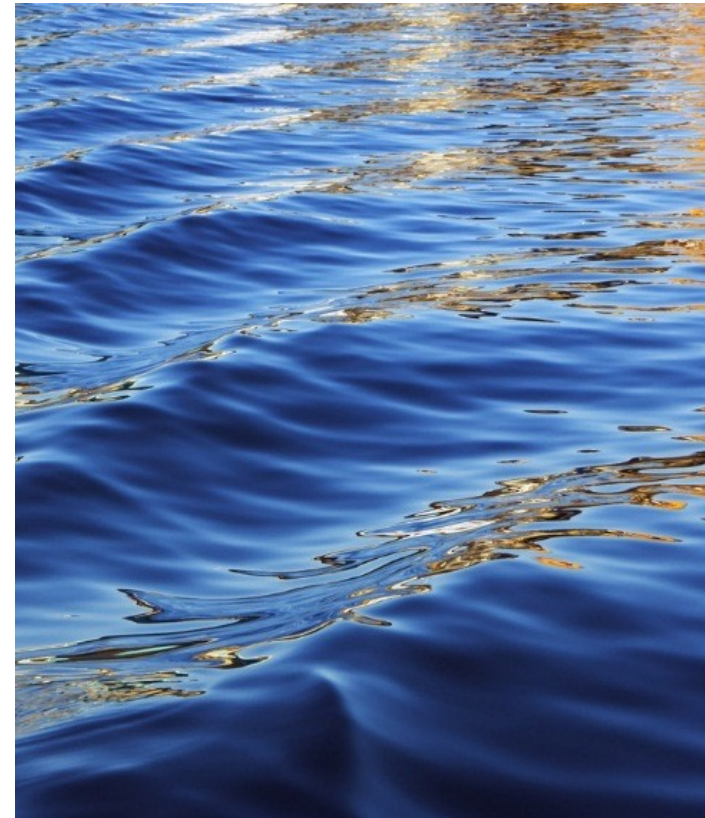




Welcome

Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissioners



ANJEC's Mission

To promote **local action** to protect and restore New Jersey's natural resources and **ensure equitable, healthy communities**. ANJEC advances its mission by engaging in **diverse and inclusive practices** through leadership, partnerships, education, advocacy for strong public policy and support of environmental commissions, public officials, and communities throughout New Jersey.



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Education to Empower EC Action

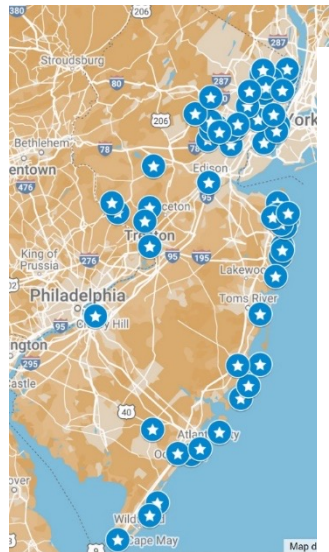
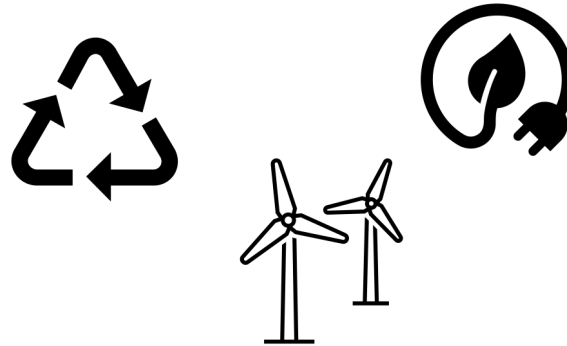
- **Resource Center** – model ordinances, handbooks, manuals, and so much more
- Monthly virtual **webinars** and **roundtable** events
- The quarterly **ANJEC Report**, plus the biweekly ANJEC News, a biweekly environmental news digest
- The annual **Fundamentals for Environmental Commissions Training** offered each spring
- The annual **Environmental Congress**, our educational conference *September 27, 2024*



Advocacy on NJ's Most Critical Statewide Environmental Issues



NJPACTNOW
Protect New Jersey from Catastrophic Flooding



Map of Plastic Ordinances Passed that led to PPRA



Open Space Stewardship Grants

Deadline: April 26, 4:30pm



ANJEC provided grant funding to help the Tinton Falls EC establish an Osprey Nest project.



