



ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONS

-- 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO COMMISSIONS, NEW JERSEY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT--

NOTABLE PROJECTS:

COMMISSIONS HAVE COMPLETED THOUSANDS OF LOCAL PROJECTS, THESE ARE JUST A SAMPLE OF THEM...

FRANKLIN—
Produced and education supplement to its Environmental Resource Inventory in the form of a 12-page booklet called "OUR WATER—The Streams, Lakes and Groundwater of Franklin Township."

BERKELEY HEIGHTS—
Wrote and produced a 30-minute video on stormwater management that was aired on the local TV station. The Commission, with the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation and Passaic River Coalition planned and help construct a path along the Passaic River, planted trees and shrubs, and built a canoe launch with the help of Boy and Girl Scouts, the American Automobile Association, and the Sierra Club.

WASHINGTON—
Hosted an all-day educational event for 4th graders to explain the importance of water resources, which included a field trip to a water tower. Also helped study and produce an ordinance to create an overlay district to protect drinking water sources.

BETHLEHEM—
Wrote and produced a booklet call "Country Wisdom" to help new residents from built-up areas learn About the natural environment and living in harmony in a rural area. Planned, implemented, and maintains a 5-acre riparian buffer.

HILLSBOROUGH—
Produced a comprehensive greenways plan and had it incorporated into the town's Master Plan.

EAST WINDSOR—
Created a local environmental education booklet for elementary schools including an annual trip to Etra Lake Park as part of the curriculum.

MOORESTOWN—
Promoted the development of a comprehensive GIS database system that includes environmentally sensitive land, open space, and infrastructure.

MEDFORD LAKES—
Undertook a water quality monitoring project to determine the increase in weeds in local lakes and worked to control the high levels of phosphorous that were creating the problem.

WOOLWICH—
Developed an ordinance to require the reuse or recycling of at least 65% of a project's construction and demolition debris. Also conducted a voluntary sampling of 110 homes for radon, which indicated that radon levels were higher than originally thought and reclassified the town from Tier 2 to Tier 1, requiring radon construction techniques in new homes.

DEPTFORD—
Created illustrated 20-page trail guides for two local natural areas with a N.J. DEP Environmental Services matching grant.

CAPE MAY—
Mounted a water conservation campaign focusing on communication and public education.

SUMMIT—
Participated in a partnership with the NJ Board of Pubic Utilities to raise awareness and enrollment in the New Jersey Clean Power Choice Program.

CHATHAM—
Performed a global warming emissions inventory and produced recommendations for energy saving projects.

BYRAM—
Produced a comprehensive open space plan that incorporates a number of significant hiking trails.

LONG HILL—
Produced a comprehensive booklet call "Applicant Handout for Environmental Issues".

PRINCETON—
Organized and ran a "green" tour for 400 area residents that featured "green" homes, gardens, and commercial buildings using environmental sustainability strategies. Also, organized an electronic devices recycling day.

BORDENTOWN—
With a N.J. DEP Environmental Services matching grant, carried out a streamside restoration project in a local park.

MONTVILLE—
Hosted a town-wide electronics recycling day and arranged to have 11 laptops refurbished to be donated to troops serving overseas.

MILLBURN—
Hosts the Aquafest program to educate the community about preventing nonpoint source pollution to protect water quality.

LIVINGSTON—
Based on its open space inventory and plan, the Commission developed the "Livingston Outdoor Treasures" pamphlet to encourage local resident's interest and support of local open space.

HAWTHORNE—
Coordinated the work of an Eagle Scout candidate to turn an 8-acre patch of woods into a municipal natural area with trails, signs, maps, and recycling receptacles.

HAWORTH—
Spent 11 years working to preserve environmentally sensitive lands located next to a drinking water reservoir, which were eventually acquired as open specie.

FANWOOD—
Helped defeat a proposal for a cell phone tower within its nature center and arranged to have the Borough enact a stringent conservation easement on the nature center property. Also conducts an annual bird house building contest and an annual field seminar on participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count and has overseen Eagle Scout projects for a certified butterfly garden and the numbering and labeling of all town storm sewer inlets and created a website dedicated solely to environmental education.

OLD BRIDGE—
Produced a pamphlet and a "Notification Form" to let homeowners and homeowner associations know if an easement is on their property and the limits of what can be done within a conservation easement. Also discovered undocumented wetlands on a large development project, which eventually became a 2,000-acre county park.

EAST BRUNSWICK—
Created a website to inform the community of numerous environmental activities conducted by the Commission including bird watching, butterfly parks, travel, scenic views, video clips, and more. In conjunction with the mayor's office and police department, the Commission arranged for a local road to be closed during the migration nights of salamanders and frogs as they migrate to vernal breeding pools.

ASBURY PARK—
Combined forces with the Shade Tree Commission to restore the town's tree canopy by coordinating the work of over 300 volunteers to plant 1,250 trees.

POINT PLEASANT—
The Commission's "Lazy Landscaping Project" promotes the use of native plant species, which includes demonstration gardens and an illustrated guide.

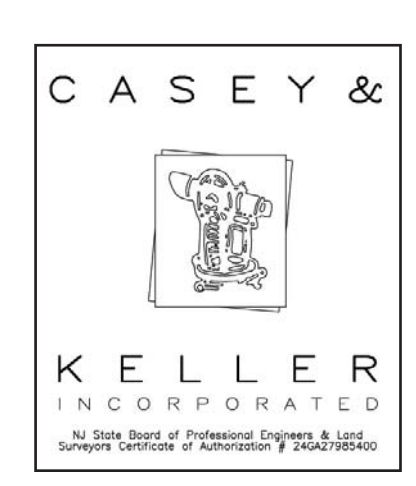
STAFFORD—
Worked on numerous projects including a park restoration and tree planting projects at a township park slated to receive two historic buildings.

EGG HARBOR—
Persuaded the township to dedicate a closed landfill as a passive recreation area including an arboretum, nature center, and park areas. Other work included developing plans, overseeing construction by student volunteers, and the building of observation decks and a solar composting toilet.

WEYMOUTH—
Used a N.J. DEP Environmental Services matching grant to prepare a 1,080-slide library of lakes, streams, wetlands, flora, and fauna of the Great Egg Harbor Watershed.

LINWOOD—
At the request of the mayor, the Commission worked with a homeowners association and partnered with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service to solve the problem of eutrophication in a manmade pond.

These projects are but a very small sample of the thousands of projects conducted by the over 350 environmental commissions in New Jersey over the last 40 years. Many of these projects were completed with the help of grants, training, seminars, advice, and encouragement of ANJEC. Environmental Commissions and ANJEC have also worked with dozens of open space committees, watershed associations, citizen groups, other conservation organizations; and local, county, and state officials to help protect and preserve New Jersey's diverse and unique environment.



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