



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Minutes of the Meeting
Wednesday, June 22, 2011**

Attendance:

Members Present	Affiliation
Maribel Pregnall	EMC
Pete Berasi	EMC/ CAC East Fishkill
Nicole Burris	EMC
Bob Cohen	EMC/CAC Beekman
Marsha Leed	EMC
Lalita Malik	EMC
John DeGilio	EMC
CAC Members/Others	
Andrew Lo	CCEDC Intern
Antony Tseng	CAC Beacon
Neil Curri	CCEDC

Administrative Items:

- Meeting minutes for the May 25, 2011 meeting were approved with a motion by Pete Berasi and seconded by Bob Cohen.
- The Legislature's decision on a new EMC member will possibly be made by July 2011.
- 2011 EMC Meeting Calendar:
 - September 21, 2011, Followed by CCEDC Environmental Forum
 - October 19, 2011
 - November 16, 2011, Followed by CCEDC Environmental Forum
 - December 7, 2011

Updates from CAC and Ex-Officio Officers:

- The City of Beacon CAC is working on definitions and outreach to residents about what materials can be composted and how to compost materials correctly in Beacon (Antony Tseng).

Updates on EMC Projects, Subcommittee Reports & Homework:

- Subcommittee Reports:
 1. Municipal Waste Disposal/Recycling (Bob Cohen and Andrew Lo) – Andrew and Bob have been working to create a matrix of municipal solid waste disposal, including info on different types of materials that can be disposed of/recycled:
 - CAC’s will be solicited for their assistance; EMC members will continue to gather this information from their individual towns.
 - There may be adjustments to the columns as information comes in, especially as specifications become more apparent. Nicole will be sending out an email requesting any potential questions to ask James Constantino from Royal Carting. He returns in early July 2011 and has been exceedingly helpful with answers for the Waste Management data columns. EMC members may plan a meeting/tour with Royal Carting in the future.
 2. Educational Material from the NRI (John DeGilio & Maribel Pregnall) - Maribel is trying to set up some in-service training dates set for teacher training in the fall 2011. She will mention the NRI at summer teacher workshops.
 - Contact members of WET to utilize their resources.
 - Neil has volunteered to assist with GIS NRI educational tools/training.

Other Business:

- July is Watershed Awareness Month; numerous events are being organized, and the full details are available at <http://dutchesswam.com/2011-events/>
- ADK is organizing a Hike in Beacon July 10, 2011 at 10am during WAM.
- The “Bag it” movie will be held at Millbrook on July 7, 2011 at 7-8:30 pm. Lalita and Nicole to attend to demonstrate the effectiveness and usefulness of reusable bags.
- The EMC will hold a meeting July 20, 2011 at 7-9pm to further discuss two-subcommittee’s work:
 - Matrix of municipal solid waste disposal, possible changes to columns of materials collected and decisions on how the Waste Management data will be used once collected
 - NRI Educational Materials: discuss how to create activities that teachers can incorporate into the NYS standard, that are practical for classroom usage.
- There will be no EMC meeting in August 2011.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Pete Berasi and seconded by Marsha Leed.
- Minutes prepared by Nicole Burris.