



**Dutchess County Environmental Management Council
Meeting Minutes
Dutchess County Farm and Home Center
2715 Route 44, Millbrook, New York
March 25, 2009**

At-Large EMC Members present:

- Lalita Malik, Chair
- Bob Cohen
- John DeGilio
- Ramesh Naik
- Judith Papo
- Tonia Shoumatoff

CAC and Ex-Officio EMC Members present:

- Allison Chatrchyan, Ex-Officio CCEDC, Environment Program Leader
- Elizabeth Whaley, Amenia CAC
- Michael Purcell, Pawling CAB
- Sean Eagleton, Town of Poughkeepsie CAC
- Doreen Tignanelli, Town of Poughkeepsie CAC
- Pete Berasi, East Fishkill CAC
- Robert Bard, Town of Milan CAC
- Cornelius du Plessis, Dover CAC

Others present:

- Joel Tyner, Dutchess County Legislature, District 11

Discussion Items:

- DC EMC Chair, Lalita Malik, called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.
- Administrative Items – The minutes from the February 2009 EMC meeting were approved. The next meeting will be on April 22nd, which is Earth Day.
- Update on Attendance Policy – Lalita will inform the at-large members who have not been attending the regular meetings about the attendance policy, and follow-up with Legislators.
- EMC Annual Report – Members approved the 2008 Annual report w/minor changes. Lalita will submit the report to the Dutchess County Legislature.

- Lalita and Rachel will complete the presentation on the Jackson Creek Streamwalk. EMC will coordinate with members of the Dutchess Area Environmental Science Network (ESAN) to request a presentation to the County Legislature.
- Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) - John and Allison updated the members on the ongoing work of NRI Committee. The climate/air chapter is completed and will be placed on the DC Planning website/NRI Link soon. Updates of the other chapters (Soils, Geology/Topography and Hydrology) are ongoing.
- EMC Website - Judith will set up a meeting to explore alternatives to bring the EMC website to higher level of sophistication with Suzan Myrtle, who has created a new website template.
- Allison provided an update on the DC Legislature's Task Force, the Independent Dutchess Energy Alliance (IDEA). A Power Point presentation of IDEA will be presented to the Legislature in April 2009.
- Attending CAC/CAB members from Amenia, Pawling, Dover, Beacon, East Fishkill and the Town of Poughkeepsie provided an update on CAC activities in their towns. EMC members were requested to attend one of their town's CAC meetings to improve the connections between CACs and EMC.
- Judith provided info on the upcoming Hudson Valley Green Fair on April 25th and 26th at the Dutchess County Fairground.
- Tonia provided info on an upcoming event on Low Impact Development on April 28th at the Dover Town Hall.
- Joel provided an update on upcoming activities of Legislature's Environment Committee. Meeting Times with Agendas and Resolutions are available on County web site.
- Allison requested that EMC/CAC members complete the electronic EMC/CAC survey of needs (that was sent out to the DutchessCACsandEMC@yahoogroups.com) if they had not already done so. Results will be discussed at the next meeting.
- If members are not receiving email through the listserve, they should let Allison know (DutchessCACsandEMC@yahoogroups.com).
- Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.