

2017 Environmental Commission Report to Mayor & Borough Council

Atlantic Highlands, NJ

Lenape Woods - Steward Larry Goldberg monitored the condition of the woods and reported to the EC on a regular basis. Larry led a trail maintenance day on May 13. Larry arranged for a member of the State Forestry Service to make a presentation to the EC on the benefits of a controlled burn.

Waterfront - Steward Paula Woods monitored the Borough's waterfront and reported to the EC on a regular basis. Paula served as the Beach Captain for Clean Ocean action beach sweeps in town on April 22 and October 21. Paula also arranged for water tests in the harbor, Avenue A beach and the two creeks.

Planning Board - The EC monitored planning board applications at 25 Bayside Drive (slope issues) and 158 First Avenue (clean-up issues).

Master Plan - Comments were submitted to the planning board during the initial drafting process, along with copies of the various vulnerability studies.

Bayshore Watershed Council - On a rotating basis, members of the EC attended the meetings and reported back to the EC.

Monmouth County Environmental Council - France Karras an EC member and a county council member, reported to the EC on a regular basis.

Bayshore Trail - James Krauss attended a County Freeholders meeting on behalf of the EC and requested repairs to the Hudson Springs connection to the trail.

Hilton Station & Hudson Springs - Met with residents regarding the condition of the two sites and relayed some maintenance needs to the borough.

Watershed Ambassador - In connection with Earth Day, arranged for environmental presentations at the grammar, middle and high schools.

Film One - Had an EC table at the event, distributed energy saving items, informed citizens about environmental issues and recycling, and collected e-mail addresses for notification of beach sweeps and trail maintenance.

Ongoing issues - Monitored and discussed various issues including the Army Corps study, the Highlands seawall proposal, the Raritan pipeline proposal and the US Geological Survey.

Resolutions - Passed resolutions on water rates, pervious pavement on a proposed parking area and a municipal parking ordinance.