



Department of Environment,  
Agriculture, Parks & Recreation

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Commission for the Environment  
**From:** Rich Shaw  
**Date:** January 8, 2014  
**Subject:** Orange County State of the Environment 2014

A revised draft of the State of the Environment report 2014 is ready for review and comments.

Since your December meeting Tom has revised the Water Resources section with assistance from Peter Cada and others. There have been a few changes to the Land Resources section, but further review and edits are still needed to Air and Energy Resources section.

We ask CFE members from each committee to read through their committee’s respective section of the document and determine the following for each environmental indicator:

- “What is the Trend in Orange County?”
- “How Can Orange County Improve?”

We also need you to help identify the key issues and recommendations of the report as whole, which will be summarized in the introductory pages.

The following is a revised schedule for the project.

May 2013	DEAPR hires graduate Research Associate (M. Munkittrick)
May-June 2013	Munkittrick verifies data sources, investigates new potential data sources, discusses with staff and CFE members
June-July 2013	Munkittrick collects data, reports to staff & CFE committees. CFE comments on proposed new style/format and new/deleted environmental indicators and emerging issues
August 2013	Munkittrick and DEAPR Staff present initial draft SOE report to CFE. Identify needs for further input/text from CFE and outside entities.
Sept-Oct 2013	Staff completes the data entries for remaining indicators. CFE provides further input/text for each indicator. CFE identifies those indicators it would like to highlight in the report overview and executive summary.
Nov-Dec 2013	Staff creates revised draft (proposed final) SOE report. CFE reviews draft, makes final edits/changes. Staff incorporates changes into final report.
Jan/Feb 2014	CFE reviews draft, makes final edits/changes. Staff prepares final report.
March 2014	Document is made “camera-ready.” SOE report prepared for on-line viewing. Some reports are printed for libraries and other entities.
April 2014	CFE hosts Environmental Summit (Location TBD), SOE report presented