

2020 Work Plan Broome County Environmental Management Council

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Mission

(as outlined in the EMC Bylaws)

The purpose of the Council shall be as set forth in Article 47 of the Environmental Conservation Law, together with such other powers as shall be given it by the Legislature to enhance and preserve the natural and developed environment of the County.

Major goals of the Council shall include:

- 1) providing support services and advice to the County Executive, Legislature, municipal governmental bodies and citizens;
- 2) conducting and coordinating environmental research activities;
- 3) preparing an annual report on the status of the County's environment;
- 4) raising public awareness of environmental issues through educational programs;
- 5) preparing long-term work plans for the protection and management of the County's natural resources
- 6) cooperating and assisting other organizations in preparing environmental plans and reports;
- 7) investigating and recommending sound methods of ecological planning for the use of the County's resources;
- 8) reviewing environmental impact statements, plans, applications and reports when requested to do so;
- 9) responding to County environmental problems.

Work Plan Items	Action Items	
Membership and Administration	Continued membership outreach. Continued Bylaw Review.	
Input into County-wide Planning	Review and comment on plans as available. Provide forum for long-term energy planning. Provide input into long-range waste management planning.	
Natural Resources Inventory	Review and update as necessary. Implement items identified in document.	
Climate Smart Communities Task Force	Continued support for CSC programming as the CSC Task Force. Identify items for EMC to undertake as part of this program.	
	Support development of a Climate Action Plan	

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Policy and Education Issues	Energy Infrastructure - Address issues related to ensuring a sustainable energy future. Host educational events on energy issues.
	Energy Efficiency/Renewable Energy - Programming for homeowners and businesses related to on-site and large-scale energy options.
	Invasive Species – Focus on new and emerging management issues.
	Green Economy - Green products, building, and infrastructure. Green homes/facilities tour.
	Waste and Recycling/Zero Waste – Recycling, composting, extended producer responsibility. Focus on newest state legislation (Plastic bag ban and others).
Special Events	Earth Fest (April) – Focus on EMC member ship, climate awareness, water quality.
	Riverbank Clean-Up (October) – Continued coordination with Broome-Tioga Stormwater Coalition for annual event. Transition to "Adopt-a-Stream" model.
	Joyce K.L. Smith Environmental Photography Show (May) – 2020 theme is "Earth Day, Every Day" with exhibit at the Broome County Arts Council Gallery.

Meeting Topics/Speakers			
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January 9 th	Climate Smart Communities – Beth Lucas, Broome CSC Coordinator		
March 12 th	Broome County Brownfields Program - Frank Evangelisti, Director of Planning		
May 14 th			
July 9 th			
September 10 th			
November 12 th	EMC 2021 - Discussion of items for new year.		

