

ULSTER COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Dave Haldeman, Chair
Margot Becker, Vice-Chair
Kenneth Panza, Secretary

Agenda

Regular Monthly Meeting of December 9, 2020
6:30 PM via Zoom Video Conferencing

“The purpose of the Council shall be to review and advise the county and local governments on present and proposed methods of using, protecting and conserving the environment for the benefit of all the people.”

Although meetings of the EMC are open to the public, Zoom invitations will be sent only to the EMC distribution list. Please notify the secretary or the chair to obtain Zoom login instructions and passwords.

Call to Order

Announcements

Approval of Minutes

Consider minutes of the **October 28, 2020** meeting of the EMC.

Introduction of Speaker/Presentation

Dr. Linda Rohleder, Director of Land Stewardship and Coordinator of the Lower Hudson Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM), will speak to the EMC about invasive species management at the December meeting



Dr. Rohleder is also Director of Land Stewardship at the NY/NJ Trail Conference. She built the Trail Conference’s Invasives Strike Force volunteer program starting in 2011. The program currently has trained over 400 invasives-mapping volunteers that have collectively surveyed more than 1,300 miles of hiking trails for invasive plants. She has organized dozens of invasives-removal workdays and runs a seasonal conservation corps crew that removes invasive plants in parks across southern New York and northern New Jersey..

In 2013, Dr. Rohleder received her PhD in Ecology from Rutgers University, where she studied the effects of deer on forest understories. While attending graduate school she worked as a park natural resource technician in Monmouth County, N.J., and taught beginning Biology labs at Rutgers and Wetland Plant ID for Rutgers’ Wetland Delineation certification series.

Report from Department of the Environment

Amanda LaValle, Coordinator

Old Business

A8349 vetoed by Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo

Danskammer Energy Center

850 Route 28 LLC Site Plan / Special Use Permit Application

New Business

Legislature Report – Energy & Environment Committee

Dave Haldeman, Chair

Council Member Roundabout

Next Meeting

Establish meeting schedule for 2021

Adjournment