



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2016**

Attendance:

At-Large Members	Present	Absent
Pete Berasi	X	
John DeGilio	X	
Vicky Kelly	X	
Constance Kustas		X
Marsha Leed		X
Stephen MacAvery	X	
Lalita Malik	X	
Chuck May	X	
Ex Officio, CAC Members & Others		
Jeff Luoma, CCEDC	X	
Joel Tyner, Dutchess County Legislature	X	
Brad Barclay, Dutchess County Planning Dept.	X	

Administrative Items:

- Minutes for the May 2016 meeting were approved by a motion from Steve MacAvery, 2nd by Jeff Luoma.
- Enabling legislation draft update - Steve MacAvery reported that he's been informed that the document is with the Legislature's Attorney, Scott Volkman.
- Web site update - John DeGilio reported that the 2 new members have been added and that the website received 866 hits, all from the U.S. The What's New page is the most popular.
- Correspondence - none.
- EMC members - Two new members have been appointed, Charles May and Gail Beverly and John DeGilio, Peter Berasi, and Lalita Malik have been reappointed.
- 2015 Annual Report - in progress
- State of the Environment Report - Vicky Kelly reported that the work of the high school student who searched the Poughkeepsie Journal database of articles using keywords used for the last report to identify environmental issues of concern to the County has been completed. Jeff Luoma will provide the topics for the CCEDC Environment & Energy Program forums for the last 5 years. These data will be used to identify the topics to cover in the State of the Environment report.
- Scheduled meeting dates for 2016 are:
 - July 27
 - no August meeting
 - September 28

- October 26
- no November meeting
- December 7

EMC Subcommittee Reports:

Road Salt - Vicky Kelly reported that work on an update to a 2010 road salt report is under way. Data from the towns of East Fishkill and New Paltz are being gathered as potential case studies. Also, a meeting was scheduled with the East Fishkill CAC to discuss possible causes for hot spots and cold spots in the groundwater salt concentrations that were identified from a GIS analysis of public well data.

Recycling - Pete Berasi reported that he participated in an EPA webinar in which he learned that the health of a recycling program is a function of the economy, i.e., the market for recycled material and contamination particularly by plastic bags. The committee will write short articles to communicate good recycling practices and will work with the CCEDC Ag/Horticulture program to get information about types of recyclable materials and engaging the public.

Energy Conservation & Alternative Energy - Jeff Luoma reported that CCEDC will hold a forum in the fall, part of a series on this topic. The upcoming forum will advocate for air source heat pumps, especially to replace an aging furnace. NYSERDA energy audits will also be discussed.

Low Impact Development - A yearly forum will be held in March in collaboration with CCEDC. The group discussed evaluating zoning and building codes that inadvertently restrict green infrastructure. There is a plan for a fall forum at CCEDC on stormwater maintenance and new stormwater regulations & mediation systems.

Earth Day Festival - The group agreed that holding a scaled back event at the refurbished Vassar Barns in conjunction with the Environmental Cooperative at Vassar Barns. Details will be forthcoming from Jeff Luoma on a date and cost for the event.

Updates from CACs/Municipalities/Ex-Officio Members/ DC Legislature/Planning Dept.

Joel Tyner discussed several projects including Citizens for Local Power, Community Choice Aggregation and a new publication in the Journal of Pediatrics that lists Poughkeepsie as one of the worst places in the country for children's blood lead levels. A presentation by Dr. Henry Kurban, Dutchess County Commissioner of Behavioral & Community Health will be given at the Legislature meeting on July 7. Video will be available on the Legislature's website.

Other Business:

1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EMC will be held Wednesday, July 27, 2016 from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Farm & Home Center.
2. A tentative date for the Earth Day Festival at Vassar Barns is September 30, 2016.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Lalita Malik.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.