



Chatham Township Environmental Commission
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday March 5, 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, Mike Neibert (Planning Board), Pat Wells (alternate 1)
2. Public Meeting Statement (see above)
3. Approve Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2025
4. Green Team updates – Activities that CTEC manages are all part of the Green Team, including Sustainable Jersey
5. Review unsolicited materials ordinance and discuss – 2nd reading and adoption set for March 25.
6. Adopt-A-Drain: discuss plans for 2025
7. Township [NRI](#) - Sustainable Jersey/PGEG technical assistance grant application submitted on Feb 13, 2025 with letters of support from Mayor Choi, Planning Board, DPW
8. Tree Ordinance – CTEC to review and propose updates to the Township Committee by July 2025
9. Earth Day/Month 2025 – Invasive species walk and learn + clean up program to engage residents
10. CTEC Podcast next steps and timeline (Cara)

11. New ideas – open discussion (eg: food scrap composting, series of clean up programs, rain gardens, session on the impacts of climate change, etc).
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 with Madison, Chatham Borough, Great Swamp Watershed Association – May 3rd (rain date May 4th) and October 18th (rain date October 19th) (*Jessica*)
 - Tree seeding giveaway (TENTATIVE) – state campaign has been cancelled; let's aim for Fall unless very strong feelings to keep in the Spring (*Lisa and Cara*)
 - Completion of ANJEC Open Space Grant / 2nd planting date at Shunpike (*Jessica*)
 - Plant sale with the Great Swamp Watershed Association, distribution date: May 3 (*Jessica*)
 - *Sale dates; April 1-18
 - *seminar 1; Jan 29
 - *seminar 2, Feb 27
 - *seminar 3, March 19
 - *seminar 4, March 31
 - Native Plant Month w/ the Library of the Chatham – May 2025 (*Jessica*)
 - Fall Sustainability Fair with a tree seedling giveaway and info display (*Celeste and Pat*)
 - Fall cleanup event / Trail workday + 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 – Mike Neibert
 - 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>.