



*Chautauqua County*

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**Chautauqua County Environmental Management Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Department of Planning & Economic Development Offices  
201 West Third Street, Suite 115, Jamestown, NY  
June 20, 2017 @ 4:00 pm**

**Members in Attendance:** D. Conroe, B. Boria, C. Quadry, J. Jablonski, R. Lundin and D. McCoy

**Members Absent:** D. Wilson, R. Constantino

**Others in Attendance:** J. Townsend and T. Leenders

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Conroe at 4:05 pm.

**Continuing Business:**

- **Lake Erie Activities** – Dave McCoy said Lake Erie levels are high, but not nearly so much as what Lake Ontario is currently experiencing; however, coastal erosion is occurring. \$2 million for dredging work in Barcelona and Dunkirk Harbors was recently announced.
- **Chautauqua Lake Activities** – Chairman Conroe said the Bemus Bay – Chautauqua Lake Partnership is planning to apply herbicides to Bemus Bay as a research project. Unfortunately, there is little information available about the specifics of the application. A discussion ensued regarding environmental review, herbicides and their use in Chautauqua Lake.

**Continuing Business:**

- Colonial Squire SPDES Sanitary Discharge Renewal – Chairman Conroe informed the Council of the discharge parameters and noted that this renewal was unusual because the facility was currently closed. This periodic renewal has no county-wide significance.
- Ulrich Mobil Home Park SPDES Renewal – Chairman Conroe described the discharge parameters and noted that this was a periodic renewal with no county-wide significance.

**Other Business:**

- The Council continued its discussion on Critical Environmental Areas (CEAs) and Land Conservation Planning Efforts. Pat Gooch, CCPED Senior Planner was invited to participate in the discussion. Chairman Conroe said that CEAs are of interest to the EMC. One example of a CEA might be the Lake Erie Escarpment near Brockton and Bear Lake as it is a unique landform. Conroe expressed concern that the Towns may not be supportive of CEA designation because of potential development restrictions. John Jablonski said that GIS was used to develop the County's Greenway Plan. He asked if the GIS layers would still be available and Pat Gooch said those files are still available. Jablonski noted that he had been in contact with the Chesapeake Conservancy to run a program that required LIDAR data. He noted that new LIDAR data for the County should be available soon. Twan Leenders expressed his interest in a species inventory. He noted that functionality and usefulness of the data was important and RTPI had an interest in hosting a central repository for the data. RTPI is currently using the Heritage Database. Clair Quadry recommended that the effort could be progressed on several fronts as there are several potential CEAs that most interests can agree upon. Conroe added that there have not been many recent CEA designations state-wide. CEAs can be designated by the County, a Town or Village and it would be best to approach a town that would embrace the concept. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting; however, the CWC and RTPI would consider sites for discussion at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting & Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm. The next regular meeting is July 18<sup>th</sup> (third Tuesday) at 4:00 pm at CCPED offices.