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TO: Cranbury Township Committee
FROM: Barbara Rogers, Environmental Commission Chair
DATE: January 2015
SUBJECT: Environmental Commission 2015 Goals

The following goals have been established for the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission for 2015.

Environmental Resource Inventory – The EC will continue to promote the use of the ERI to help ensure that all development is undertaken with sensitivity toward the natural environment. An update of the content and maps of the ERI will be completed this year, with the aid of a grant obtained from Sustainable Jersey.

Management Plans – The EC will continue to eradicate invasive species in the Cranbury Brook Preserve, as well as plant wildflowers in the grasslands, and promote the growth of native species in all of the Preserves.

Village Park Rain Garden – The EC will continue to maintain the garden with remaining grant monies. A maintenance plan will be developed, and plant species will be evaluated in the fall.

Trails – A trail maintenance plan will be developed.

Alfred Meiss Environmental Appreciation Award – The EC will sponsor the seventh annual award for Cranbury School 7th and 8th grade students.

Sustainable Jersey – The EC will work toward achieving additional points for this program. Also they will continue community education outreach and bringing Sustainable Jersey into the school for the students.

NJ Invasive Species Strike Team – The EC will continue membership and work with volunteers to identify and eradicate invasive species on township properties. Also attend the annual meeting.

Regulatory and Advisory Activities – The EC will comment on proposed legislation that affects the environment, as appropriate. The EC will continue to participate on the DRC and the Planning Board, and attend township meetings when necessary.

Household Environmental Activities - The EC will promote household environmental activities as follows:

- Use of rain barrels.
- Use of rain gardens.
- Proper use of fertilizers.
- Use of native species.
- Household energy conservation.

Educational Activities – The EC will promote educational activities as follows:

- Place documents and articles on the Township's website.
- Host a Cranbury Day booth with activities for visitors.
- Place articles about EC activities in each of the Township's newsletters.
- Promote green building and sustainability as contained in the Master Plan.
- Promote the Cranbury Brook Preserve as an educational tool.
- Continue to participate in the annual Stony Brook Millstone Watershed "Stream Clean-Up".

Applications – Applications for development will be reviewed, and comments submitted to the Planning Board and Zoning Board, as appropriate.