West Orange EC created a pollinator garden with an apiary through an ANJEC grant.

<https://anjec.org/open-space-stewardship-grants/>

One-year grants of up to \$1,500 will be available to environmental commissions in New Jersey whose applications are approved for funding in 2024.

- advance local open space stewardship, *and*
- help to raise the profile of the environmental commission in the community through publicity and public participation or collaboration with local groups on the project.

Sponsored by: donation to the Candace McKee Ashmun Memorial Fund and



2024 Lechner Scholarship

Deadline: April 30, 2024

- \$1,200 for college students entering junior or senior year
- New Jersey resident
- Majoring in natural resources, parks and recreation, environmental law, environmental sciences or a related field
- Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher
- Demonstrated activism in the preservation of New Jersey's open space, wildlife or water resources

anjec.org/action-alerts/

Contact: Georgia Madiba, gmadiba@anjec.org

2024 Lechner Scholarship
Application (ANJEC)



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2024 Priorities:

- Support Compliance with MS4 Permit
 - Educational outreach & community engagement
 - Mapping
 - Watershed Implementation Planning
- Support Adoption of Stormwater Utilities
- End Plastic Pollution
- Advance Climate Resiliency Planning and Projects
- Expand Renewable Energy Development



Upcoming ANJEC Programs

Registration coming soon



Thurs, April 25, 7pm: *Environmental Posters: Art's impact to ignite conversation, Webinar*

Saturday, May 11, 9am: *In-Person Regional Networking*

Tuesday, May 14, Noon: *Clearing the Path, Tackling litter at the source, Webinar*



Let's keep in touch about everything we are doing!



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2024 Member Interest Form



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2024 Fundamentals for Effective ECs

March/April 2024

March 12-14 Virtual sessions- Review on ANJEC's YouTube channel: ANJEC Views:

- Environmental Commission Powers & Responsibilities*
- Stormwater Regulations, Green Infrastructure*
- ERI/Master Plan/Land Use (3/13/24 @7 pm)*
- Marketing Your EC/Community Engagement*

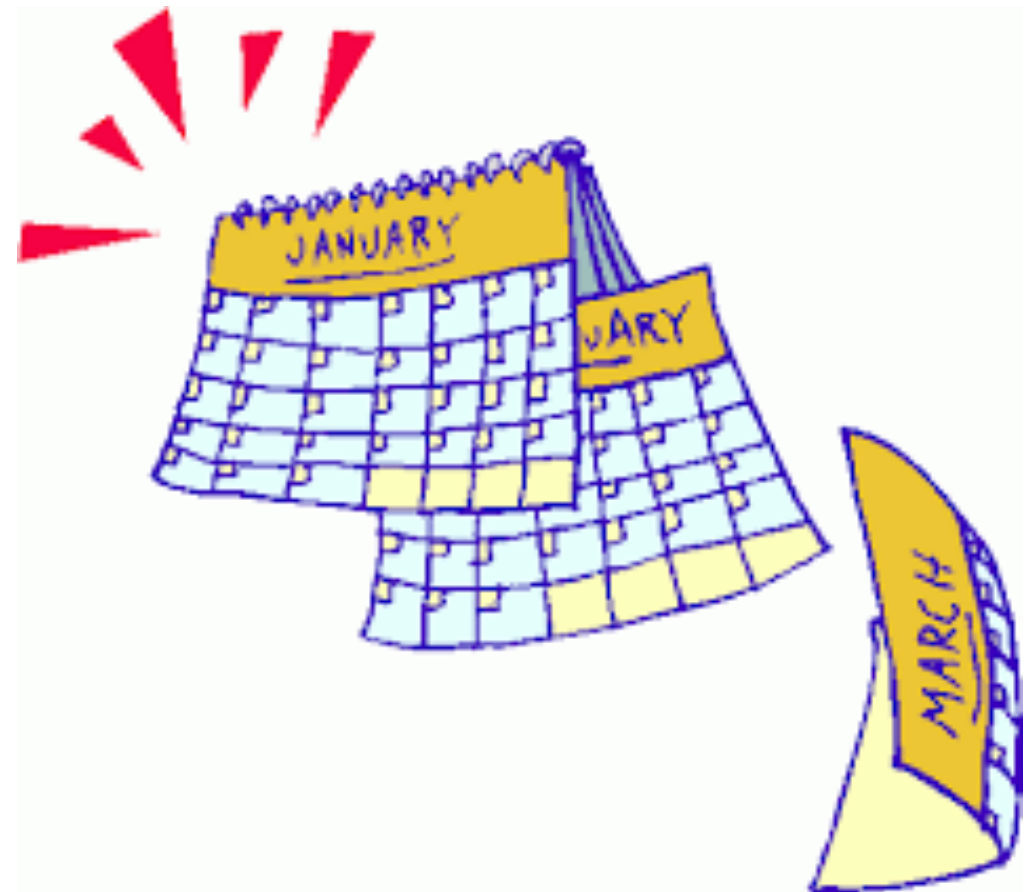
Today:

