

Broome County Environmental Management Council

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Broome County Environmental Management Council (EMC) Guidelines for At-Large Appointed Members

Mission:

The Broome County Environmental Management Council (EMC) is Broome County's citizen advisory board on environmental matters. The mission of the EMC is to advise County officials on environmental matters, to promote sound ecological planning for the County's natural resources, to review environmental assessments, statements, plans and reports, to raise public awareness of environmental issues, and to respond to environmental issues of importance.

Shared responsibilities among members may include:

- Providing input and advice on local environmental issues to the Legislature and Broome County officials. Help to encourage and offer technical assistance regarding sound ecological planning and the adoption of local environmental ordinances and policies.
- Working to increase education and awareness of local environmental issues among the residents of Broome County.
- Helping to facilitate information exchange between municipal officials, county agencies, members of local conservation commissions, other county EMCs, and State agencies, to increase cooperation on local environmental issues.
- Establishing and maintaining a Natural Resources Inventory and utilizing GIS mapping tools to make the information available to local officials and the public at large.
- Preparing reports related to environmental issues of importance as they arise or as requested by the County Legislature or County officials.
- Carry out other duties as required, consistent with the EMC's advisory role, as they pertain to the management and protection of natural resources in Broome County.

Desired Skills and Abilities:

- Must be a Broome County resident.
- Strong knowledge and/or interest in local planning, environmental and natural resource issues and policies.
- Ability to contribute time to EMC projects and programs.
- Ability to attend EMC meetings on a regular basis (about one per month) and participate in occasional events on behalf of the EMC.
- Reasonable availability to be reached through email and/or phone on an as needed basis.
- Willingness to interact with local officials and community members for the exchange of ideas and information on environmental issues.
- Willingness to communicate the research-based views as expressed in EMC reports, statements, and other documents.