



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 7, 2011**

Attendance:

At-Large Members	Present	Absent
Pete Berasi	X	
Bob Cohen	X	
John DeGilio	X	
Vicky Kelly	X	
Constance Kustas		X
Marsha Leed	X	
Stephen MacAvery	X	
Lalita Malik	X	
Maribel Pregnall	X	
Paul Quinn		X
Ex Officio, CAC Members & Others		
Allison Chatrchyan, CCEDC	X	
Donna Bolner, Dutchess County Legislature	X	
Chris Robins	X	
Michelle Robins	X	

Administrative Items:

- Meeting minutes for the October 19, 2011 meeting were approved with a motion by Pete Berasi and 2nd by Maribel Pregnall.
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Updates from CACs/Municipalities/Ex-Officio Members/ DC Legislature:

- DC Legislator Donna Bolner of the Tick Task Force joined the group to discuss the Tick Task Force. There was extensive discussion of the mission and goals of the Tick Task Force and potential role of the EMC.
- Pete Berasi from the East Fishkill CAC updated the group with road salt efforts: John Hickman visited Arlington High School with a salt truck. The students have gotten the school district to switch from straight salt to magic salt. They have also received a reward of \$10,000 from the Lexus Ecochallenge.

- Bob Cohen from the Beekman CAC updated the group with a NYSCEC Trees for Tribes program planting: more than 175 trees and shrubs were planted along Whaley Stream; signs about the work will go up near the sewage treatment plant.
- Steve MacAvery went on the green infrastructure tour offered by the CCEDC, and saw firsthand pervious pavement, stormwater retention pond, a green roof at Marist College, a rain garden and retention ponds at Vassar College. The tour was enlightening.
- Steve MacAvery informed the group of the Natural Heritage Program map at www.invasives.org, where you can find which invasive species have been mapped.

Updates on EMC Projects, Subcommittee Reports & Homework:

- Subcommittee Reports
 - Road Salt Reduction (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): No new updates
 - State of the Environment Report (Vicky Kelly): The report is near completion. The target date for completion is January 31, 2012.
 - Recycling (Bob Cohen): No new updates.
 - NRI Educational Materials (John DeGilio & Maribel Pregnall): Maribel Pregnall reported that she has piloted a road salt lab, is adjusting it to add Daphnia as an animal component; it will be ready for an education forum around Earth Day 2012; Teaching the Hudson Valley may be willing to disseminate the curriculum.
 - Energy Alternatives & Renewable Energy (Allison Chatrchyan, Lalita Malik, Marsha Leed): No new updates

Other Business:

- All members were invited to the CCEDC GIS forum following the meeting.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned without a motion.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly