



2023 Annual Report Evesham Environmental Commission

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1. During the year, the Commission maintained visibility in the community during public initiatives:
 - April: Tabling at Black Run Preserve for the annual Poker Run fundraiser
 - April: Tree giveaway at Laurel Oak Garden Center
 - Distributed several hundred tree saplings to local residents, and accompanied by several Girl & Boy Scouts
 - Remaining trees were distributed at Van Zant Elementary School and by Cheyenne's Road Market
 - August: Tabling at National Night Out hosted by the Evesham Township Police Department

2. Ongoing accomplishments
 - Continuing to collaborate with FBRP and Evesham Green Team
 - Providing oversight to trails in town
 - Working with grantwriter for new grants
 - Reviewing site plans and making recommendations to Council as needed

3. Monthly accomplishments:
 - January: Approved Tree Ordinance for suggested tree list for shade tree planting
 - February:
 - Assisted Garden Club in submitting a grant for native trees to be planted, which was ultimately approved
 - Approved a Flora and Fauna Report for Beagle Club and sent to Council
 - March:
 - Welcomed a student of Cherokee HS to the Commission
 - Submitted final report on Croft Farm to Council
 - Submitted a resolution to Council regarding the potential dangers of a proposed LNG terminal in Gibbstown, which was ultimately adopted

- May: Presentation about the Open Space & Recreation Plan
 - Hosted a presentation about Community Solar Resources to help promote Marlton residents taking part in this solar energy initiative
 - Approved Brush Hollow Rain Garden, in partnership with Pinelands Preservation Alliance

- September:
 - Approved a Bee City Committee led by an interested resident to install a pollinator garden on township grounds; ultimately approved by Council
 - Hosted presentation by Marlton Lakes Nature Community for joining the National Wildlife Federation

- October:
 - Hosted Burlington County Commissioner Allison Eckel
 - Comments provided on Indian Spring Driving Range upgrades for the Planning Board
 - Hosted Neha & Riti Blunt regarding water conservation promotion

- November:
 - Hosted a presentation about the Community Energy Plan by Township Planner
 - Approved a new logo for the Commission, to be used on EEC materials such as the new EEC handout and table covering for events

- December: Approved ANJEC's Action Alert resolution, pertaining to the continuation of the Corporate Business Tax at the 2023 rate to fund critical open space, farmland, historic preservation, and hazardous site cleanup funding, which was subsequently passed by Council



2024 Goals

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1. Support events to help meet Community Energy Plan strategies

- Review strategies/initiatives for areas of focus for EC

2. Sustainable Jersey Certification support

- Contribute to maintaining and improving certification status
- Review point matrix to identify areas of focus for EC

3. Site Plan review and comment

4. Ordinance review and comment

5. Assist with ADA trail in BRP

6. Grants – work with township to submit applications

- Sustainable Jersey
- NJ America Water
- Rain Garden (Rutgers)
- Biodiversity Conservation Grant (NEEF)

7. Tabling – Identify commissioners and table content

- Poker Run
- Earth Day
- Garden Tour
- National Night Out
- Harvest Fest

8. Outreach/Partner with other groups

- Green Team
- NJ Watershed Ambassador
- Library display
- Attend council meetings

9. Other possibilities

- Election/voting related activities
- Adopt a road
- Native plant projects
- Environmental stewardship (possible Cherokee partnership)