**June,July August 2021 Staff Report**

**Upcoming Events:**

* September 21, MS4 permit webinar with SJLWT -NFWF
* September 27 Neonic webinar with NRDC and NJ Audubon
* 2021 Environmental Congress, all virtual Tuesday, October 19 through Friday, October 22, 10 sessions.
	+ Surili Patel keynote speaker, Tuesday, October 19th at 7pm
	+ NJDEP Commissioner Shawn LaTourette confirmed as featured speaker for Friday, October 22 at noon

**Completed Events:**

* June 16, Stormwater Webinar -Rutgers/SJLWT -NFWF
* June 22, Plastics Law Webinar.

**Program Activities**

**General Education, Outreach, and Coordination**

* DEIJ Steering Committee and Workshops (zoom). -Cheryl. -W.Penn
* Worked on Sustainable Jersey Review Committee -reviewing certification proposals -Sheila/Dini/Michele
* Attended Grant Program events -West Orange Bee project, Brick Township Trail Rehab, Jersey City Pollinator Garden planting -Michele/Jen/Liz
* SEWA Youth Conference - Presenter on ANJEC & Plastics -Dini

**Plastics Law/Initiatives**

* NJLCV Awarded Jen for ANJEC’s plastics work
* Launched NJNoPlastics.org

**Grant Programs**

**ANJEC 2021 Stewardship Grants**

* Awarded 15 $1500 projects plans are moving forward.

**NFWF**

* Installed two Landscape Makeover Rain Gardens -NFWF Upper Salem
* Installed rain garden in Upper Pittsgrove -NFWF Upper Salem

**William Penn -DRWI**

* Attended Latino Conservation Week event in Hackettstown with PEACE NJ, discussed plastic bag law with attendees and distributed free reusable bags.

**Legislative Actions/Positions**

* Green in '21 Agenda released, ANJEC coordinated & wrote several water-related white papers (<https://www.njlcvef.org/sites/default/files/2021-09/NJLCV_EPG2021_WebFinal_V3.pdf>)
* Gave testimony at Senate Budget hearing on June 17 for Recycled Content bill- passed full Senate June 24. Working on passing on Assembly side

**Media Updates**

* ANJEC News - June 4, 16 & 30; July 14 & 29; Aug. 18
* ANJEC Report - Summer issue distributed, fall issue in production
* Facebook friends – 4,099
* Twitter followers - 2642

**Fundraising**

* PSEG, increased support to $11,800 from $3,800 last year and is our first ever Environmental Congress Gold Sponsor and now a full page ANJEC report advertiser
* BPU Clean Energy Program increased support for Environmental Congress and ANJEC Report to $3,500 from $3,000 last year
* Investors Foundation awarded $1,000, same as last year
* Taub Foundation report submitted for climate change work, anticipating proposal for continued work due by end of year for renewal in Fen 2022, $25,000 estimated
* F.M. Kirby report on $10,000 grant submitted and proposal for $25,000 in general operating funds submitted
* William Penn Foundation clean water work three year grant proposal in process for $127,000 for Highlands work and $283,000 for KC Cluster work (funding anticipated Feb 2022 through Jan 2025)
* Invited to submit Dodge proposal for general operating support $65,000, due September 14, 2021
* ANJEC Report ads and Environmental Congress ads and co-sponsors solicitation in progress and ontrack