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# Environment and Energy Program Monthly Update

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### About Us

CCEDC, a subordinate governmental agency associated with Cornell University and its land-grant mission since 1869, provides research-based resources, tools and education for the residents and officials of Dutchess County. Our four program areas "Help People Help Themselves" through education on Agriculture and Horticulture; Environment and Energy; Family and Consumer Education; and 4-H Youth Development.



Check out the Environment and Energy Program's monthly update to learn more about: upcoming events, outdoor recreation, green living tips, environmental resources and materials, and environmental notice bulletins for Dutchess County.

The monthly update is sent out the beginning of every month and is posted on CCE Dutchess County's website. Past updates can be found on our website under the "Energy" or "Environment" tabs, by clicking on the green box in the upper right hand corner.

Feel free to share with friends and colleagues!

## Get Outside!

### DEC Outdoor Discovery Newsletter:

[July, 2017](#)

Highlights include "Take a Child Fishing" and the latest edition of the Conservationist Magazine

### Hudson River Almanac:

The DEC's Hudson River Almanac is a natural history journal, updated weekly, that encompasses the Hudson River, from the Adirondacks to New York Harbor. To view the almanac, visit:

[www.dec.ny.gov/lands/25608.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/25608.html)



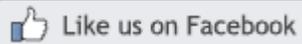
## Funding Opportunities

### Hudson River Estuary Program Grants

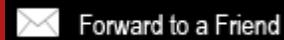
Approximately \$670,000 in competitive [Hudson River Estuary Grants](#) is available to implement priorities outlined in the [Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda](#) aimed at conserving or improving clean water; fish, wildlife and their habitats; waterway access; the resiliency of communities; and river scenery.



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This funding is provided by the New York State Environmental Protection Fund through two grant opportunities: Local Stewardship Planning, and River Access Improvements for People of All Abilities. All applications must be submitted in the [Grants Gateway](#) by **3:00 PM on July 12, 2017**.

### Climate Smart Communities Grants

The [Climate Smart Communities Grant Program](#) is a competitive 50/50 matching grant program for municipalities to conduct climate change adaptation or mitigation implementation projects, or to undertake eligible actions as part of a strategy to achieve Climate Smart Communities Certification. Eligible implementation projects include those related to flood risk reduction. Applications are due by **4:00 PM on July 28, 2017**.

### Clean Energy Communities

Designated [Clean Energy Communities](#) are eligible to apply for funding of up to \$250,000 to support clean energy projects, with no local cost share and with the option of receiving up to 25 percent paid in advance. To be eligible, communities must complete 4 of 10 priority actions. One is being certified in the Climate Smart Communities program. Free local technical support is available to assist in completing actions and applying for designation. **Open application until September 30, 2019, or until funds run out with free local technical support.**

## Environmental Notice Bulletins

Environmental Notice Bulletins include SEQR and related notices, SPDES renewals, and completed DEC applications, as well as other related environmental notices for Dutchess County.

*SPDES (State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) - The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) receives applications to renew permits for SPDES. Under SPDES, the DEC can control wastewater and stormwater discharges in compliance with the Clean Water Act.*

**June 28, 2017**

**DEC Completed Applications:** [www.dec.ny.gov/enb/20170628\\_reg3.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/20170628_reg3.html)  
Town of Red Hook: Deadline for comments: July 28, 2017

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