



**Dutchess County  
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 28, 2012**

**Attendance:**

<b>At-Large Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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	
<b>Ex Officio, CAC Members &amp; Others</b>		
Allison Chatrchyan, CCEDC	X	
Joel Tyner, DC Legislature		X
Chris Robbins	X	
John Bickford	X	
Lynn Quinn	X	

**Administrative Items:**

- Meeting minutes for the January 25, 2012 meeting were approved with a motion by Pete Berasi and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve MacAvery.
- Future 2012 meeting dates and times are: April 25, May 23, June 27, September 12, October 17, November 28, December 12. All meeting times are 7:00 pm.
- Annual Report for 2011 was approved after modification, will be presented to Legislature at May meeting.

**Updates from CACs/Municipalities/Ex-Officio Members/ DC Legislature:**

- None

**Updates on EMC Projects, Subcommittee Reports & Homework:**

- Subcommittee Reports
  1. Road Salt Reduction (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): Vicky & Pete discussed a training forum for highway personnel on ways to improve efficiency of road salt. Options include

Cornell Local Roads Program as well as consultants in other states. Potential hosts and methods to pay for training were discussed.

2. State of the Environment Report (Vicky Kelly): The group reviewed the presentation Vicky will make to the Legislature on April 12, 2012 at 4:30 pm. Report can be distributed to the Legislature via an email to County Clerk with cc to Ben Traudt, the Legislature's Environment Committee Chair. Vicky will present the report at the Fountains at Millbrook on May 21, 2012. Suggestions for additional venues for report presentation after Legislature receives it include, the Hudson River Watershed Alliance (HRWA) Mid-Hudson Watershed Breakfast Omelet Series meetings with Russell Urban-Mead, Vassar College, Rotary Club, and Chamber of Commerce.
3. Recycling (Bob Cohen): No new items to report
4. NRI Educational Materials (John DeGilio & Maribel Pregnall): No new items to report
5. Energy Conservation & Renewables (Allison Chatrchyan, Lalita Malik, Marsha Leed): The group is pursuing a series of articles as education and outreach on alternative energy and steps to energy independence. Lalita will jot some notes with ideas.
6. Low Impact Development (Steve MacAvery, Marsha Leed, Pete Berasi): A NYSERDA energy audit will be done at Steve's house which Allison will video-record. A YouTube video may be posted on EMC web site if the material is good.
7. Wildlife Management (Paul Quinn): No new items to report

**Other Business:**

- The IMAP Invasives Program was discussed. It is a program to map and monitor invasive species in NY. It is looking for citizen volunteers. The web site is [www.imapinvasives.org](http://www.imapinvasives.org). For training dates and places, see [www.imapinvasives.org/NYTraining](http://www.imapinvasives.org/NYTraining).

**Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Pete Berasi.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly