



Chatham Township Environmental Commission
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday January 14, 2026, 7:15pm
58 Meyersville Rd. Chatham NJ 07928

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT: The meeting schedule for 2026 and January 2027 is posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building, in two newspapers and on the Chatham Township Environmental Commission website at <https://www.chathamtownship-nj.gov/environmental>. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings, join the discussions and participate in projects.

CTEC'S PURPOSE: To undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources and air quality, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

The Chatham Township Environmental Commission's goal is to provide a responsible environmental viewpoint to Township committees and boards and to undertake projects with a strong educational component in order to inform officials and residents about constructive actions that can be taken to preserve the environment. The Chatham Township Environmental Commission serves as the Chatham Township Green Team / Sustainable Jersey team.

DATES FOR CTEC AND GREEN TEAM FOR 2026 AND JANUARY 2027

The first or second Wednesday depending on the month:

January 14, 2026; February 4; March 4; April 8; May 6; June 3; July 1; August 5 (or skip August, TBD); September 2; October 7; November 11; December 2; January 13, 2027

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Roll Call of CTEC Members: Jessica Romeo (Chair), Lisa McHugh (Vice Chair), Phil Ankel (Planning Board liaison), Pat Wells, Amy Mason, Polly Brophy, Joanne White, Celeste Fondaco (alternate 1), Steve Gesell (alternate 2), Craig Alperowitz (Township Committee liaison)
2. Public Meeting Statement (see above).
3. Reorg of CTEC, discuss and appoint chair and vice-chair. Welcome new members. Review ANJEC membership (membership dues, roster, trainings).
4. Review 2026 meeting schedule (approved on December 3, 2025).
5. Approve Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2025.
6. Green Team updates – Activities that CTEC manages are all part of the Green Team, including Sustainable Jersey. Review next SJ round.
7. Light Pollution Seminar with the GSWA, cosponsored by CTEC, CBEC, MBEC. Feb 5, 7pm, Library of the Chathams in the Lundt room.
8. PSEG Grant Cycle – discussion item: NRI grant application 2026.
9. Leaf Blower discussion and update / 2026 plan (4 town coordination, recap of 1/12/26 ATL-NJ meeting).

10. Idling at schools – awareness campaign (PTO newsletters; school newsletter; student led initiatives at CHS and CMS; other ideas).
11. CTEC tracker to note events, programs, educational workshops, site visits, etc. Please keep this updated monthly. [CTEC tracker](#) .
12. 2026 Priority project list – discuss and capture for next meeting; assign workstream/teams.
13. Reports:
 - a. Township Committee – Craig
 - b. Planning Board – Phil
 - c. Open Space – Jessica
 - d. Education and Outreach – Joanne/Jessica
 - e. Invasive Species – Jessica/Joanne
 - f. Social Media – Jessica
 - g. Website – Township
 - h. Pollinator / Native Gardens – Jessica Romeo
 - i. Grants – all

APPLICATION/ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT REVIEW – Lisa has been doing a great job, attending site visits and preparing comments for Board of Adjustment and Planning Board applications.

ONLINE RESOURCES

- Good NJDEP website for maps, parcels and environmental information at NJ-GeoWeb, <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/gis/geoweb/splash.htm> - use Internet Explorer.
- Very good Morris County mapping utility at <https://morrisgisapps.co.morris.nj.us/apps/parcelsearcher/> , hit Map and use the i tool. Gives information about each parcel and has aerials layer. Search for more detailed information about a parcel at <https://mcweb1.co.morris.nj.us/MCTaxBoard/>.
- View open space and Green Acres properties at <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/greenacres/ga50/docs/roslite.pdf> and <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/greenacres/openspace.html>.