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Broome County
Environmental Management Council

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BROOME COUNTY



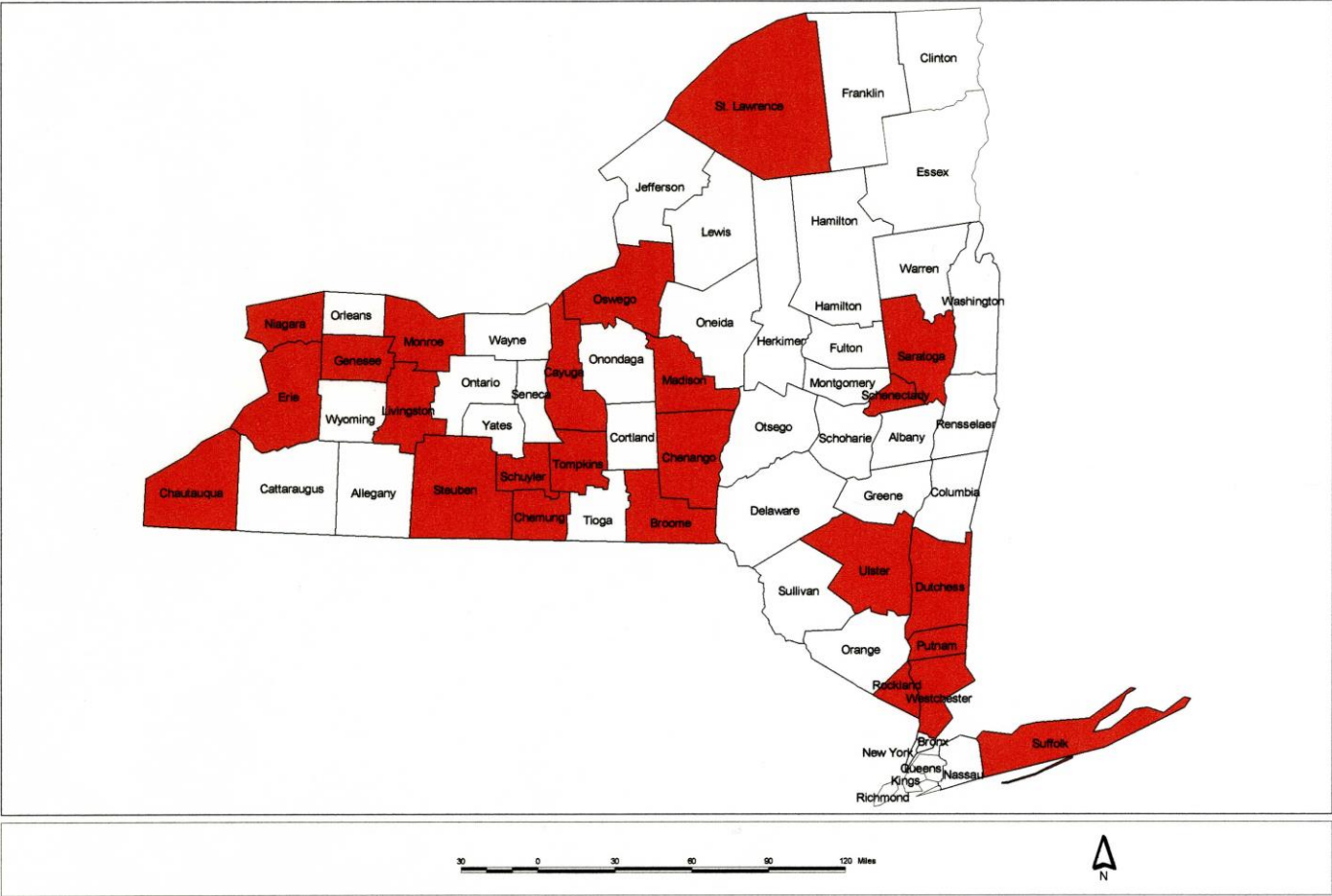
**ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT
COUNCIL**

- ▶ Citizen advisory board to county government on local environmental issues
- ▶ A division of County Planning Department
- ▶ Membership
- ▶ Committees / interests

Broome County EMC

- ▶ Formed under Article 47, NYS Environmental Conservation Law (ECL)
- ▶ Established Sept 1971 by County Legislature
- ▶ One of several in NYS
- ▶ Staff direction and coordination
- ▶ EMC Executive Committee and Chairs
- ▶ Operating by-laws and work programs

