

WHO CAN DO A CEM ASSESSMENT?

- Municipal officials
- County Water Quality Coordinating Committees
- Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- Lake associations
- Watershed groups

WHERE CAN CEM BE USED?

It can be used on a

- Watershed
- Wellhead, or
- Community basis



BACKGROUND

CEM is a relatively new program in New York State.

Several state, federal, and local natural resource agencies form a committee to oversee CEM program development.

Pilot projects in Dutchess and Erie counties have received funding from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to develop and implement CEM.



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COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT



*Assisting
Communities in
effectively addressing
local natural resource
concerns*

WHAT IS COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (CEM) ?

CEM is a planning tool for municipalities to use to more effectively address water quality issues and other natural resource concerns in their communities.



HOW DOES CEM WORK?

CEM provides a “tiered” approach where each tier represents a different stage in the planning process.

CEM TIERS

Tier I	Identifies Community Natural Resource Concerns	➔	<i>Tier I</i> involves completion of a questionnaire to collect information about an area’s natural resource issues and concerns.
Tier II	Community Risk/Capacity Assessment	➔	<i>Tier II</i> involves completion of series of worksheets, each addressing a single issue (ie. flooding worksheet, solid waste management worksheet, etc...). Pollutant sources are considered in <i>Tier II</i> also (ie. sediment, nutrients, pathogens, etc.).
Tier III	Community Natural Resource Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Addresses Individual Resource Issuesb. Comprehensive Planning	➔	In <i>Tier III</i> planning is begun to address areas of concerns identified in <i>Tier II</i> . Planning can be on a site specific or community/watershed basis.
Tier IV	Plan Implementation	➔	In <i>Tier IV</i> the plan(s) developed in <i>Tier III</i> are implemented. Examples include installation of Best Management Practices, development and adoption of ordinances or implementation of a local public outreach program.
Tier V	Feedback and Evaluation	➔	<i>Tier V</i> will provide guidance for ongoing evaluation of plan implementation to determine if goals are being met.

