

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Environmental Management Council

Working Group Meeting Minutes

Date: March 15, 2023

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

**Location: Rockland County Division of Environmental Resources
Conference Room 617, 6th floor**

Native/Invasive Working Group Meeting

Members present: Catherine Mazzocchi, Glenn Sungela

Members excused: Joanna Galdone

Additional EMC Members Present: Darwin Keung

Staff Present: Brianna Rosamilia

Members of the Public: Gabi Dwyer, Beth Lamoureux

1. Roll call was conducted, a quorum was present, and meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm.
2. Proposed changes to content on invasive species on the Division of Environmental Resources' Additional Resources webpage was discussed. The county will apply the changes over the next four weeks.
3. The proposed native plant bed at Kennedy Dells county park was discussed.
 - a. Two items require funding which the Soil and Water Conservation District may be able to cover: protective netting and a sign akin to yard signs. Glenn to get cost estimates. Only open item is watering.
 - b. Beth suggested [Cottage Creek Gardens](#) in Valley Cottage as a source of native plants.

- c. The NIWG could partner with other organizations such as the Scouts to support native plant beds and gardens on a larger scale in other communities.
4. Motion to adjourn made by Glenn and seconded by Catherine passed unanimously at 5:53 pm.

Communications Working Group Meeting

Members present: Darwin Keung, Catherine Mazzocchi

Members absent: Chana Friedenber

Additional EMC Members Present: Glenn Sungela

Staff Present: Brianna Rosamilia

Members of the Public: Gabi Dwyer, Beth Lamoureux

1. Roll call was conducted, a quorum was present, and meeting was called to order at 5:55 pm.
2. Motion to approve 2/15/23 meeting minutes made by Darwin and seconded by Catherine passed unanimously.
3. Requested updates to digital assets were reviewed.
 - a. Catherine offered to make the description of the EMC more readable and consistent across all assets.
 - b. There was consensus on continuing the Edward Brophy Green Champion Award. Glenn will identify potential candidates.
 - c. Brianna reported that the County Executive and CE's Chief of Staff would like the Eleanor Burlingham Earth Day Creative Arts contest to continue. Themes for this year's contest were discussed and Catherine offered to update the contest flyer.
 - d. Discussion on the green spotlight program and examples of green infrastructure for stormwater management and cleaner energy was postponed.
4. Motion to adjourn made by Catherine and seconded by Darwin passed unanimously at 6:45 pm.

Carbon Reduction Working Group Meeting

Members present: Darwin Keung, Glenn Sungela

Members absent: Chana Friedenber

Additional EMC Members Present: Catherine Mazzocchi

Staff Present: Brianna Rosamilia

Members of the Public: Gabi Dwyer, Beth Lamoureux

1. Roll call was conducted, a quorum was present, and meeting was called to order at 6:46 pm.
2. Motion to approve 2/15/23 meeting minutes made by Darwin and seconded by Glenn passed unanimously.
3. Brianna noted that county public transportation information such as bus schedules is available on the 511ny.org website and that real-time access to bus route status on smartphones is dependent on third party technology. There was consensus to ask John Lyon to meet with the CRWG to get more clarity on the barriers and potential solutions to enabling county public transportation information e.g. bus schedules on smartphone travel apps.
4. There was consensus to also ask John Lyon to meet with the CRWG to get more clarity on the county's Sustainability Project. Glenn will draft and socialize discussion points for the proposed meeting.
5. Motion to adjourn made by Darwin and seconded by Glenn passed unanimously at 7:02 pm.