



**Chatham Township Environmental Commission  
Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday November 12, 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: Jessica Romeo (Chair), Lisa McHugh (Vice Chair), Vacant (Planning Board liaison), Pat Wells, Amy Mason, Vacant, JoAnn White, Celeste Fondaco (alternate 1), Steve Gesell (alternate 2), Marty McHugh (Township Committee liaison)
2. Public Meeting Statement (see above)
3. Approve Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2025
4. Green Team updates – Activities that CTEC manages are all part of the Green Team, including Sustainable Jersey
5. Adopt a drain – 2<sup>nd</sup> annual [Scary Drain](#) contest with Berkeley Heights. As of Oct 30, 2025, we have 44 drains adopted. 40 have had reported cleanings. Contest runs 10/31 – 11/27/25.
6. Boy Scout “leave the leaves” workshop and Shunpike clean up scheduled for 11/22 at 10am with Pat Wells and Jessica as an assistant.
7. Girl Scout Silver Award – in the works for understory rehab at Shunpike, both in the oak grove and the trail.
8. Idling at schools – awareness campaign (PTO newsletters; school newsletter; student led initiatives at CHS and CMS; other ideas).
9. Tree Ordinance – review proposed updates to the existing ordinance.

10. 2026 Commissioners and priority project list

11. Reports:

- a. Township Committee – Marty McHugh
- b. Planning Board –
- c. Open Space – meeting held on 9/30. JR shared EC feedback to survey questions.
- 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/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>.