



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 29, 2021

Honorable Gary A. Dickson
Supervisor, Town of West Seneca
1250 Union Road
West Seneca, NY 14224

Dear Supervisor Dickson:

Please be advised that your municipality currently does not have an official representative on the Erie County Environmental Management Council (ECEMC). The County is in the process of appointing representatives to the ECEMC for two-year terms to begin on June 1, 2021 and expire on May 31, 2023.

The ECEMC is composed of representatives from the municipalities in Erie County that have formally adopted an Environmental or Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) and 12 at-large appointees selected by the County Executive. Members of the ECEMC advise the County Executive and County Legislature regarding a variety of environmental concerns. The Council also facilitates networking among municipalities and provides an interface between local conservation boards and the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning. The ECEMC meets at 5:30 PM on the third Tuesday of each month at the Erie County Fire Training Academy in Cheektowaga. However, for the time being they are meeting virtually.

If you have a CAC, we will need a communication from your office by March 26, 2021 stating the appointee's name, mailing address, phone number and e-mail address. Letters can be sent to Erie County DEP, 95 Franklin Street, 10th Floor, Buffalo, NY 14202 or e-mailed to bonnie.lawrence@erie.gov.

If you do not currently have a CAC, we encourage your community to form one as environmental issues affect almost every aspect of municipal work. If there is an interest in forming a committee, members of my staff as well as some of the existing EMC members would be willing to help you with the process. Although you cannot officially appoint a representative to the County EMC without a CAC, we do encourage you to designate an unofficial representative to receive correspondence, attend meetings, and have the opportunity for your community to participate in council projects and activities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 858-7674 if you require additional information. You may also call Bonnie Lawrence, Deputy Commissioner and the Erie County liaison to the ECEMC, at 858-8560. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Hersey, Jr.
Commissioner