

**Joint Meeting of the NJ Commission on Environmental Education
And Interagency Work Group AGENDA
Wednesday, March 11, 2009
NJDEP Headquarters, Trenton
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Public Hearing Room, 1st Floor**

9:00 a.m.	COFFEE AND TEA	
9:30	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and opening remarks• Group introductions	Dale Rosselet, Chair
9:45	Business Items and Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• January meeting notes (draft)• Review agenda/new business items• ANJEE retreat reminder• Report on NJCEE/IWG web site activity	Dale Rosselet Tanya Oznowich Marc Rogoff
10:00	<i>NJ Earth Day/Environmental Education Week Update</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on Web site contents and events	Tanya Oznowich
10:10-	<i>Federal Legislation Update</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report on status of <i>No Child Left Inside</i> Act• Update on EPA Office of Education• National Environmental Education Act 2010 budget Appropriation and NEEA reauthorization• Update on University Sustainability Grants Program	Pat Skelly
10:30	<i>Plan of Action Update</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Status of draft POA pieces and content• Timeframe for plan for public access• Next steps	Dale Rosselet
10:55	BREAK	
11:10	Special Presentation: <i>Sustainable Jersey Model</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Overview of model- Overview of public education section- Questions and group discussion	Winnie Fatton Municipal Land Use Center @ the College of New Jersey
11:35 a.m.	Meeting wrap up and closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Round-robin reports on spring EE efforts• Logistics for next meeting• Closing remarks	Dale Rosselet
12:00 noon	Departure	

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Attendance:

NJCEE: Tanya Oznowich, Barbara Rich, John Shiffranski, Iris Duffield, Marie Downes, John Lysko, Dale Rosselet, Jim Shissias, Rich Belcher, Derek Shennell,

IWG: Marc Rogoff, Ray Nichols, Laura Scatena, Elizabeth Faircloth,

Public/guests: Winnie Fatton, Pat Skelly,

(Employees from DEP attended to see Winnie Fattons' presentation)

Business Items and Updates

- January meeting notes (draft) - No quorum – vote on drafts postponed
- ANJEE retreat reminder - Camp Okinikon in Medford lakes, theme is on EE and Sustainability, 35 people expected.
- Report on NJCEE/IWG web site activity – Figures available upon request

NJ Earth Day/Environmental Education Week Update

- Update on Web site contents and events – No new material added since last meeting.
- Commissioner Mauriello expressed interest in what the dept can be involved in. He will be attending several events. (He is scheduled to attend our June meeting.) It is our intention to include current trends in EE on the EE Week page. Request members to promote www.earthdaynj.org site. PSEG GreenFest will be attended by Tanya and Marc doing presentations, exhibits and workshops. Liberty State Park will be hosting one on the 18th that we will have DEP/NJCEE handouts as well. ANJEC may also be able to assist with promoting the site. (Tags on emails, homepage links, and other promo attempts from members.) Tanya will write a demo email that will go out to members to use to promote the site. EE proclamation will be signed by Gov. Corzine. Suggestions: Gov's website may be able to link to the proclamation. Local School boards can adopt proclamation. Local proclamations can be encouraged – we can send out a sample. Get message to League of Municipalities "Green Future" group and School Boards Association, Science Teachers Assoc. and Principals and Supervisors, county Superintendents. Any other suggestions are welcome.

Federal Legislation Update

- Report on status of *No Child Left Inside* Act – Pat: House passed stand-alone bill. Intent is to insert it into larger Elementary & Secondary Education Act. See website for all requirements. Want it to pass bi-partisan. States need to have an Environmental Literacy plan to receive moneys from NCLI bill. Bill proposes \$100,000,000 over a 5 year period to be used for development of Environmental Literacy plan and implementation.
Suggestions: Invite local representatives to your EE events. This will make them aware that these things are happening. (Get the word out!) If you have a EE connection, go to the website and sign on as a coalition member. Not just educators.
- Update on EPA Office of Education – funded thru National EE Act (expired 8 yrs ago) Supposed to be funded up to 14 million. Monies have been found due to public pressure over the last few years it has been under 9 million. A letter to be sent to Director Jackson will request full funding. Contact Pat Skelly for more information. This money is direct from EPA to nature centers, schools, municipalities, training, PD, etc.
- National Environmental Education Act 2010 budget, Appropriation and NEEA reauthorization - not presented

- Update on University Sustainability Grants Program – passed past fall. Monies for any university including pre-service education. Email Pat Skelly for full details. Info can be posted at the ANJEE site.

Plan of Action Update

- Status of draft POA pieces and content – Handout distributed on strategic planning section. 28 priorities of what the Commission wants to implement. Input from members is being sought. We have a law and founding legislation. The state currently has budget constraints and staffing issues. We will not be asking the state for funding, but federal monies are being planned for education and environmental issues. NJCEE is attached to a state agency that can not advocate. Formal education implementation is being modified. It is our job to watchdog these changes as a commission and report to the Governors’ office with advice on environmental education. There are references in the handout that strengthen to commission, and utilize the federal attention to EE. Strategies will include the commission, DEP staff, ANJEE, the EE directory, measurable indicators, etc. Theme sections are finished.
- Timeframe for plan for public access -
- Next steps -

Special Presentation: Winnie Fattouh Municipal Land Use Center @ the College of New Jersey ***Sustainable Jersey Model www.sustainablejersey.com***

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Meeting wrap up and closing remarks

- Round-robin reports on spring EE efforts
- NJCEE is a co-sponsor of the Afterschool Alliance – see handout.
- Look for AP article on kids outdoors
- NJEA Review – Elizabeth placed add for PLT – keep copies if you get it for her. www.newjerseyplt.org
- Rich Belcher: Assoc of Cons. Districts and Dept. of Ag – new tool for kids – soil tunnel – 15x16 ft area. Available for sign out through soil conservations districts. Will be on display at the NJ Envirothon.
- Logistics for next meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 here, no meeting in April