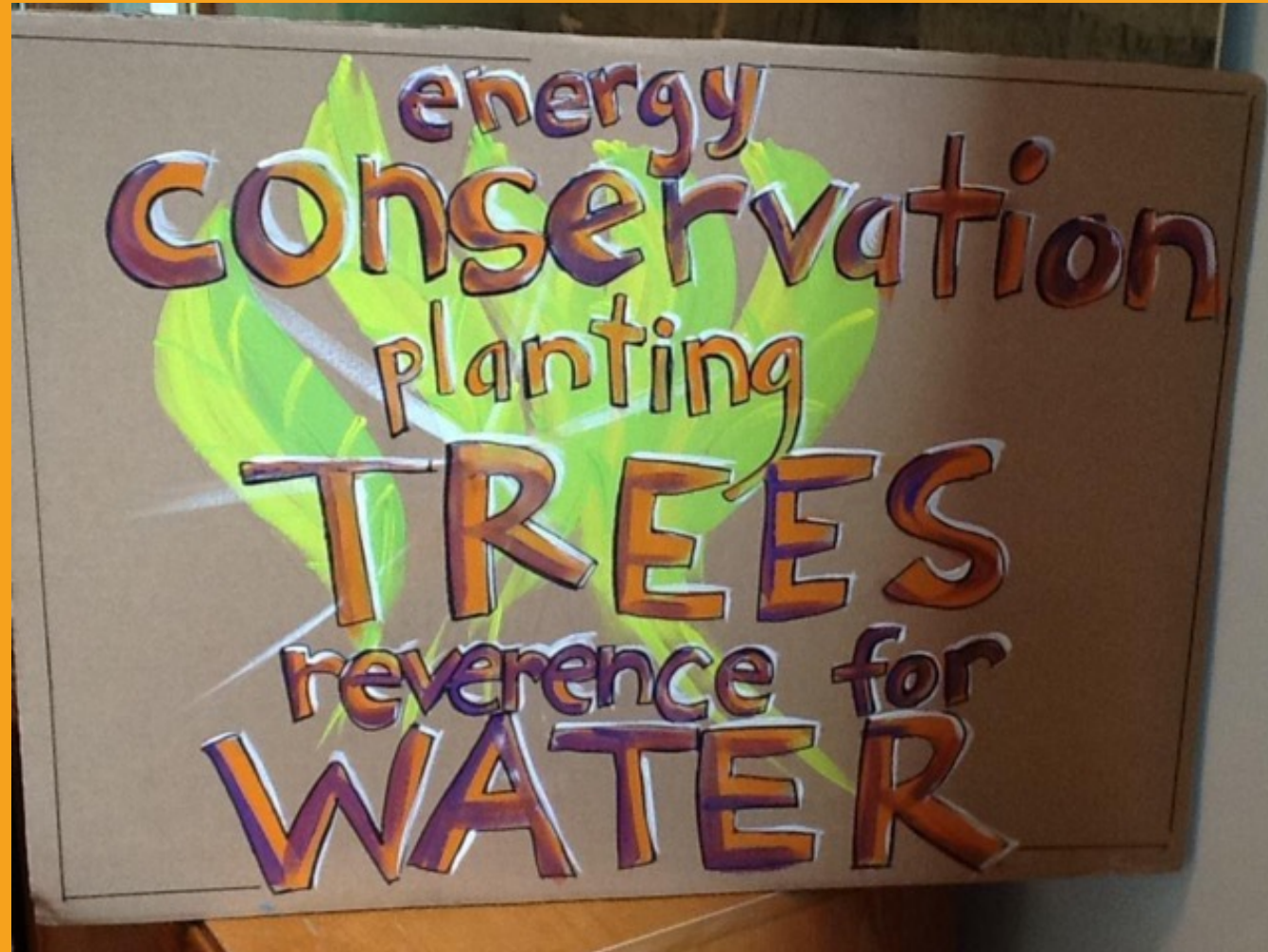
Net Assets At Beginning Of Period       \$11,417.36

Net Assets At End of Period               \$11,593.09

## RUSH RPA TREASURER'S REPORT (CONT'D)

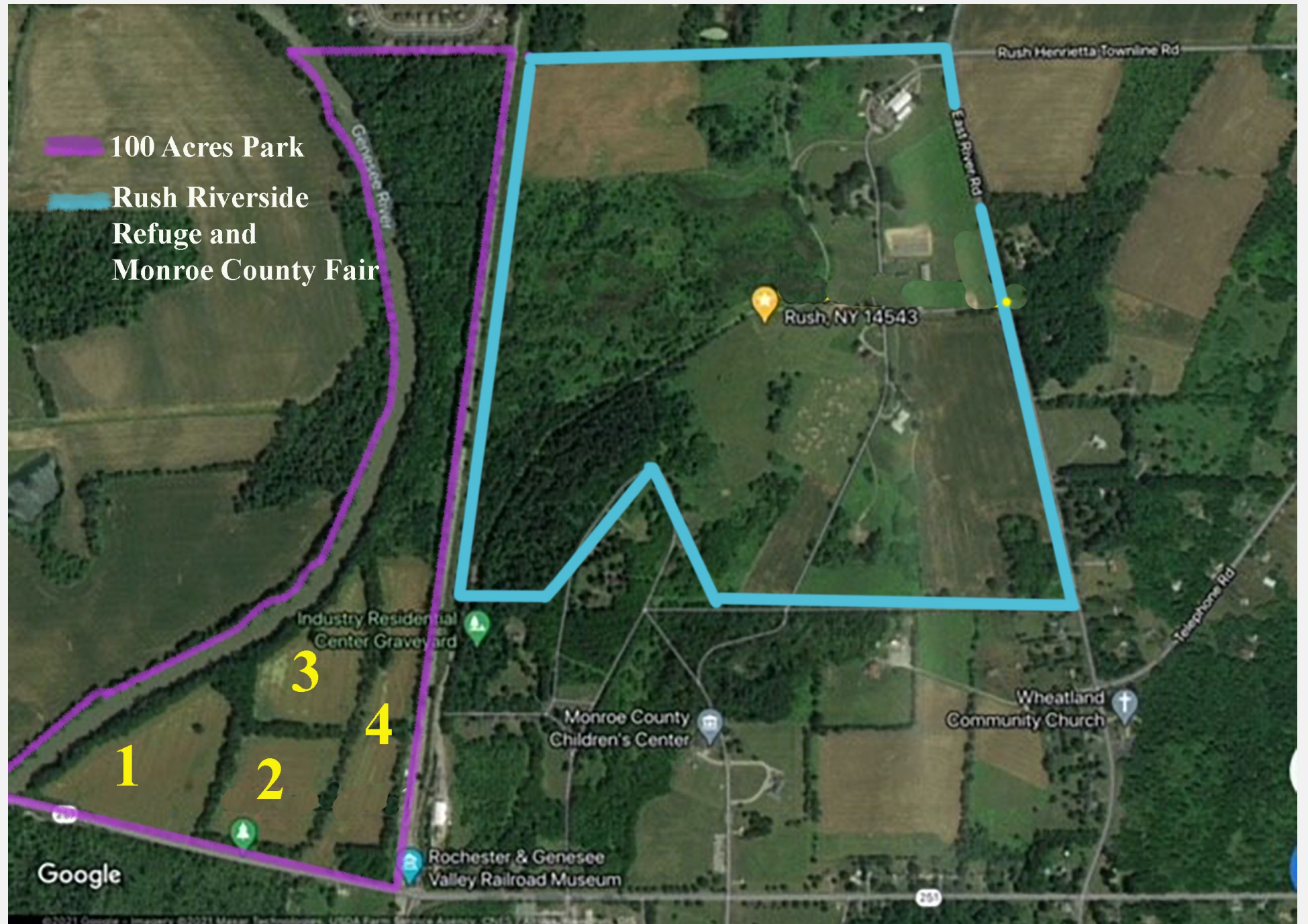
- Balance of \$11,593.09 on June 30, 2021.
- Donated goods and services.
- Wide range of volunteer activities.
- In-kind donations are important to grant development.
- 2020 exceeded \$5000.
- 2021 has already exceeded \$5000 in first six months.

# RUSH RPA ACTIVITIES (PRESIDENT'S REPORT)





# MAP OF THE HUNDRED ACRES PARK





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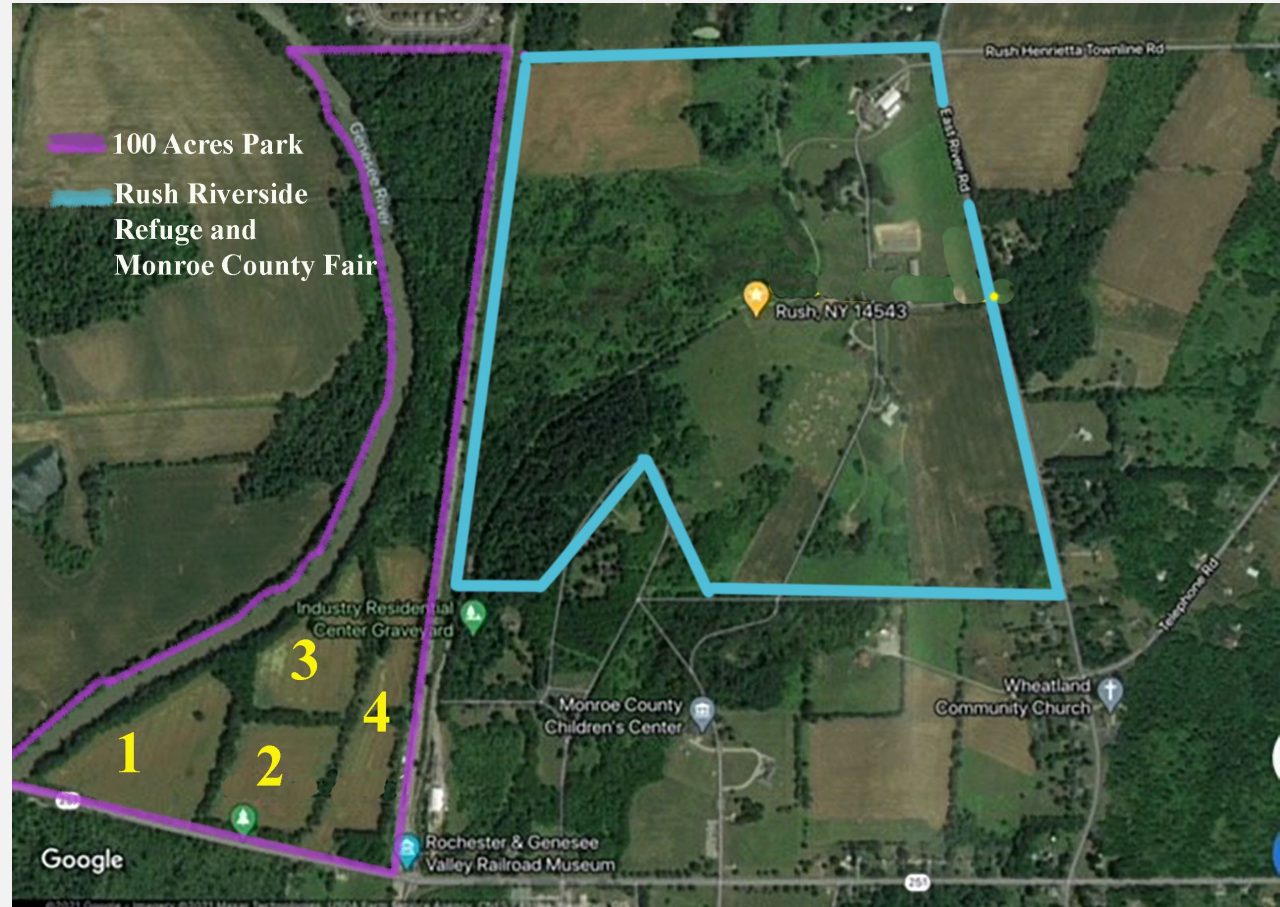
West of Railroad Museum and  
Rush Riverside Refuge

1 mile of riverfront

Floodplain

River buffer

Diverse habitat for wildlife



# HUNDRED ACRES: PLANTING TREES IN THE FIELD CLOSEST TO THE GENESEE RIVER

Planting native trees in Field #1, the field closest to the Genesee River.

Early spring in 2021 made it necessary to delay planting until the fall.





# HUNDRED ACRES: WARM SEASON GRASSES

Plans to install warm season grasses

- Native plants
- Support endangered bird species

Takes time for the grasses to  
become established and self-  
sustaining

[Photo Big Bluestem from [bbbseed.com](http://bbbseed.com)]



# LIVE STAKING

Low-cost

Stabilizes riverfront

Prevents erosion

Stem cuttings inserted; new trees grow and establish a root network





# LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PLANNING GRANT

Rush RPA, an active partner with the  
Towns of Rush and Henrietta

Proposed Plans for The Hundred  
Acres include a riverfront trail with  
bridges, lookouts, educational kiosks,  
parking



NEIGHBOR AND  
PARTNER

THE ROCHESTER  
AND GENESEE  
VALLEY  
RAILROAD  
MUSEUM





# TREE CITY: TREES SUSTAIN LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Nationwide Arbor Day Foundation Program

1. Tree Ordinance
2. Tree Committee
3. Annual budget funds to care for trees
4. Annual Arbor Day celebration



# FIFTEEN DAYS OF SPRING

**April 15-30, 2021**

Educational and volunteer activities to celebrate spring

- Celebrating Earth Day and Arbor Day
- Daily challenges to learn more about nature
- Guided Walk at Hundred Acres Park
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rush Town Clean-Up
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year - Beautification Committee for town gardens





# RUSH TOWN CLEAN-UP

- April 15-30, 2021: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Town-wide Clean-Up.
- Tradition of more than 20 years
- Awards to Founders of Rush Event: Hans and Joe Schmitthenner
- More than 40 people participated
- Report and photos at [rushrpa.org](https://rushrpa.org)



Rush Girl Scouts clean up the hamlet!

# TREE PLANTING AT RUSH TOWN HALL

In May 2021, the Rush RPA donated and planted an oak tree on the Rush Town Hall Campus.

This tree is part of our gift to the town and our legacy to coming generations.





# GARDENING:

In 2020, Rush RPA members devoted more than 570 hours of labor to the thirteen Town of Rush gardens.

In 2021, relaunched Town Beautification Committee.





# RUSH RPA: ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTEERS

- Guided walks at the Hundred Acres
- Live staking on riverfront
- Watering trees
- Weeding
- Clean-up of roadside
- Maintaining trails





# RUSH RPA MEMBERSHIP

Currently has almost 70 members.

Plans to launch a membership campaign

# LOOKING FORWARD

- Hundred Acres Park
- Memorial Tree Program
- Riverfront Trail
- Grants
- Fundraiser
- Partnerships

