

## **Stillwater Township Environmental Commission Annual Report**

During the course of 2016, the Stillwater Township Environmental Commission engaged in the following activities:

- Members met each month at the Municipal Building.
- Mr. Carbone resigned from the Commission and was replaced with Mr. Daniel Egan as an Alternate #2 member.
- Monofilament fishing lines were collected monthly from various locations around the township and recycled.
- Formulated a newsletter to educate township residents.
- A budget sheet was drafted and adopted.
- Water testing was completed on all water bodies that enter the township in the spring and fall which included ten sites. The spring testing was funded through the PSE&G grant. The summer and fall was very dry and stream water levels were extremely low when the fall water testing was conducted.
- Animal Waste Management booklets were distributed to Commission members and a copy forwarded to Nathaniel Sajdak for his review and input.
- Renee Casapulla from SCUMA made a presentation to the Commission on recycling and made suggestions for improvement of our Recycling Center.
- The Commission is working on recommendations to revise the recycling ordinance.
- Designed a sign for the repurposed shed at Veterans' Memorial Park.
- Attended several Sussex County Open Space presentations at the Freeholders' meetings.
- Nominated Nathaniel Sajdak for the Governor's Environmental Excellence Award.
- Worked with the Paulinskill Riparian Restoration Project to plant trees.
- Worked with Camp Towadena to remove invasive barberry bushes and plant chestnut trees.
- Recorded sightings of threatened and endangered species.
- Outstanding volunteers were recognized.
- The Green Team of Sustainable Jersey continues to accumulate points and has currently achieved bronze level.
- The Green Team held a Shredding Day in conjunction with Clean-Up Day. Free seedlings were distributed at the event.

- An amphibian crossing survey was completed.
- Submission was made to ANJEC for a grant which was denied.
- A Water Clean-Up Day was held apart from the usual Clean-Up Day.
- Two commission members attended the Planning for a Changing Climate presentation at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.
- Commission members participated in Stillwater Day.
- An information board is being planned for the Recycling Center. It will include information for appropriate disposal.
- Walked properties and reported their findings to the Planning Board.
- Maintained membership in ANJEC.
- Ms. Fobes-Jacoby resigned as a regular member of the Commission. Mr. Egan moved from Alternate #2 to fill the regular member position, unexpired term to 12/31/17.
- Mrs. Fleck declined to be reappointed as a regular member in 2017. Mrs. Branagan moved from Alternate #1 and was appointed as a regular member, term to expire 12/31/19
- Cindy Tracey was reappointed to the Commission as a regular member, term to expire 12/31/19.
- The Alternate #1 and #2 positions are currently vacant.