



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 22, 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 Charchyan, Ex-Officio, CCEDC
- Emily Vail, CCEDC

Administrative Items:

- The minutes of the June 2010 meeting were approved.
- Members discussed the state EMC/CAC meeting held at the DEC in Albany. The meeting was very useful and there were some very good updates and information provided. The EMC discussed the Marcellus Shale issue, and although the Marcellus Shale does not directly affect Dutchess County, it will affect regional resources. The DC EMC will keep abreast of the issue. The DEC also discussed the recent outbreak of EAB in Ulster County – DEC is pursuing a slow the spread approach; Vicky Kelly discussed the issue with DEC and asked them to consider further education and efforts to help prevent future invasive species from arriving in the first place.
- There are several openings for at-large members on the EMC. No applications have been received as of yet by the Legislature. Maribel suggested to Bill Siebert (a retired Arlington teacher) that he apply. Allison and Vicky B. are planning to submit a regular notice to the Poughkeepsie Journal.
- EMC's new brochure was finalized and distributed at the DC Fair in August. Vicky B. will update it (to reflect the name change of the CCEDC Environment and Energy Program).

Updates from CACs/Municipalities/Ex-Officios

- Bob provided an update on activities in Beekman. Development is still very slow, and there have been no development proposals before the town. He noted news reports of a serious budget deficit in the Town of Fishkill.
- CCEDC budget update - the Dutchess County budget situation does not look good for CCEDC county funding. There was discussion on how to educate the Legislature about the

importance of CCEDC Environment Programs and support to the EMC. The upcoming NRI Conference on 11/06 will be good timing to highlight this important project. An effort will also be made to get more newspaper publicity on the NRI update and more even visibility with the Legislature. The County Executive will issue the 2011 budget on November 1st, then it will go to the Legislature for review. The next Environment Committee meeting of the Legislature is Oct. 7th, the full Legislature meeting is October 13th. The EMC hopes to be able to attend and present at the full Legislature meeting. Three projects the EMC would like to bring before the Legislature: NRI update/Conference, ongoing EMC outreach to DC schools re: recycling projects, and the Pharmaceutical Take-Back Program initiated by the EMC. Allison will follow-up with the Legislature.

Updates on EMC Projects:

- Planning and preparations are underway for the NRI Conference at Vassar College on November 6th. Save the Date PDF notices will be going out this week. Listed as sponsors: Cary Institute, Vassar College ERI, CCEDC, the EMC, and D.C. Planning and Development. Vicky Buono will handle registration, including the registration fee of \$10.
- Vassar College ERI has agreed to sponsor the conference and provide lunch. The \$10.00 registration fee will cover the printed materials needed.
- Invitations will be sent by mailed and calls will go to the County Executive, Legislature, CAC Chairs and Supervisor/Mayors. EMC can help follow up with phone calls, they will also help to register/greet at the Conference on 11/06 (Lalita, Vicky, John, Bob, possibly Maribel)
- Emily Vail (point person) reported on the chapter status, some chapters need condensing while some need more writing; she will make the finished chapters available to all the authors as she receives them.
- The draft NRI conference agenda was discussed. It was agreed that a PowerPoint presentation will be used by all the authors. Time limits for the authors was determined, time for a Q&A will be added to the panel discussion of Making Use of the NRI.
- John DeGilio will work on the Glossary for the NRI, extracting the terms from each of the chapters. He and Maribel agreed to prepare and present a brief presentation on how the NRI can be used for classroom education. John Clark will discuss the policy chapter on that panel.
- Emily will help each NRI author create a 3'x4' poster (with highlights, maps and images from the NRI), which will be displayed; handouts of each chapter poster will be included in the conference packet. Enlarged diagrams and maps from the NRI will also be on display.

Other Business:

- 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.
- The EMC briefly discussed the issue of tree trimming in Utility Right of Way corridors and agreed it did not seem to be a critical issue in Dutchess County.
- The EMC discussed the issue of the funding and incineration and recycling issues with the Resource Recovery Agency, and will monitor the issue. It was suggested that perhaps municipal composting education could be addressed in an educational forum in 2011.

- John DeGilio designed a certificate to recognize Judith Papo for her outstanding contributions to Dutchess County while serving as an appointed member of the EMC. After corrections are made, Lalita will sign the certificate for presentation to Judith.
- John DeGilio also suggested that the DCEMC write a letter to the D.C. Legislature suggesting it recognize the contributions of Judith Papo for her outstanding work on behalf of the people of our county.
- EMC will also ask the Legislature to recognize all contributors and authors to the Dutchess County NRI. Allison will follow up.

Upcoming Meetings:

- October 20 (Wednesday)- 7:00 PM – Regular EMC meeting at the FHC
- October 26 (Tuesday) Dutchess Watersheds Roundtable, from 6:30-9:00pm, FHC
- October 27 (Wednesday) CCEDC Annual dinner- at the Dutchess Manor, Beacon, NY

Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm, and was followed by the Environmental Forum at 7:00pm on “Emerald Ash Borer” with Stephanie Mallozzi, CCEDC Ag/Hort Program Leader.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Buono, CCEDC Administrative Assistant.