

*FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMISSION*



Members

Arnold Vernick, P.E. Chairman

Arnold W. Schmidt, Vice Chair

Dr. Theodore Chase

David E. Triggs

John Walker

Barbara Beringer

Ernesto Roman

John Clyde

Dianne Pydeski

Members are appointed by the Township Council and the Chairperson is appointed by the Mayor.



Please visit our Environmental Commission Web Page on the Franklin Township Web Site

www.franklintwpnj.org/environmental_commission.html

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

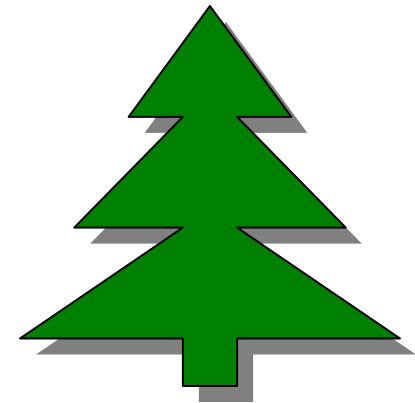
- Sponsored township Environmental Resources Inventory through a matching grant from ANJEC
- Sponsored a spring cleanup which was the most successful in the county
- Sponsored a well water seminar on arsenic
- Sponsored a Green Summit on energy efficiency

The Commission meets on the first and third Monday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers located in the municipal building. Meetings are open to the public.

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475 DeMott Lane

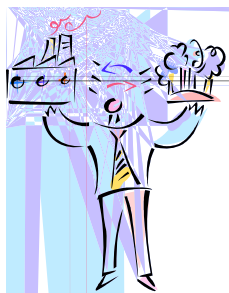
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What does an Environmental Commission do?



Environmental Commissions are local environmental advocates who serve without compensation. The members serve three year terms and may be reappointed. Members are appointed by the Township Council and the Chairperson is appointed by the Mayor. The roles of the Commission are many, but their primary objective is to preserve and protect the natural resources of the township. To accomplish this, it is the Commission's responsibility to advise the township's governing bodies which include the Town Council, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Board of Health on a variety of environmental issues. The following tasks are performed to achieve this end:

- Comments on and informs the governing bodies regarding potential environmental impacts of proposed developments.
- Advocate planned open space preservation at the municipal and county level.
- Investigate environmental problems, offer solutions and refer to the appropriate authority for follow up.
- Inform residents on environmental matters and ways to protect the environment.
- Interact with neighboring commissions and other organizations to offer solutions to regional and state problems.
- Develop, advocate for and organize workshops, courses and educational programming.
- Maintain and oversee an Environmental Resource Center for current literature.
- Participate in community events and public outreach to promote the protection of our natural resources.
- Apply for grants to produce pamphlets, maps and nature guides and to conduct research and data gathering for pollution prevention and natural resources inventories.

- Visit active construction sites to give advice to local officials concerning compliance with local and state environmental ordinances and regulations.



To receive Franklin Township e-mail informational updates including environmental issues, please go to: **www.franklintwpnj.org** or fill out the information below and mail it to our address

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