

Stillwater Township Environmental Commission

2023 Annual Report

During the course of 2023 the Stillwater Township Environmental Commission engaged in the following activities:

Members met monthly at the Municipal Building or virtually via Zoom.

Monofilament fishing lines were collected from various locations around the township and recycled.

A budget sheet was drawn-up and adopted.

Sightings of threatened and endangered species were recorded.

Outstanding volunteers were recognized.

An amphibian crossing survey was completed.

Commission members attended various workshops and webinars.

Members walked properties and reported their findings to the Planning Board and Zoning Board.

The Commission maintained membership in ANJEC.

Members attended Coalition of Lakes Association (COLA) meetings.

The Commission continued to meet with Christine Dunbar, Coordinator for the Paulins Kill River Watershed Commission.

Resignations were accepted and new members appointed to the Commission.

Members coordinated with the Stillwater School in a TRENCH Plastic Film collection program.

The Commission initiated a Stream Water Study which is undergoing with Dr. Lippencott and appointed a subcommittee to meet with Dr. Lippencott.

A member applied for but did not receive an ANJEC grant for \$1,500 to update the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

A Member applied for but did not receive a Recycling Education Grant (REO Grant).

A member cleaned the bridge sign at Veterans Memorial Park.

Members worked on and attended the Water Safety Fair held at Swartswood State Park.

Members installed bluebird houses at Veterans Memorial Park.

A Biochar Ordinance was adopted by the Township Committee on February 7, 2023. Terms of this ordinance were initiated by the Environmental Commission.

The July ANJEC publication included an article on Page 6 regarding the Biochar Resolution enacted as a result of the Stillwater Township Environmental Commission's work.

Member Mandy Coriston obtained the Green Infrastructure Champion certification following the completion of 20 hours of training.