

Hopewell Township Environmental Newsletter

HTEC Projects for 2024

It is the Environmental commission's goal to work with the township committee to provide the best possible insights for environmental issues that will enable the township to develop the best use of our land and the environment.

The HTEC has begun work on a list of projects for this year. If you would like to volunteer for any of these projects come to our meetings and let us know which one(s) you would like to help us work on.

- ☼ Completion of the Environmental Resource Inventory review
- ☼ Planting and maintenance of the pollinator garden
- ☼ Development of a trail map and signage plus brochure for Barrett's Run Trail
- ☼ Maintenance plan for the Conservation area adjacent to Barrett's Run trail
- ☼ Update Piney Point trail map and info
- ☼ Hopewell Day activities

An environmental resource is **any material, service, or information from the environment that is valuable to society**. This can refer to anything that people find useful in their environs, or surroundings. Food from plants and animals, wood for cooking, heating, and building, metals, coal, and oil are all environmental resources.

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Commission Members

Beth McClain - Chair

Jane Hankins - Vice Chair

Ken Strait - Land Use
BoardCheryl Lalancette -
Secretary

Jerry Lewis

Burt Doremus

Marion Carl

Meetings

First Wednesday of every
month @7:00 PM (new this
year)

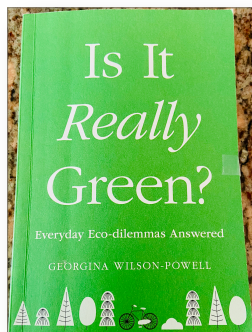
Newsletters

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

2 Is It Really Green?

Everyday Eco-dilemmas Answered

by Georgina Wilson-Powell



In her book (title above), the author discusses how to get to the heart of each eco-conundrum, examine your instincts, and make informed decisions to reduce your ecological footprint. Wilson-Powell says we all basically want to do the right thing for the

planet, but with so many factors, it can be difficult to figure out which is the best and greenest way. The book points out key questions about how to live greener and gives facts for solutions. "Our world is a complex, interconnected place. When people talk about 'climate change,' they're often referring to one or more of the below issues, which all impact and affect each other." In the opening Wilson-Powell points out 9 problems facing the planet:

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| Global Warming | Deforestation |
| Water Security | Pollution |
| Waste | Biodiversity |

Ocean acidification

Soil Erosion

Dwindling Resources

"The climate emergency is also the perfect storm of conditions for us to not take action. . .The problem is so enormous and complex that it has felt easier to wait for someone else to solve it." she writes in her book.

She goes on to identify solutions for making *greener* kitchens, bathrooms, and wardrobes, along with *greener* ideas for shopping, gardening, technology, travel and transportation.

By making the small greener choices Wilson-Powell recommends individuals can help slow the process. If all of us ,worldwide, make these changes it can effectively change the outcome of a global disaster.



HTEC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

The HTEC hopes to periodically bring resources to you to help you make better decisions for improving not only local but regional and world decisions about the environment. We will be posting books and articles that will help you find the facts and materials to answer your questions about the state of the environment and what you might do to protect the future for our kids. If you've read something or seen something that you think might be worth sharing please let us know. [www.hopewell-nj.com/environmental commission](http://www.hopewell-nj.com/environmental%20commission).