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Hopewell Township Environmental Newsletter



New Year - New Look

Happy New Year! We have changed our look a bit. Below you will find some topics for which you will find additional information on the following page. Details of the topics will be summarized and links provided for you to follow up if you are interested.

We've changed our slate of officers. (See the side panel.) Our meeting dates have also changed. We will be meeting the first Wednesday of each month. Our information pages remain the same Township website and Township Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and other functions. We are always glad for volunteers to assist with our projects.









Commission Members

Beth McClain - Chair

Jane Hankins - Vice Chair

Ken Strait - Land Use Board

Cheryl Lalancette -Secretary

Jerry Lewis

Burt Doremus

Marion Carll

Meetings

First Wednesday of every month @7:00 PM

Newsletters

Available on township website and Facebook Page. Copies are available at the the township office.

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NJ DEP Commissioner Stresses Environmental Commission Partnership

Shawn LaTourette, NJ Dept of Environmental Protection spoke at ANJEC's 50th annual Environmental Congress. The thrust of his message was the DEP needs to know and provide services for every corner of the state. He emphasized the tandem importance of the DEP hearing from



Environmental Commission's on the needs of their communities and in turn for them to know the services provided from the DEP.

He discussed Partnerships for health and environment through the program Community Investment and Economic Revitalization Program that connects public health and the environment to improve the quality of life for NJ communities.

He stated that we need to focus on the challenges of climate change and advancing environmental justice in communities who are first and worst hit by the impacts of climate crisis. LaTourette said, "NJ is on the cutting edge, advancing science policies that embrace the reality of the climate crisis." The Inland Flood Hazard Regulations (July 2023) are the first in the nation to use climate modeling to regulate land use decisions. The DEP and the Environmental Commissions must partner to ensure municipal ordinances are updated and the rules are implemented. www. dep.nj.gov or anjec.org for more information.



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