

BROOME COUNTY



Citizens Shaping Environmental Policy

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Where to Find Us

The EMC office is housed within the County's Department of Planning & Economic Development located on the fifth floor of the Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Government Plaza, 44 Hawley Street, Binghamton.

Our mailing address is PO Box 1766, Binghamton, NY 13902-1766.

Call us at 607-778-2116 or find us listed under Community and Environment on www.gobroomecounty.com/emc.

EMC Resources Are Available to You

The volunteer members of the EMC are assisted in their work by two paid staff members, a Director/Sr. Environmental Planner and an Environmental Analyst.

We have an extensive library of maps, journals, books and brochures that serve as a resource to the community. We also have a long-standing student internship program.



The EMC was established in 1971 by the Broome County Legislature to preserve, protect and enhance the local environment. We are one of approximately 24 EMCs in New York State.

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What We Do

The Environmental Management Council (EMC) is Broome County government's citizen advisory board on local environmental matters. The EMC is the focal point for public participation in local government decisions that affect the County's environment.

Since 1971, the volunteer members of the EMC have conducted meetings and public information sessions, and prepared and presented reports, plans and advisory resolutions. Topics of interest to the EMC include natural resource management, water resource protection, land use planning, sustainable development, and solid and hazardous waste management.

We are involved in annual hands-on volunteer opportunities such as Earth Day celebrations, our Riverbank Clean up, and special recycling events such as the County's Book Recycling Fair and NY Recycles campaigns. The EMC also sponsors the annual Joyce K.L. Smith Environmental Photography Show and Competition to showcase Broome County's natural and cultural surroundings.

Who We Are

The members of the EMC are Broome County residents with a concern about the environment. While some have formal training in environmental fields, many are self-taught. EMC volunteers come from a variety of occupational and professional backgrounds, including business, education, engineering, science and homemaking.

You do not have to be an expert on the environment to participate . . . the only requirement is interest!

How You Can Participate

All EMC meetings are open to the public and we welcome new participants. The best way to get involved is to pick an area of interest and attend a committee meeting. We currently have two standing committees:

Natural Resources Committee

Promotes an understanding and sense of stewardship on the part of County residents with regard to the natural resources that surround us. Reviews development proposals, promotes appropriate and consistent land use practices, and fosters establishment of municipal Conservation Advisory Committees (CAC). Currently, the committee is drafting an Open Space Plan for Broome County.

In late 2006, the EMC's ad-hoc Goose Management Task Force finalized a Goose Remediation Plan for Broome County. In 2005, the EMC's former Brownfields Sub-Committee, which fostered discussions about investigating and returning abandoned or idle local properties with real or perceived environmental contamination to productive reuse, completed an Inventory and Ranking Methodology for brownfields redevelopment in the County.

Recycling & Waste Management Committee

Advises County government on policies and programs related to solid waste management, including recycling, waste prevention and reduction, household hazardous waste disposal, composting and landfilling. A Landfill CAC, which represents the three landfill host communities, monitors activities at the County Landfill and makes recommendations on mitigating impacts on the surrounding area. These groups recently participated in the public review of a supplemental environmental impact statement for the County's landfill expansion project.

EMC Meetings

EMC meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm (except August).

EMC committees generally meet monthly at 4:30pm at a central location in downtown Binghamton.

Meeting calendars are on EMC's webpage.

Membership

Membership on the Environmental Management Council is open to all Broome County residents. Please check your area of interest below and return this panel to the EMC. We will contact you with more information on how to become involved.

Natural Resources

Recycling & Waste Management

Other: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Best time to call: _____

E-mail: _____

Occupation: _____

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