



**Dutchess County  
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 25, 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             |
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| <b>Ex Officio, CAC Members &amp; Others</b> |                |               |
| Allison Chatrchyan, CCEDC                   |                | X             |
| Joel Tyner, DC Legislature                  | X              |               |
| Chris Robbins                               | X              |               |
| David Greenwood (Town of Washington CAC)    | X              |               |
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**Administrative Items:**

- Meeting minutes for the March 28, 2012 meeting were approved with a motion by Pete Berasi and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marsha Leed.
- Future 2012 meeting dates and times are: May 23, June 27, September 12, October 17, November 28, December 12. All meeting times are 7:00 pm.
- 2011 Annual Report discussion was postponed until the May meeting.

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

- Subcommittee Reports
  1. State of the Environment Report (Vicky Kelly): The group discussed ways to publicize the report including sending each section to the Poughkeepsie Journal for consideration for the Sunday edition of the paper. The authors will need to approve of this and the sections may need to be adjusted for journal style. In addition, a press release to the smaller, local papers was discussed (Millbrook Independent, Southern & Northern Dutchess News, the Beacon paper).

2. Road Salt Reduction (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): Discussion continued about a training forum for highway personnel on ways to improve efficiency of road salt. Partnership with Carolyn Klocker was discussed as well as potential funding from the Community Foundation.
3. Recycling: Discussion postponed.
4. NRI Educational Materials (John DeGilio & Maribel Pregnall): Quick lessons have been prepared with 4-5 questions for classroom times when, for example, attendance is being taken. The group discussed putting these lessons on the EMC web site as well as distributing them through agencies such as Teaching the Hudson Valley.
5. Energy Conservation & Renewables (Marsha Leed): The committee has discussed producing newspaper articles about what CAC's are doing, starting with the Red Hook CAC. The Arlington School District as an example of a community energy conservation project as it has hired an energy conservation coordinator (Jacob Lawrence) who has saved the district \$95,000 so far by implementing energy savings steps as simple as turning off lights.
6. Low Impact Development (Steve MacAvery, Marsha Leed, Pete Berasi): The committee has consulted with the Dutchess County Planning Department about developing additional guides to be added to the Greenway Compact Guide. Steve met with John Clark of the Planning Department about the EMC writing a 2-page guide for online and print distribution. The group discussed a project to produce a matrix of green building codes that are in existence for each municipality in the county as an informational document similar to the recycling matrix.
7. Wildlife Management: Discussion postponed.

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

- Pete Berasi informed the committee of the Town of East Fishkill's CAC presentation to homeowners about the Town's new Hazard Mitigation Plan that is in the process of being written in partnership with Tetrattech. The plan would, for example, allow a homeowner to submit an application to the federal government for purchase of a home that has been shown to be repeatedly flooded and the homeowner no longer wishes to own the home. The town needs the Hazard Mitigation Plan in place for this process to occur.
- Joel Tyner submitted an idea for consideration by the EMC to host Shabaz Jackson from [www.greenwayny.com](http://www.greenwayny.com) as a speaker at a forum to discuss a zero waste program in Dutchess County. The group discussed partnering with CCEDC Environment Program for a forum about this topic.

#### **Other Business:**

- A Stonykill Environment Program is scheduled for May 5, 2012. Marsha Leed volunteered to find out more about the event and possibly represent the EMC at a CCEDC table for part of the day.

#### **Adjournment:**

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

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly