

**GENESEE ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT (GEM) COMMITTEE CHARTER**  
**January 11, 2006**

**Purpose**

The GEM committee will operate as a standing committee of the Genesee Board of Directors. Its purpose will be to provide advice to the board on ecosystem management issues and to provide advice and support as required to Genesee Foundation management in the development and execution of the board approved open space operating plan.

**Scope**

The GEM committee will serve as:

- 1). The focal point for planning and providing for community ecosystem education;
- 2). A communication interface to private property owners;
- 3). An advisor to Foundation management and the Board on both open space and private property activities and projects as required.

**Organization**

GEM will consist of a main committee and sub-committees which could include:

- Seed heads
- Wildlife
- Trails
- Others as necessary.

**Membership**

Membership on GEM is voluntary and shall be determined in accordance with the General Guidelines for Foundation Committees adopted by the BOD in November of 2005.

**Leadership**

Leadership of the committee shall consist of a Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Chair shall be a member of the BOD and be appointed by the BOD for a period of one year. The Secretary and Treasurer shall both be appointed by the Chair.

**Meetings**

Meetings will be held monthly at the discretion of the Chair.

**Operating Agreements**

Operating agreements will be determined by the committee and maintained by the Chair.