

**Ulster County EMC Meeting Minutes
May 29, 2013
SUNY Ulster – St. John Meeting Room**

In Attendance:

Henry Bartosik, Amanda LaValle, Jim Littlefoot, John Sansalone, Cindy Lanzetta, Joe Liuni, Kristen Schara, William More

Meeting began at 6:40pm

Ulster County Department of the Environment Report – Amanda LaValle
The mapping & report are complete for the pilot project funded by the EPA/NYSDEC on Conserving Green Infrastructure Across the Landscape. Amanda will provide the link to the online report. They are hoping to use the County's RECONNECT to extend the reports biodiversity maps by adding additional data layers down by many of the Towns. The Department is also doing hydrography GIS mapping of streams using the "Blueline" information from USGS and topographic maps, as well as additional data layers. They hope to have a product done by fall of 2013.

Amanda handed out a list of Online Mapping & Database Resources for May 2013 that she developed.

*Perhaps that can be attached to the minutes?

Membership Update: The pending legislation is ready for County Legislative approval. There are still three openings for "At Large" members and three Towns that do not have representation – Lloyd, Marlborough and Woodstock.

Sustainability Guide Workshop: Several County Departments are on board. The confirmed date is Wednesday, June 19th, at the Rosendale Community Center (time to be announced). Amanda will put final finishes on the agenda and send release & poster to EMC/CAC members and Town Officials by June 1st. Some items mentioned for the agenda:

Town Presentation (possibly Town of Esopus, Jim Littlefoot will contact Supervisor)

County Presentation

Purchasing

City of Kingston

New Business –

Meeting in July: Members are encouraged to investigate a possibility for a Field Trip

Meeting in August: It was agreed by attending members that the EMC should meet in August to discuss Creek Week

Roundabout –

Gardiner – John Sansalone reported continued work on wetland regulations and the identification of possible recreational sites in Town.

Rosendale – Joe Liuni reported a movie is being shown tonight on the “Symphony of Soil”. The CAC is conducting a “Light Survey” to see the status of current street lighting. The Retrofit Seminar on Housing was well attended and will be repeated next year. Earthfest Celebration will take place on June 9th, 12 to 4pm, at the Rosendale Rec Center with lots of exhibits and fun.

Bill More – Update on current pharmaceutical disposal. Caution that proper lead renovations and replacement of T12 fluorescent bulbs are issues that local schools should be aware of.

Hurley – Kristen Schara reported the Town Bio-blitz will take place June 1st. Registration is at the Town Hall and exploration begins in the Esopus Creek adjacent. Kristen will send additional information to Amanda for distribution.

Amanda LaValle wanted to alert membership to the changes in the National Floodplain Maps and the fact that the Federal Insurance will be changing at the same time, with the elimination of subsidies. Amanda will send out a NYTimes article that explains this. It was suggested that this be the focus of a meeting in September.

Adjourn: 7:50pm