

Guidelines for GECC Activities

The Glenville Environmental Conservation Commission (GECC) consists of seven members appointed annually by the town board; from time to time the Commission may recruit additional members for subcommittee workgroups. GECC serves the interests of the town by attending to environmental issues that may directly affect the town. GECC's duties for this are encompassed by four primary categories: Research, Analysis, Communication, and Recommendation.

Research

GECC has the duty to:

- Identify factors that affect or could potentially affect the environmental health of Glenville's residents, wildlife, vegetation, air, water, and land. These include planning/zoning applications that qualify as a Type I SEQRA action (as provided for in sections 242 and 270 of the Town Code), as well as other factors brought to GECC's attention by town officials or residents, or identified by GECC members themselves.
- Gather information about those factors. This includes directly contacting sources of information for details that are as definitive as possible.

Analysis

GECC has the duty to:

- Compare and evaluate information gathered from relevant sources on environmental issues.
- Organize the comparison and evaluation into as full an understanding of a given issue as can be reasonably achieved.

Communication

GECC has the duty to:

- Prepare and present clear and concise summaries of any research and analysis it has undertaken, to elected town officials, town staff, appointed boards and commissions, and town residents.
- Facilitate public meetings on environmental issues affecting the town, for exchange of information between town officials, staff, and residents. When practical, these meetings may be within the context of regularly-scheduled meetings by an appropriate town board or commission.
- Sponsor and coordinate relevant presentations by other entities, to elected town officials, town staff, appointed boards and commissions, and town residents.

Recommendation

GECC has the duty to, when warranted by a specific situation or set of circumstances:

- Based on its research and analysis, specify a recommended decision, vote, position, or course of action to be taken by the appropriate town entity or entities.
- Provide to the appropriate town entity or entities any additional information needed to clarify the reasons for the recommendation.

These guidelines can be revised at any time by a motion and majority vote of GECC members.