New York State Association of EMCs



Major Goals, Powers & Duties

- ▶ Advise County Executive, Legislature, and municipalities
- ▶ Plan and conduct environmental education programs to raise public awareness about environmental issues
- ▶ Coordinate environmental research activities; Conduct studies, surveys and inventories
- ▶ Prepare long-term work plans for protection and management of the County's natural resources
- ▶ Make recommendations for county master plan

Major Goals, Powers & Duties

- ▶ Review and advise on environmental impact statements, plans, development applications and reports when requested
- ▶ Promote establishment of and coordination with local Conservation Advisory Commissions (CACs)
- ▶ Coordinate with other public & private local, regional, and state agencies & boards
- ▶ Prepare, print, & distribute books, maps, charts, pamphlets
- ▶ Respond to environmental inquiries; offer referrals

Membership

▶ Voting

- ❑ Members-at-Large
- ❑ Conservation Advisory Commissions (CACs)
- ❑ Student Representatives
- ❑ Special Representatives

▶ Non-voting

- ❑ Ex-Officio Members
- ❑ Associate Members

▶ Staff

Issues

- ▶ Per County Executive
- ▶ Per County Legislature
- ▶ Per public interest
- ▶ Per member items of interest

Action

Review and action by EMC Committees constitutes recommendations for action by Full Council

- ▶ Advisory resolutions
- ▶ Position statements
- ▶ Plans and reports
- ▶ Fact sheets
- ▶ Informational brochures

Committees and Task Forces

- ▶ EMC may create/dissolve any number of administrative, standing, or task force committees.
- ▶ Committee/Task Force decisions constitute recommendations to the full Council.
- ▶ Current:
 - ▶ Natural Resources Committee (Standing)
 - ▶ Photo Show Committee
 - ▶ Membership Committee
- ▶ Past:
 - ▶ Recycling and Waste Management - Previously standing committee, now can be called as needed.
 - ▶ Brownfields Committee
 - ▶ Goose Task Force

Natural Resources Committee

- ▶ Open Space Planning
- ▶ Unique Natural Areas Survey
- ▶ Plan, Policy & Development reviews
- ▶ Energy Issues
- ▶ Climate Change
- ▶ Air Quality issues: Open Burning & Outdoor Wood Boilers
- ▶ Sustainability & Green Buildings
- ▶ Stormwater Management
- ▶ Wetlands Conservation and protection

Comment Initiatives

- ▶ State Legislation (bottle bill, microbeads, pharmaceuticals, pipelines, mineral resources)
- ▶ Outdoor Wood Burning
- ▶ Broome State Forests Unit Management Plan
- ▶ Forest Management Plans
- ▶ Hawkins Pond Site Review
- ▶ Recommendations for County Plans

Resolutions

- ▶ Wetlands preservation
- ▶ Brownfields Redevelopment
- ▶ Renewable Energy
- ▶ Binghamton Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Plant
- ▶ Indoor Smoking Ban
- ▶ Backyard burning

Plans and Reports

- ▶ Pesticide Neighbor Notification Report
- ▶ Brownfields Community Participation Plan
- ▶ Brownfields Inventory and Ranking Project
- ▶ Goose Management Plan
- ▶ Sustainable Development
- ▶ Outdoor Wood Burning Regulations/Standards

Support Letters

- ▶ Susquehanna River Water Trail
- ▶ American Heritage Rivers Designation
- ▶ Community Preservation Act
- ▶ Renewable Energy
- ▶ Wetlands Protection

Speakers and Tours

- ▶ Invasive Species
- ▶ Alternative Energy
- ▶ Zero Waste
- ▶ Outdoor Recreation
- ▶ Open Space
- ▶ Wastewater Treatment
- ▶ Conservation Lands
- ▶ County Department Updates



Joyce KL Smith Environmental Photography Show



Riverbank Cleanup

How to get involved

- ▶ Actively participate as volunteer member in EMC Committees and Full Council
- ▶ Privilege of the Floor at EMC meetings
- ▶ Volunteer for Special Events
- ▶ Visit www.gobroomecounty.com/emc
- ▶ Like us on social media, www.facebook.com/BroomeEMC

How to become a voting member?

• Submit Application and Resume

Sept-
Nov

• EMC Nomination

Nov

• EMC Vote

Nov-
Dec

• Recommendations to County Executive

• Approval by Legislature