



Chatham Township Environmental Commission
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday June 4, 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
4. Green Team updates – Activities that CTEC manages are all part of the Green Team, including Sustainable Jersey.
5. Adopt-A-Drain: renewed for 2025 and added 25 Welcome packets for new participants. Discuss a Summer 2025 “contest” for residents with the goal of increasing drains adopted and cared for. (Jessica)
6. Township [NRI](#) - Sustainable Jersey/PSEG technical assistance grant application submitted on Feb 13, 2025. We did not receive a grant for the 2025 cycle; grants team to share a debrief and plans to resubmit for the next cycle. (Jessica, Pat, Lisa)
7. 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. (Jessica)
8. Tree Ordinance – CTEC to review and propose updates to the Township Committee. Next step: Tree Bank – does this make sense for Chatham Township. Review pros and cons other towns experience; discussion if a tree bank works to meet our goals. (Lisa, Jessica, Steve)

9. Leaf Blowers – CTEC is working with CBEC to address noise, environmental and health issues. (Jessica)
10. Sustainability Fair / Kids Corner; 2nd tree giveaway discussion (Pat, Celeste).
11. New ideas / New business – open discussion.
12. **2025 events (running list, not complete): Assign 2025 events/programs to commissioners**
 - Host at least two educational seminars (*Jessica*) 2/24/25, Electrify Your Home Webinar w/ LWV and CBEC
 - EV Expo with Madison and Chatham Borough – 4/26/25 (*Amy*)
 - Spring yard sale tri-town yard sale w/ Great Swamp Watershed Association – 5/3/25 (rain date 5/4) (*Jessica*)
 - Spring Tree seeding giveaway (*Lisa*) – Lisa to host a tree seedling giveaway 4/26/25,
 - Completion of ANJEC Open Space Grant / installation of signs and ribbon cutting 5/21/25 (*Jessica*)
 - Plant sale w Great Swamp Watershed Association. Sale dates; April 1-18. Distribution date: May 3 (*Jessica*)
 - *seminar 1; Jan 29
 - *seminar 2, Feb 27
 - *seminar 3, March 19
 - *seminar 4, March 31
 - Fall Sustainability Fair + tree seedling giveaway and info display; September 20th, 9am-2pm (*Celeste and Pat*)
 - Fall cleanup event / Trail workday with info on invasive species and how they impact the ecosystem + Township Fall Festival
 - Fall yard sale with Madison, Chatham Borough, Great Swamp Watershed Association (10/18/25) (*Jessica*)
13. 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 – Jim Connelly

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>.