- Brief overview of Env. Commission Powers
- Case study: Readington Twp Digital ERI
- Hands-on Site Plan Review & Roundtable Discussions



How long have you served on your EC or EAC?

- Never/I'm not on an EC
- 0-1 years
- 1-3 years
- 3-6 years
- more than 6 years



What's the Difference?

Environmental **Commission** OR
Environmental **Committee**



Environmental Commission

Environmental **Commission** OR/AND
Green Team



Environmental Commission

Advisory Commission on Green Initiatives - Green Team

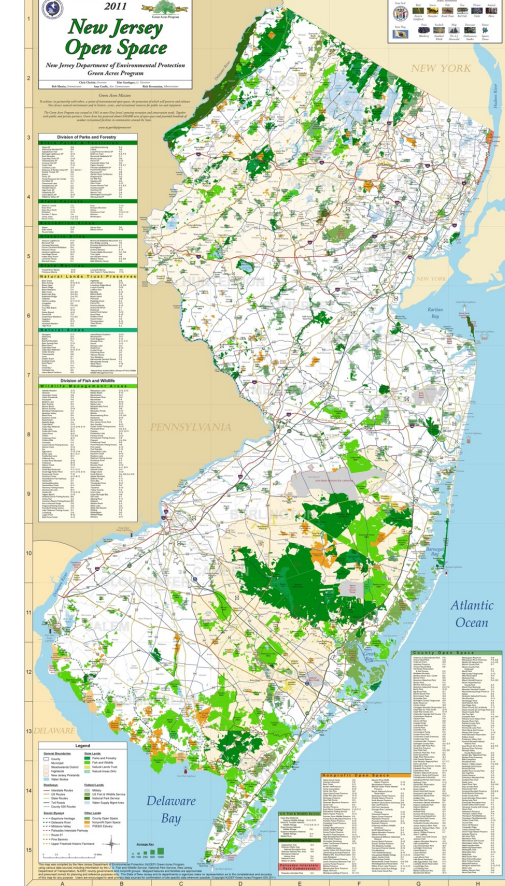
Environmental Advisory **Committee**




Environmental Advisory Committee

Commission Powers

- Study and make recommendations on water, air, waste, noise, landscape protection, environmental appearance, flora and fauna
- Create an Open Space Index and Recommendations



YEAR OF OPEN SPACE: REIMAGINING OUR PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES

2022 
YEAR OF
OPEN SPACE
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Getting organized

Mission statement

Bylaws

Annual goals

Annual report

Budget



How to become an influential EC

- Give electeds easy wins
 - Small grant project, movie night, etc.
- Attend council/committee meetings
- Be willing to listen and learn
- “Thanks & spanks”
- Don’t take it personally



Berkeley Heights Mayor Devanney and Councilman Yellin help cut the ribbon on their new community garden, led by the EC Chair Rich Leister

Relationships build success

Town Council,
administration,
departments, boards,
commissions

General public

Schools, businesses, clubs,
organizations, watershed
organizations/ambassadors



Help Keep Our Town Clean!



