



Chatham Township Environmental Commission
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday May 3, 2023, 7:15pm
58 Meyersville Rd. Chatham NJ 07928

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT: The meeting schedule for 2023 and January 2024 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.

APPROVED DATES FOR CTEC AND GREEN TEAM FOR 2022 AND JANUARY 2023

The first Wednesday except the second Tuesday in January 2023 and the third Tuesday in May:

January 10, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, July NO MEETING, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6, 2023 and January 10, 2024.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Roll Call of CTEC Members: Stacey Ewald (Township Committee liaison), Cara Pacifico Feeser, Amy Mason, Jim Connelly, Matt Palmer, Jessica Romeo, Lisa McHugh, Dan Miller (Planning Board), Sally O'Neill (alternate 1); Celeste Fondaco (alternate 2)
2. Public Meeting Statement (see above)
3. Approve Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2023.
4. Green Team updates – Activities that CTEC manages are all part of the Green Team: clean ups, gardens, plant sales and tree seedling giveaways, educational webinars/meetings, etc. Silver Certification received October 2021. We are up for recertification in 2024.
5. Adopt a drain program [info found here](#). Discuss implementing in the Township. Per DPW, we have big issues with storm drains getting clogged in Chatham Township – large amounts of dog poop bags, water bottles, etc. per Christie Tragno. JR to have a call w/ the Program Director of Adopt-a-Drain mid-May.
6. 2023-24 events (running list):
 - Bear Aware Education Program with the Great Swamp Outdoor Ed Center, 2/9/23 (JR)
 - EV Expo with Madison and CB Wednesday 4/19/23 (JR)
 - Spring yard sale set for Saturday 4/29/23 and Fall yard sale for Saturday 9/30/23 (JR)
 - Tree seeding giveaway, confirmed for 4/22/23 (CPF)
 - Plant sale with the Great Swamp Watershed Association, distribution date 5/6/23 (JR and CF)
 - *Cultivating Biodiversity webinar w/ GSWA (1/17/23)
 - *Misunderstood Wasps w/ GSWA (2/21/23)

*Native Bees w/ GSWA (3/21/23)

*Native Pollinator Plants w/ GSWA (4/3/23)

-Spring cleanup (LM, JC)

-Town wide “virtual” clean up April 17-30, 2023 (JR)

-Fishawack 6/10/23 – confirm planning team and day of team

-Fall Sustainability fair - need a planning team and day of team

-Fall clean up: TBC – Shunpike Field clean up (?)

-Trail work day? (JR – tentative day of May 20, 2023)

-Rain Garden workshop TBC for 2024 (JR)

7. NRI – we need to update our [NRI](#). The last update was 2013. Preference is to keep the name NRI vs ERI. Matt Palmer to identify which components he can tackle.

8. Reports:

a. Township Committee – Stacey Ewald

b. Planning Board – Dan Miller

c. Open Space – Jim Connelly

d. Education and Outreach – Jessica Romeo (new ideas: electrify your home and rebates, interactive program w/ GSWA, make your own composer and hands on compost tutorial, Mosquito management, food challenge – reduce meat consumption)

e. Invasive Species – Matt Palmer

f. Social Media – Jessica Romeo, Cara Pacifico Feeser

g. Website – on hold for now

h. Pollinator / Native Gardens – Jessica Romeo (see above agenda item/explore new locations for 2023)

APPLICATION/ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT REVIEW – Lisa and Sally have 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>.