



**Dutchess County  
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)  
Meeting Minutes  
April 22, 2020**

Due to the COVID19 pandemic and in accordance with Governor Cuomo's executive order 202.1, which suspends certain provisions of the Open Meetings Law, this meeting was held via the teleconferencing program, Zoom.

**Attendance:**

<b>At-Large Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Pete Berasi	X	
Shannon Fatum	X	
Vicky Kelly	X	
Constance Kustas	X	
Stephen MacAvery	X	
Lalita Malik	X	
John Paraskeva		X
Candis Sunderland	X	
<b>Ex Officio, CAC Members &amp; Others</b>		
Ed Hogarty, EMC Webmaster		X
Michelle Gluck, CCEDC	X	
Brad Barclay, Dutchess County Planning & Development	X	

Welcome/Intro/Chairman's comments: Steve MacAvery welcomed all to the meeting and shared the current subcommittee list as follows:

Single Use Plastic Prevention Campaign (SUPP):

Candis, Chair

Lalita

Pete

Shannon

Vicky

Steve

Connie

Household Hazardous Waste Feasibility Study (HHW):

Vicky, Co-Chair

Steve, Co-Chair

Lalita

Pete

John

Shannon

Connie

Meeting Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the January 2020 meeting was made by Candis Sunderland, with a second by Shannon Fatum; all were in favor.

IBM Grant Update: Pete Berasi reported that he applied for and received funding under IBM's Community Support Program. The funds will be used to support the EMC and will be administered by CCEDC. This program is available to IBM employees and retirees, who must submit volunteer hours worked, for which IBM will provide \$10/hour. Pete submitted 40 hours, and received \$400 plus a \$100 bonus. For 2020, there is no requirement for a community support project. The group discussed using these funds to cover the partial cost of indirect expenses not covered by a Single Use Plastics Prevention Grant. Proposals for this new round of funding are due in late May. The group discussed funds remaining in the EMC's account with CCEDC. Michelle Gluck will investigate and report back on this.

Household Hazardous Waste: Steve MacAvery and Vicky Kelly reported that they met with Rebecca Edwards, Eoin Wrafter and Carolyn Klocker but that momentum has stalled since that meeting. Rebecca reported that she has a Vassar student who could work on the project as an intern. Based on the meeting discussion, Steve & Vicky developed a project description but did not get comments from Carolyn, which was necessary before the job description could be sent to Rebecca and the student. The group discussed the structure of this project under current circumstances of the COVID19 shutdown. Vicky agreed to send the project description to the rest of the subcommittee and will inquire about the status of the Vassar student intern. Michelle will check with Carolyn about her comments on the project description and whether CCEDC can still be engaged in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. The status of the County's funding for this project will be better understood in the coming weeks; there is concern that, without proceeds from sales tax due to the COVID19 shutdown, funds will not be available. The subcommittee will consider restructuring the project after we know more.

Single Use Plastic Pollution Prevention (SUPP) Campaign: Michelle Gluck and Candis Sunderland reported that the program was presented at the February 2020 CAC/EMC Roundtable, which was very well attended and, in keeping with the SUPP campaign, was a zero waste event. Since then in compliance with the COVID19 shutdown, all activities have shifted to be online & remote. The funder was supportive of the pivot to online and remote events. On April 22, Earth Day, CCEDC held an online series of events, which were very well attended. Several of the scheduled events were about pollution prevention and plastics reduction. Michelle has created the hashtag #DutchessSUPP to share activities and events related to reducing single use plastics reduction. The group discussed and was in favor of partnering on a new grant

proposal to continue the SUPP campaign in 2021. Michelle will develop a narrative to share with the group and will investigate the funds remaining and to be added to the IBM funds in CCEDC's accounting system for the EMC. Proposals are due May 29, 2020, so the group may need to hold a special vote before the May EMC meeting to allocate the funds for the 10% indirect costs not covered by the grant.

Updates from Legislature/Ex-Officios/CACs/Municipalities: Brad Barclay reported that the County, along with several cities, villages and townships are developing Greenhouse Gas Inventories as part of the Climate Smart Communities program.

Other Business: Shannon Fatum reported that NYSACC membership dues are due soon. The County allocated funds to cover these dues for the EMC. The group discussed and agreed to renew membership for the coming year. Shannon will submit the renewal.

A motion to adjourn was made by Pete Berasi. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EMC is May 27, 2020, likely to be held via Zoom.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.