Creating trust



- Seek alliances
- Find common ground, shared needs
- Be open to new ideas
- Pool resources
- Share credit liberally
- Demonstrate value

Dealing with a Challenging Administration

Don't take it personally

Offer Solutions For example, if funding is an issue – offer other funding options such as grants when proposing projects

Build base of support – involve the community in commission activities; use publicity

Work on projects that are of interest to the governing body (e.g., park cleanups, tree planting)

ANJEC Resource Center



Displays



Games

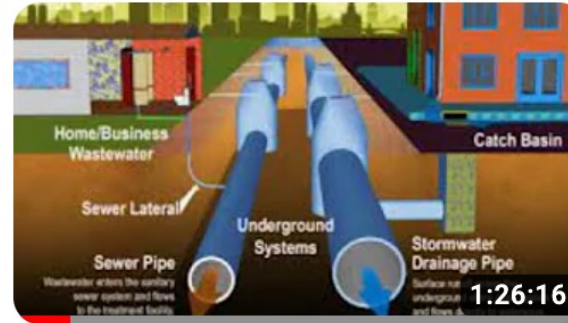


**Resource
Papers**

DVDs



ANJEC Views YouTube channel



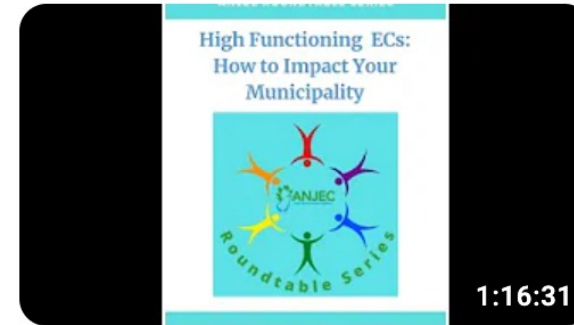
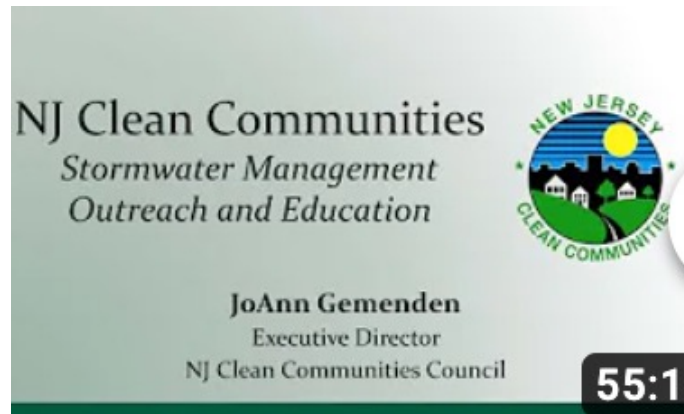
Stormwater Utility Information Session

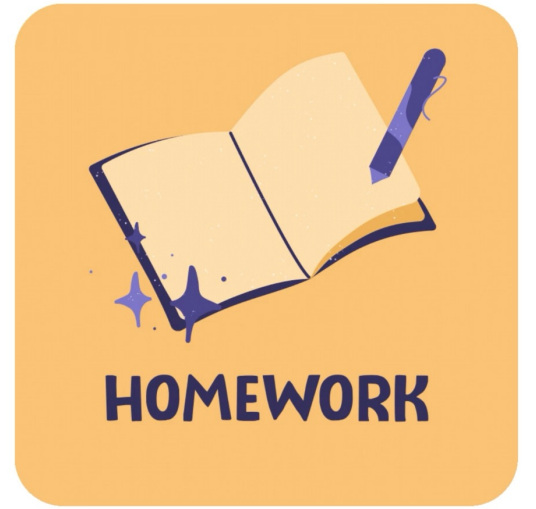
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Roundtable: Community Engagement Strategies, Supporting...

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Homework Assignments:

- Find your EC's establishing ordinance
- Look for your Open Space Plan and/or Open Space Index
- Find your Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI/NRI)
- Find your town's stormwater management page
- Find out who your town's stormwater manager is

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