

Hopewell Township Environmental Newsletter

A Publication of the Environmental Commission

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Meetings

The Hopewell Township Environmental Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month @ 7 PM except for November and December when meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month. The meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

Newsletters are available on the township website and the township Facebook page. Printed copies available in the municipal building.

Happy Holidays

The Hopewell Township Environmental Commission wishes you and yours a joyous holiday season. We have had a busy year and as we wrap up 2022 we take a look at the projects and tasks that have been completed during the year. We also look forward to 2023 with new projects on our agenda. We hope that you have enjoyed our newsletter. We welcome you to visit us at our monthly meetings and we are always happy to have volunteers for our endeavors. Our thanks to the many volunteers, organizations, & government groups who have helped us with our projects

Your Environmental Commission Works for You

Every year the Environmental Commission chooses projects that will benefit the community, educate the public, provide information on environmental issues specific to Hopewell Township as well as issues with regional and state environmental problems. 2022 proved to be another eventful year. Below is a recap of things we have accomplished or worked on this past year:

Communications/Outreach:

Published monthly newsletter; distributed flyers & announcements of special interest. Monthly minutes and the newsletter on the township website and Facebook.

Public well water testing opportunity in conjunction with NJ Dept of Health with a followup presentation for the public (to be held early 2023)

Worked with volunteers with interest in commission projects

Education:

Provided information on environmental topics through various sources

Hopewell Day display on pollinator gardens and milkweed seed give away with instructions for planting a pollinator garden

Pollinator garden illustration & info created for the township 2023 calendar with the help of volunteer Goda Trakumaite and www.MonarchTeacherNetwork.org

NO PLASTICS NJ and BAG UP NJ campaign details and guidelines - distributed reusable bags through *Clean Communities*

Recreation:

Continued development of the Barrett’s Run Trail with new trail signage installed



New plantings at the Barretts Run Natural Area completed by the American Littoral Society

Brochures for Piney Point Trail replenished



Pocket Park advancement continues

Governing Body Relationships:

Appointment of new commission member for a total of 7

Established a liaison with Township Committee

Continued interaction with Land Use Board

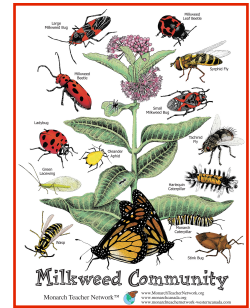
Applied for grants for completion of existing and new projects

Work continues with township clerk and township administrator to improve public awareness of the work of the HTEC through website and Facebook as well as other outreach programs

2023 Planned Projects

Participation in the 275th Anniversary Celebration of Hopewell Township

Installation of a Pollinator Garden at the Senior Center



Continued development of trails and open space conservation and stewardship



Education projects/programs for children including a *Hopewell Challenge Program* for families

Establish a working relationship with Hopewell Crest School

Review and update the **Environmental Resource Inventory**. (Included factors such as climate, geology, geography, topography, hydrology, vegetation, wildlife and habitat using combination of text, charts, visual information and Geographic Information Systems).

We wish you the best of the holiday season and hope you join us in the New Year

