

"Our environmental commission is invaluable in helping the City protect and preserve our environmental resources. They spearhead communication and outreach on environmental matters, they work on mitigation efforts and resiliency planning, they have a liaison to review applications before the planning board, they host educational forums, green fairs, and workshops on sustainability--everything from building your own rain barrel to meeting individually with residents to promote green infrastructure. They work tirelessly to support the governing body, the residents, and our shared commitment to our priceless environmental resources."

Andrew J. Nowick, Mayor,
City of Lambertville



The Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) is a statewide nonprofit providing training and support to environmental commissions in New Jersey. ANJEC is available to help your municipality fully realize the power of an environmental commission in your community.

Contact ANJEC if you are interested in starting, or revitalizing, an environmental commission in your municipality.

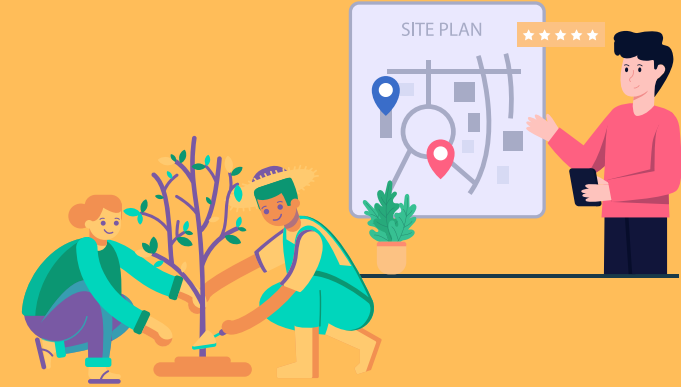
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Benefits of Environmental Commissions

Hundreds of Environmental Commissions (ECs) across New Jersey are taking local action to protect and restore the state's natural resources and to ensure healthy communities for today and the future. Comprised of dedicated, passionate and knowledgeable volunteers appointed by the mayor, ECs engage in environmental initiatives and projects that benefit their municipalities with immeasurable impact.



An Environmental Commission benefits your Municipality

- ECs are responsible for creating an Environmental Resource Inventory, a guiding document that lists and protects a municipality's environmental features, such as streams, floodplains, trees and open spaces.
- ECs research and acquire funding for environmental projects through grant opportunities and other funding sources available exclusively to ECs.
- ECs save municipalities money on professionals and consultants by drafting ordinances, conducting studies and providing outreach and education via numerous monthly volunteer hours.
- ECs advise land use boards on development proposals to facilitate sound decisions that avoid, or lessen, environmental impacts.

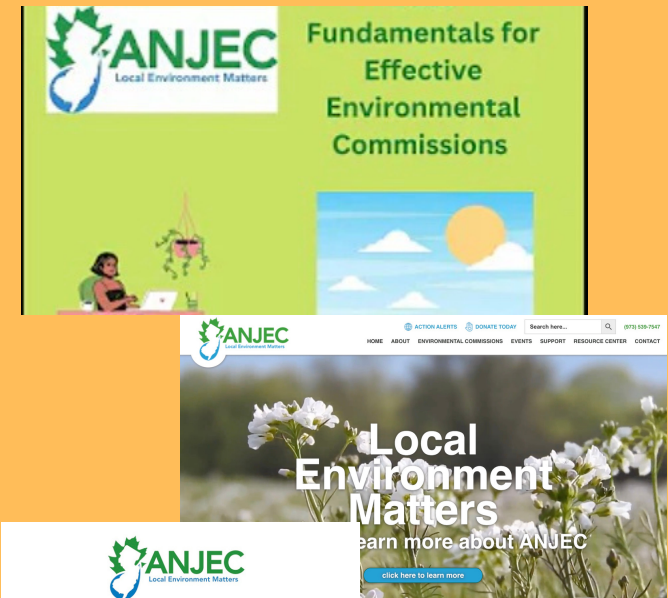
Environmental Commissions work hard to:

- Prevent localized flooding
- Enhance open space
- Reduce litter and improve recycling programs



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