



Cranford Township Environmental Commission

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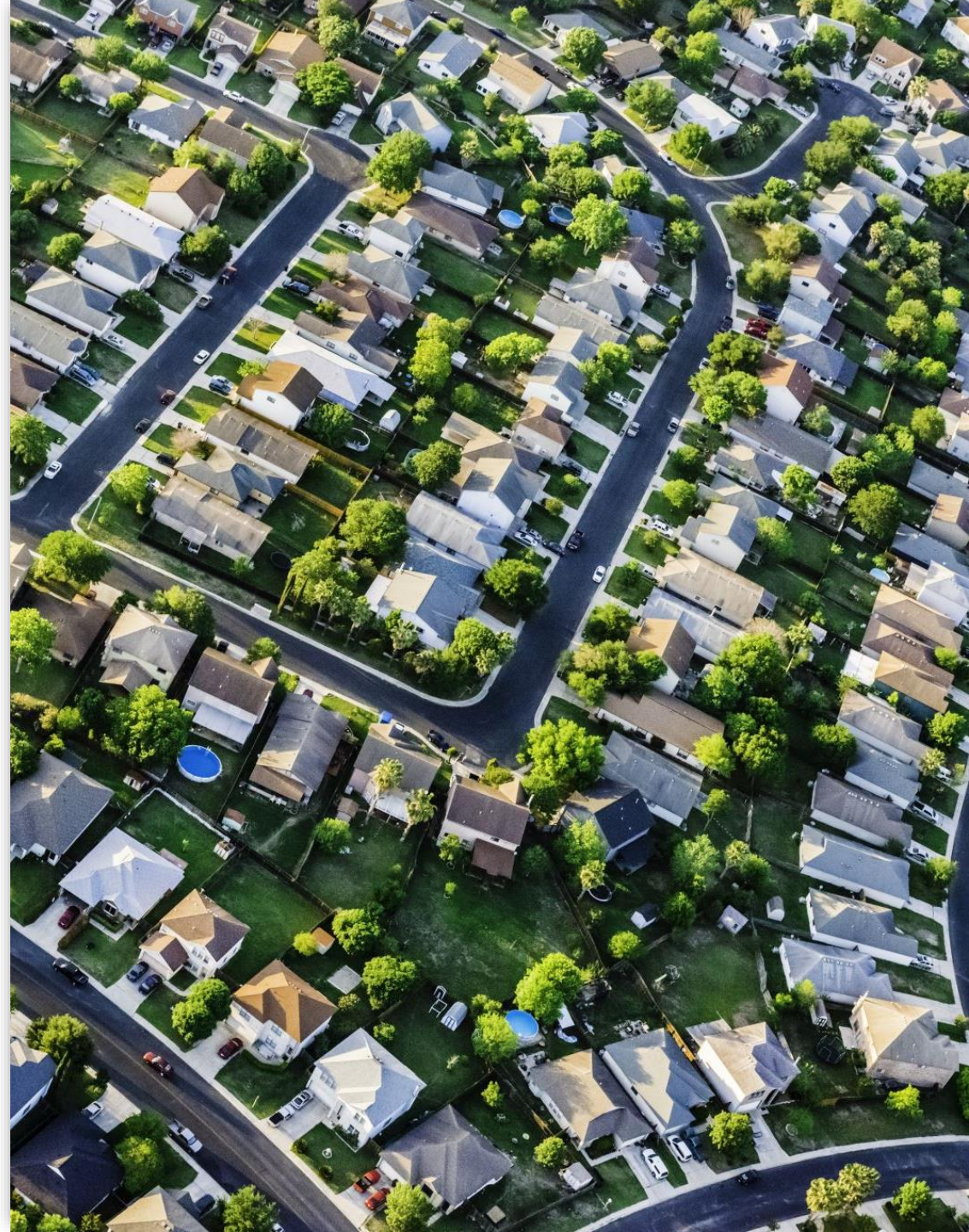
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About Cranford

- Cranford is a suburban community in Union County. It was founded in 1871 from sections of neighboring communities and features several parks and the Rahway River, which meanders through the township.
- Cranford has long been on the forefront of environmental activism, introducing guidelines and ordinances in support of sustainability.
- The Cranford Township Committee is supportive of environment-friendly activities.





About the Cranford Environmental Commission

The Cranford Environmental Commission is a statutory board of seven regular Cranford-resident members and two alternates Cranford resident-members. One regular member is designated as the Chair. One of the regular members is also a Planning Board member. The Environmental Commission will study and make recommendations concerning open space preservation, water resources management, air pollution control, solid waste management, noise control, soil and landscape protection, environmental appearance, marine resources and protection of flora and fauna.



What we do

The Commission's charge is to promote the conservation, protection, development, or use of all Cranford's natural and water resources. by:

- Planning local conservation programs and informing and recommending these programs to the public and the Township Committee;
- Implementing conservation programs authorized by the Township Committee;
- Compiling an index of all public and privately owned open spaces and recommend their uses to the Planning Board.
- Making recommendations on all development plans before the Planning Board as they affect Cranford's natural and water resources and environment with a focus on conserving and protecting the use of Cranford's natural and water resources and maintaining or enhancing the environment;
- Recommending plans and programs to the Planning Board for inclusion in the Master Plan;
- Advertising, preparing, and distributing materials necessary to implement the Commission's activities;
- Coordinating community conservation matters and as the Township liaison for conservation needs with regional, state, and federal agencies;
- Acquiring real and personal property to administer, maintain, improve, limit future use of, or conserve and properly utilize open spaces and other land and water areas in the Township; and
- Producing an annual report of Commission activities.

Why we do it



Cranford is prone to flooding – Hurricanes Irene, Ida and Floyd caused significant damage.



Cranford residents want to live in a peaceful setting with a full tree canopy and without noise and air pollution.



The leaders of Cranford are sensitive to the importance of resource conservation and sustainability



The Cranford community as a whole is sincere in its efforts to minimize our carbon footprint and offset the impact of climate change.

How we do it



Community driven



Volunteer supported



Engage and listen to experts



Collaborate with all stakeholders



Build a pipeline of future environmental leaders



Understand the challenges and opportunities





Thank You!



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