



**Dutchess County  
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 22, 2013**

**Attendance:**

<b>At-Large Members</b>	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
Chris Robbins	X	
<b>Ex Officio, CAC Members &amp; Others</b>		
Zywia Wojnar, CCEDC	X	

**Administrative Items:**

- Meeting minutes for the April 24, 2013 meeting were approved with a motion by Peter Berasi, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marsha Leed.
- The Ad-Hoc EMC website committee report: a letter is in preparation to the Legislature that will include a request for funds to cover the cost of posting the EMC web site as well as other incidental costs that the EMC will incur in the normal course of conducting business, which could amount to roughly \$500 per year.
- Changes to the enabling legislation for the EMC are in preparation. A new draft of this legislation will be circulated to the committee.
- A request will be made for a meeting to present the EMC's Annual Report to the Environment Committee of the Legislature.

**Email Correspondence:**

- There was no correspondence.

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

- Subcommittee Reports

1. Road Salt Reduction (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): A survey was sent to 26 highway supervisors via Survey Monkey. There were 5 responses. A reminder will be sent to the remaining 21 non-respondents after Memorial Day. All of the responses were positive. The Cornell Local Roads Program workshop was considered useful and there is interest in future workshops. Peter Berasi will write a summary of the responses to be sent to all highway supervisors and posted on the EMC website.
2. Recycling (Bob Cohen, Lalita Malik): Maribel Pregnall reported on the state of recycling at Arlington High School, which seems unprepared to handle comingled recyclables. The group discussed action items including writing articles about what happens to material sent to a recycling facility, highlighting schools or communities involved in recycling or composting. Vicky Kelly will contact teachers in Rhinebeck schools who are engaging students in recycling. Zywia Wojnar will contact Royal Carting to ask about implementation of comingled recycling at schools. The group discussed a forum with Shabazz Jackson to speak about recycling and composting.
3. NRI Educational Materials (John DeGilio, Maribel Pregnall, Paul Quinn): Maribel updated the committee on the curricula already posted and in preparation. Two curricula are in preparation, 6 are already posted, 28 science teachers in the Arlington district have them and Lia Harris of the Cary Institute has forwarded them to a comprehensive teacher list. The units have been widely distributed.
4. Energy Conservation & Renewables (Allison Chatrchyan, Lalita Malik, Marsha Leed): Lalita Malik, Bob Cohen and Allison Chatrchyan met and discussed educational materials based on Lalita's experience at her home. Lalita will forward the data to the committee. Further data is needed on other solar installations and more research is needed about programs and incentives like those in Tompkins County, which provides homeowners with incentives to install solar systems.
5. Low Impact Development (Steve MacAvery, Marsha Leed): Steve updated the committee on the status of the Greenway Guide. Comments have been received from Carolyn Klocker, Chris Robbins and Allison Chatrchyan. The next step is to meet with John Clark, which is planned for June 2013. The new Greenway Guides will be published in September or October of 2013.
6. Climate Change (Allison Chatrchyan, Chris Robbins, Vicky Kelly): On May 4, 2013, a training for municipal officials was held at the Cary Institute on best flood management practices. The event was co-sponsored by the Cary Institute and CCEDC.

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

No updates were received.

#### **Other Business:**

1. Vicky Kelly discussed the Riverkeeper's Hudson Riversweep program, which took place on May 11, 2013. The EMC will participate in this program next year perhaps as leaders.
2. The next regular EMC meeting is on June 26, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Farm & Home Center.

#### **Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Steve MacAvery.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.