



**Dutchess County  
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, June 23, 2010**

**Attendance:**

- Bob Cohen, EMC Appointed Member
- John DeGilio, EMC Appointed Member
- Vicky Kelly, EMC Appointed Member
- Lalita Malik, EMC Chair
- Maribel Pregnall, EMC Appointed Member
- Vicky Buono, CCEDC Admin. Asst.
- Allison Chatrchyan, Ex-Officio, CCEDC
- Emily Vail, CCEDC
- Neil Curri, CCEDC

**Administrative Items:**

- The minutes of the May 2010 meeting were approved.
- Vicky K. asked if a recent post to the EMC's website forum (<http://dutchessemc.org/forum/>) had been answered, as well as a recent email request of the EMC. Allison indicated she would ensure that all emails and posts had been answered.
- Discussion followed on the process that would be followed to check the website forum posts in the future. Vicky B. indicated she would send a test note to the EMC Forum to determine who receives an email with the post, and if necessary, make any changes to ensure that all EMC members see the emails coming in.
- The group discussed Lalita's suggestion that all EMC members attend the DC Legislature's Environment Committee Meetings as needed, rather than just Lalita. Vicky B. will send the Legislature meeting notice to the EMC's listserv, and Vicky K. will monitor the Legislature's calendar and agenda (online) and decide if it EMC representation is warranted at that meeting.
- Emily Vail discussed changes and updates she made to the draft of the new EMC brochure which she plans to finalize before the DC Fair in August. The group members will forward Emily pictures they have which might be used in the brochure. When the new brochure is complete, a pdf will be created so that it can be posted on the EMC website.
- Terms are expiring on June 30, 2010 for the following EMC members-at-large: Tonia Shoumatoff, Judith Papo, Rachel Noe and Ann Davis.
- The DC Legislature reappointed John DeGilio, Larry Steel, and Lalita Malik for a one year term, expiring June 30, 2011 (Resolution 2010185); Pete Berasi was appointed for a one year term (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011); Lalita was re-appointed as Chair of the EMC. (Note: Resolution 2010214 amended this to change each member's term to a 2 year term, expiring

June 2012.) The legislature is searching for four additional individuals interested in serving on the EMC; the Legislature has the EMC position description for appointed members and it is also posted on the EMC website.

### **Follow-up on EMC Projects:**

- The update of the NRI update is still progressing well. An NRI Steering Committee meeting with the Planning Board is scheduled for the end of July.
- Vicky Kelly discussed ideas for an EMC State of the Environment report that she is willing to lead, having reviewed a list of topics from environmental forums held over the last 7 years. Allison suggested an idea to include summaries/analysis in the report of readily available environmental data for Dutchess County, such as air quality and climate data, list and cleanup status of federal and state superfund sites, stream data, land use change data (from DC Planning and CCEDC), and any accessible water quality/watershed data. Vicky will look into these ideas and put together a draft outline for the EMC to review.
- Judith was unable to attend the meeting, as she was being interviewed by the Poughkeepsie Journal. John DeGilio will draft a commendation for Judith's hard work on the EMC, and will also look into EMC commendations/recognition programs.
- Neil provided a summary of a GIS presentation he recently gave for the Town of Pleasant Valley Planning Board. He is planning to organize additional municipal GIS training this summer which will provide an intro to the county's new GIS data and GIS application (ArcStudio). Bob Cohen presented an overview of the GIS presentations he is developing and providing for the Town of Beekman for each major development proposal. Bob and Neil will follow-up with each other on outreach to additional towns.
- Lalita will follow-up with the Legislature to schedule a time for the EMC to present to the Legislature in the fall 2010, and will work with the EMC and CCEDC to pull together a short PowerPoint presentation on current EMC projects. Maribel will forward a few PowerPoint slides regarding the Arlington High School recycling project to Lalita for the presentation.

### **Other Business:**

- The NYS DEC will hold its annual CAC/EMC Update meeting in Albany on Monday, July 26th. Allison will reserve the CCEDC van and can carpool with 6 other CAC/EMC members, in lieu of a regular EMC meeting in July.
- The 2010 State EMC/CAC Conference on the Environment will be held at West Point on Nov. 19th through the 21st. Since this is the first time that the conference has been held in the Hudson Valley, EMC and CAC members from Dutchess are encouraged to attend.
- Dr. Rick Ostfeld, Senior Scientist with the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies requested a letter of support from the EMC for his proposal to the USEPA for the project "Landscape Epidemiology and Integrated Management of Tick-Borne Diseases." The EMC considered the request and agreed to provide a letter of support, dated June 18, 2010.

### **Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm, and was followed by the Environmental Forum at 7:00pm on "Deer Management" with Jay Boulanger from Cornell University.
- The next regular EMC meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:00pm, followed by the CCEDC Environmental Forum.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Buono, CCEDC Administrative Assistant.

