

Council Agency Guidelines Effort

The New York Ocean and Great Lakes Ecosystem Conservation Act (Act), directs the Council to integrate and coordinate alignment of existing agency programs and laws with EBM.

What are the Council Agency Guidelines?

In May, 2007, Council agencies began Phase 1 of the agency guidelines assignment which involved inventorying agency activities and programs to identify those most relevant to advancing EBM. Over two hundred were identified.

Phase 2 involved a detailed evaluation of over 30 programs from the initial inventory. The responsible agencies prepared guidelines describing how these could be modified to be more consistent with EBM principles and offered EBM-inspired recommendations.

In Phase 3, the Council members all contributed to a guidelines and recommendations report detailing how their respective agency's programs were or could be consistent with EBM principles and what EBM-inspired recommendations flowed from each program. The recommendations will be subject to further refinement regarding implementation timeframe, resources and steps necessary to achieve specific steps necessary to integrate EBM.

Potential results of EBM integration include:

- Effective partnerships
- Interagency collaboration
- Informed citizens
- Trained municipal personnel
- Healthy coastal ecosystems

Council Agencies:

- Department of Environmental Conservation
- Department of Agriculture and Markets
- Department of Economic Development
- New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
- Office of General Services
- Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
- Department of State
- State University of New York
- Department of Transportation



State Programs Evaluated by the Council Include:

The Council agencies developed recommendations to integrate EBM into key programs, activities, and day-to-day decision making.

- Agricultural Environmental Management (DAM)
- Agriculture Non-Point Source Abatement and Control Grant Program (DAM)
- Soil and Water Conservation Districts (DAM)
- Agriculture and Farmland Protection Program (DAM)
- Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy (DEC)
- Open Space Conservation Plan (DEC)
- Watershed Conservation Program (DEC)
- Hudson River Estuary Program (DEC)
- Appalachian Regional Commission (DOS)
- Building and Energy Conservation Code (DOS)
- Local Government Efficiency Grant Program (DOS)
- Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (DOS)
- Coastal Program Policies and Consistency (DOS)
- Smart Growth Initiative (DOT)
- Aquatic Connectivity (DOT)
- Integrated Vegetation Management (DOT)
- Climate Change and Energy Efficiency (DOT)
- Master Planning (OPRHP)
- State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (OPRHP)
- Open Space Conservation and Connectivity (OPRHP)
- Environmental Management Bureaus (OPRHP)
- Park Operations (OPRHP)
- Environmental Monitoring, Evaluation and Protection Program (NYSERDA)
- Land Management (OGS)
- Facilities Management (OGS)
- Design and Construction of Facilities (OGS)
- Leasing Services (OGS)
- Procurement Services (OGS)
- Fleet Services (OGS)
- New York Marine Sciences Consortium (SUNY)
- Pollution Prevention and Waste Reduction (DED)
- Recycling Market Development Program (DED)

