



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 1, 2010**

Attendance:

- Pete Berasi, CAC (East Fishkill)
- Bob Cohen, EMC Appointed Member
- John DeGilio, EMC Appointed Member
- Don Jiskra, EMC Appointed Member (Tentative)
- Vicky Kelly, EMC Appointed Member
- Carolyn Klocker, CCEDC
- Ron Lafko, CAC (Wappinger)
- Lalita Malik, EMC Chair
- Maribel Pregnall, EMC Appointed Member
- Larry Steel, EMC Appointed Member
- Vicky Buono, CCEDC Admin. Asst.
- Allison Chatrchyan, Ex-Officio, CCEDC
- Emily Vail, CCEDC
- Sharon Kroeger (T/Amenia)

Administrative Items:

- The minutes of the September 22nd meeting were approved.
- There are still four openings for at-large members of the EMC. If anyone knows of a potential candidate, they should contact Allison or Lalita. Allison is planning to place an announcement in the Poughkeepsie Journal.
- Several residents of East Fishkill, NY (E.Isabelle, N. Foti, F. Malafonte, M.Juul) attended the meeting to discuss the situation at Hillside Lake in East Fishkill with the EMC. Carolyn Klocker will follow-up with them as the water resource educator for CCEDC.

Updates from CACs/Municipalities/Ex-Officio Agencies

- CCEDC budget update. The County Executive issued his proposed budget for 2011 on November 1st, which called for an 83% cut in funding to CCEDC, with \$0 funding for the Environment and Energy Program. The Budget Committee of the Legislature submitted their revised budget, which restored some of the funds to CCEDC, but only \$75,000 for GIS for support and training. This level of funding would force the elimination of 3 of the 4 positions in the Environment and Energy Program. There will be a budget hearing Friday night (12/2/11) at the Bardavon, and the CCEDC Board has requested each program to identify three constituents to speak in support of the program. Bob Cohen will speak for the EMC and

CACs, (some of whom will be standing with him). The full legislature will vote on 12/7, and the EMC set a tentative meeting date on 12/15 if needed.

Updates on EMC Projects:

- The NRI Conference at Vassar College was held on November 6th. Approximately 75 people attended. Emily is still working on the Significant and Protected Areas chapter, and several other chapters need to be finalized. The EMC discussed outreach ideas for the NRI. Due to its size (over 250 pages), the NRI will not be distributed in hard copy to towns or libraries as suggested by a meeting participant. Allison has agreed to put together a Powerpoint presentation for Lalita to update the Union Vale town board about the NRI at their next meeting.

Other Business:

- Lalita, Pete and Brenda attended the 2010 State NYSAEMC/Conference on the Environment at West Point, NY, November 19th through the 21st. The Dutchess County EMC received the first place award for outstanding project for the updated NRI.

Upcoming Meetings:

- December 2 –Budget hearing at the Bardavon, @ 7:00 pm.
- December 15 – tentative EMC meeting if needed, or regular meeting in January 2011.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm, and was followed by the Environmental Forum at 7:00 pm on “Using GIS Resources for Conservation and Planning” with Neil Curri.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Buono, CCEDC Senior Administrative Assistant.