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TO: Cranbury Township Committee  
FROM: Barbara Rogers, Environmental Commission Chair  
DATE: January 2016  
SUBJECT: Environmental Commission 2016 Goals

The following goals have been established for the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission for 2016.

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. It will be placed on the township website and used to educate the community about the township’s natural resources and sustainability initiatives.

Preserve 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. Trail development and maintenance and habitat management will be ongoing in all preserves with partnerships developed with volunteers, non profits and DPW.

Alfred Meiss Environmental Appreciation Award – The EC will sponsor the seventh annual award to be presented to a Cranbury School 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who embraces the ideals of environmental stewardship.

Sustainable Jersey – The EC will coordinate the recertification of Cranbury as a Sustainable Jersey township at the bronze level and work toward achieving additional

points for this program. Also they will continue community education outreach programs by using the updated Environmental Resource Inventory. The EC will continue to work with the Cranbury School Green Team to bring Sustainable Jersey into the school for the students by promoting water quality and recycling initiatives.

NJ Invasive Species Strike Team – The EC will continue membership and work with volunteers to identify and eradicate invasive species on township properties. Commissioners will 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 to provide environmental guidance in an advisory role when necessary.

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

- Use of rain barrels to prevent runoff.
- Use rain garden in Village Park for public education and outreach about green infrastructure.
- Proper use of fertilizers and grass clippings on lawns.
- Use of native plant species to diversify habitat and encourage pollinators.
- Household energy conservation practices.

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”.
- Seek PHS student liaison to foster collaboration with environmental commission and high school environmental club activities.
- Become a certified Sustainable Jersey School.

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

Vacancies – Advertise and fill all commission positions.