



**Dutchess County Environmental Management Council  
DRAFT Meeting Minutes  
Dutchess County Farm and Home Center  
2715 Route 44, Millbrook, New York  
February 4, 2009**

**At-Large EMC Members present:**

- Lalita Malik, Chair, at-large
- Bob Cohen, EMC at-large
- Ramesh Naik, EMC at- large
- Judith Papo, EMC at-large
- Sean McDermott, EMC at-large

**CAC and Ex-Officio EMC Members present:**

- Allison Chatrchyan, Ex-Officio CCEDC, Environment Program Leader
- Elizabeth Whaley, Amenia CAC
- Peter Berasi, E.Fishkill CAC
- Peggy Kelland, Town of Poughkeepsie CAC
- Brenda Cagle, Town of Red Hook CAC

**Others present:**

- Joel Tyner, Dutchess County Legislature
- Pete Wassell, Dutchess County Legislature

**Discussion Items:**

- DC EMC Chair, Lalita Malik, called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.
- Administrative Items – The minutes from the October 2008 EMC meeting were approved. The next meeting will be on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The EMC/CAC Roundtable meeting will be on March 4 at 7:00 PM.
- EMC Attendance Policy – Lalita will inform the at-large members who have not been attending the regular meetings about the new attendance policy and plan of action.
- Attending CAC/CAB members from Amenia, E.Fishkill, Beacon, Poughkeepsie and Red Hook 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.
- Joel and Pete provided an update on upcoming activities of the Legislature. Meeting Times with Agendas and Resolution are available on County web site.

- Lalita will coordinate with members of the Dutchess Area Environmental Science Network (ESAN) to request a presentation to the County Legislature on the Jackson Creek Streamwalk.
- Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) - Allison updated the members on the ongoing work to update the county's NRI. The placeholder and short intro on the NRI have been placed on the DCDPD website and the climate/air chapter will be uploaded soon. Updates of the other chapters (Soils, Geology/Topography and Hydrology) are ongoing.
- Allison provided an update on the DC Legislature's Task Force, the Independent Dutchess Energy Alliance (IDEA). The Task Force has been doing research and has been working toward creating a Dutchess Energy Alliance.
- Judith provided an update on the "Week without a Bag" Campaign which was held during the week of Dec 15-21st. The EMC and Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce sponsored the event. Judith also provided a plan for 2009 and an update on the Chamber's Green Committee meeting's activity.
- Sean McDermott is exploring the possibility for an EMC/CAC newsletter and will help work on an EMC brochure with CCEDC.
- There is no update on the Tick Task Force because there was no meeting in Jan.
- Lalita and Judith provided an update on the new Website Design. Lalita and John will address the hosting and ownership issue in the next meeting.
- Lalita provided an update on the upcoming "Watershed Month – July 09" activity plan.
- The idea of an EMC project for the upcoming Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup> was discussed. Many of the towns and CACs already do an earth day event. EMC members will provide input in the next meeting regarding participation.
- Allison requested EMC/CAC members to verify and update the Env. Ordinance Worksheet which lists all of the local environmental ordinances by town, and report back to her so that she can update the master file. She will send out an e-mail to CACs/EMC. Ramesh provided an update for the Town of Wappingers.
- Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by recording secretary, Ramesh Naik.