

Chatham Township Environmental Commission Meeting Agenda Wednesday July 9, 2025, 7:15pm 58 Meyersville Rd. Chatham NJ 07928

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT: The meeting schedule for 2025 and January 2026 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.

DATES FOR CTEC AND GREEN TEAM FOR 2025 AND JANUARY 2026

The first or second Wednesday depending on the month:

January 8, February 5, March 5, April 9, May 7, June 4, July 9, August NO MEETING, September 10, October 1, November 12, December 3, 2025, and January 14, 2026.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1. Roll Call of CTEC Members: Marty McHugh (Township Committee liaison), Jessica Romeo (Chair), Cara Pacifico Feeser, Amy Mason, Jim Connelly, Celeste Fondaco, Lisa McHugh (Vice Chair), Vacant (Planning Board liaison), Pat Wells (alternate 1), Steve Gesell (alternate 2)
- 2. Public Meeting Statement (see above)
- 3. Approve Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2025 and June 4, 2025
- 4. Green Team updates Activities that CTEC manages are all part of the Green Team, including Sustainable Jersey.
- 5. Fenske property off Southern Blvd. on the June 3 Township Committee Workshop meeting agenda. CTEC has partnered w/ the OS Committee on a Stakeholder Input summary document. Shared with EC via email. No new updates from the Township on next steps or outreach. (Jessica)
- 6. Tree Ordinance Review the idea of a Tree Bank for Chatham Township. (Lisa, Jessica, Steve)
- 7. Sustainability Fair / Kids Corner; 2nd tree giveaway discussion (Pat, Celeste).
- 8. Reports:
 - a. Township Committee Marty McHugh
 - b. Planning Board -
 - c. Open Space Jim Connelly
 - d. Education and Outreach -

- e. Invasive Species Jessica Romeo
- f. Social Media Jessica Romeo
- g. Website -
- 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/geowebsplash.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/rosi.lite.pdf and https://www.state.nj.us/dep/greenacres/openspace.html.