

# Hopewell Township Environmental Newsletter

A Publication of the Environmental Commission

## Environmental Commission Members

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## Meetings

The HTEC 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 New Year

### Your Environmental Commission Working 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 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](http://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

**Governing Body Relationships:**

Appointment of a new commission member for a total of 7.

Established a liaison with Township Committee

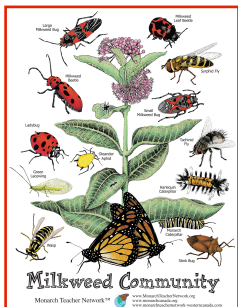
Continued interaction with Land Use Board

Applied for grants for completion of existing and new projects

Continued work 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

**Increase public outreach programs.** Educational projects/programs including a *Hopewell Challenge Program* for families

**Establish a working relationship** with Hopewell Crest School to encourage student interest in the environment

**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)

**Recreation improvements** continue development of trails and open space conservation area stewardship as well as working with township to develop plans for reducing vandalism at the Pocket Park

**Advocate** volunteerism in all HTEC projects/ programs



**HTEC Scheduled Meeting Dates 2023 @ 7:00 PM**

January 11	July 12
February 8	August 9
March 8	September 13
April 12	October 11
May 10	November 1
June 14	December 6



We are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in participating or being an adjunct member let us know. Come out to a meeting a learn about HTEC!