

LOCAL LAW NO. 11-1973
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

A Local Law Creating the Chautauqua County Environmental Advisory Board

BE IT ENACTED, by the Chautauqua County Legislature as follows:

Section I. INTENT

It is the intent of this Local Law to create within Chautauqua County an Environmental Advisory Board having broad capabilities, especially technical capabilities, to assess and investigate specific issues and questions of environmental concern to county government. It is also the intent of this law to create a board to identify and describe the nature of the major environmental problems facing Chautauqua County presently and over the next twenty years. It is intended that the Board will serve to create a broad integrated inter-agency and county wide mechanism for effective communication and wise deliberation on environmental issues.

Section II. CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

There is hereby created in and for the County of Chautauqua a Chautauqua County Environmental Advisory Board which shall identify and describe the nature of major environmental problems facing Chautauqua County present and over the next twenty years, and to undertake specific studies and assignments referred to it within the County Legislature, committees or chairman thereof, agencies of County Government, or elsewhere.

Section III.

The purpose of the Chautauqua County Environmental Advisory Board and the mandate given to the Board through its creation by the County Legislature will be to bring to bear upon environmental issues and questions set before the Board the collective wisdom and technical knowledge of the Board itself and others selected by the Board to assist in its work. In making recommendations on environmental matters, the Board will weigh not only specific scientific questions of direct technological significance but also broad scale considerations of economic, social and aesthetic importance to the people of the region. In all of its activities the Board will complement rather than supplant or duplicate existing areas of responsibility already assigned to other agencies.

Section IV.

It will be the responsibility of the Board to act in a timely fashion upon problems and questions assigned to it by the County Legislature, its committees or its chairmen. The Board will issue no statements or reports on its own but shall serve solely as an advisory arm of the County Government.

Section V.

The Board shall meet no less than six times each year and shall have the authority to establish committees which may include individuals other than board members drawn from other agencies of county government as well as other public and private organizations.

Section VI.

The Board shall consist of nine members, membership shall be defined by Section 13 of Local Law No. 1-73 and the Planning Director shall serve ex-officio, and they shall be appointed by the Chairman of the County Legislature with the approval of the Legislature.

Section VII.

The Board shall serve as the Environmental Advisory Committee referred to in Section 13 of Local Law No. 1-73.

Section VIII.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately.

Adopted by Legislature: 9/25/73

R/C Vote: 20 Yes; 5 Absent

Public Hearing: 9/25/73

Adopted as Local Law 11-73