

Environmental Commission Annual Report of Activities, 2011

1. Review of Renewable Energy Ordinance and Further Comments on Solar Application before the Zoning Board

The zoning board requested commission feedback on the application for a solar facility that is currently before the zoning board.

The commission decided to use the proposed renewable energy ordinance as the basis of its feedback to the zoning board.

The commission chose not to simply send the draft ordinance to the zoning board because the application process started before the ordinance was approved.

2. “Celebrate West Amwell” Country Fair

The EC had a table with educational materials for the fair on May 14, 2011.

The Commission had a planned nature based scavenger hunt to be held at the fair.

3. Citizen Stormwater Advisory Committee

An Environmental Commission subcommittee was formed to assist the township with their requirements for Stormwater education.

Neufeld, Van der Veen and Urbanski were appointed as members. The sub committee met and subsequently provided Stormwater Training for Township Committee members which fulfilled a state requirement.

4. Alexauken Creek Watershed Protection Plan

The Commission had input into the 319h grant to implement some of the recommendations of the Plan. West Amwell, with Princeton Hydro as a partner, received a grant of \$541,300.

5. Renewable Energy Ordinance Amendment

The Commission proposed an amendment to the Renewable Energy Ordinance to address compliance with state statutes and also to address cadmium telluride issue.

6. Invasive Species Project

The Commission made considerable progress in identification/narratives for the invasive species in West Amwell. These are to be used for public education and will be posted on the website and possibly in the Lambertville Beacon.

7. Sustainable Jersey Certification

The Commission applied for Sustainable Jersey certification, submitting 200 points, with 150 needed for the certification. This project took up the greater part of the year.

Action Item	Responsible Members	Points	
		Available	To date
Green Team	Cathy, Charity, Cindy	10	10
Energy Audits	Art and George	50	50
Wind Ordinance	Cathy	10	10
Sustainable Land Use Pledge	Joan	10	10
Farmland Preservation Plan	Cathy	10	10
Environmental Commission	Cathy	10	10
Natural Resource Inventory	Cathy	20	20
Wildlife Action Plan	Members	10	10
Clustering Ordinances	Cathy	10	10
Community Forestry Plan	Karen	20	20
Tree Protection Ordinance	Cathy	10	10
Recycling Depot	Jeff	10	10
Sustainable Master Plan Element	Cathy	10	10
Sourland Alliance	Cathy	10	10
Total Points to date			200