

MONROE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Meeting Summary for November 19th, 2025

In Attendance:

EMC

At Large - Tom Dooley; EMC Chair
At Large – Haines Lockhart
Town of Brighton- David Briden
Town of Chili - Larry Lazenby
Town of Gates - Charles Johnson
Town of Irondequoit – Alexandra Ferrente
Town of Ogden – Bill Parkhurst
Village of Honeoye Falls – Andy Less
Town of Penfield – Cynette Cavaliere
Town of Perinton - Mark Gaul
Town of Pittsford – Caroline Kilmer
Town of Rush- Beth Hoak
City of Rochester – Rosemary Jonientz
Town of Webster - Chuck Zlotkus

Ex Officio Alternate – Madison Quinn; MCDES
Ex Officio Alternate – Starr O’Neil; MCDPH
Monroe Co. Legislature LD4- Virginia McIntyre
Monroe Co. Legislature LD14 - Sue Hughes-Smith
Recording Secretary – Liz Kaptein

Guests

Grace Sherburne -MC Planning
Sally Howard- Federation of Monroe County Environmentalists
LaShana Boose – City of Rochester
Chris De Los Reyes – URM/MCDPH
Melissa Schwartz- MCDPH
Nancy Pickering- RAC/MC School Boards Assoc.
Ram Shrivastava- Larson Engineers/RAC
Daniel David – RAC
Nicole Fornof – MCDES/RAC
Brianna Lees – MCDES
Nate Jones – MCDES
Enid Cardinal – RAC/RIT

Meeting location:

- Golisano Institute for Sustainability at RIT – Led by Enid Cardinal

Meeting Topic:

- Building Tour Key Points:
 - The building collects rainwater from the roof and utilizes it to flush all toilets in the building, any excess water collected during storm events is released to the storm sewer.
 - The transparent windows of the building are made of a special type of glass that mirrors heat and performs better than triple pane glass, the opaque windows are coated in a special coating that helps conduct electricity and heat the rooms.
 - “Green wall” that is approximately 8-feet wide and 3.5 stories tall filled with various plants is designed to improve indoor air quality.
 - Green Roof that contains over 140 solar panels and a plant system containing a variety of sedums and groundcover, with a significant portion of the walk-out roof being dedicated as butterfly habitat in collaboration with the Seneca Park Zoo.
 - Elevators use regenerative braking, similar to the mechanisms in Hybrid cars.
 - The building is heated using geothermal energy, using 8, 150-foot-deep wells.
 - At the end of every spring semester, furnishings, clothing and appliances are collected from students who no longer need them and are sold at low-cost to incoming students in need in the fall. The sale is called the “Goodbye Good-buy” sale and volunteers are needed to help with sorting and facilitating the sale.

Next Meeting: *Wednesday, December 17th at Monroe County Fleet Building 1 at 4pm.*