

**Joint Meeting of the NJ Commission on Environmental Education  
And Interagency Work Group AGENDA  
Wednesday, October 27, 2010  
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
DEP Headquarters  
Public Hearing Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Trenton, New Jersey**

**9:00 a.m. Coffee/tea and condiments**

**9:30 a.m. Opening Remarks**

- Welcome and introductions
- **MOTION** to accept September meeting notes (draft)
- Review agenda/new business items, if any

*Dale Rosselet,  
Chair*

**9:45 National and State EE Updates**

- Federal EE related legislation update
- Federal EETAP grant initiatives/EE capacity building
- ANJEE update: EE conference and awards
- ANJEE update: EE/Sus. Ed. grant opportunity/ELP Update
- ANJEE update: 25-year anniversary plans

*Pat Skelly or Anne Galli  
Tanya Oznowich  
Elizabeth Faircloth  
Roberta Hunter or Tanya  
Elizabeth and Tanya*

**10:15 NJ Outdoor Bill of Rights**

- Contents and purpose, history of development
- Current status and next steps
- Group discussion and Q/A

*Kelly Mooij, Director of  
Government Relations,  
New Jersey Audubon*

**10:30 Call to Action - Committee Update**

- Status of A *Call to Action* plan and appointments process
- Status of Web site piece (EE vignettes/EE cap. Bldg. model)

*Dale Rosselet  
Tanya Oznowich*

**10:40 NJ EE Week/Earth Day - Committee Update**

- Status of *NJ Environmental Primer*
- National EE Week dates

*Tanya Oznowich*

**10:45 NJ EE Leadership Forum – Committee Update**

- Status and review of forum plans (draft plan)
- Basic logistics, committee members and next steps

*Dale and Tanya*

**11:00 BREAK**

**11:10 Featured Presentation: *Sustainable Jersey!***

- Purpose, history and overview of the model
- Education tools – what is offered, what is being done, future
- Group discussion and Q/A

*Winnie Fatton  
Project Manager,  
Sustainable Jersey, Inc.*

**11:50 Updates and Wrap Up**

- Logistics and speaker for December meeting
- Meeting highlights, 2011 meeting schedule, wrap up

*Dale Rosselet*

**Joint Meeting of the NJ Commission on Environmental Education  
And Interagency Work Group DRAFT NOTES  
Tuesday, October 27, 2010**

**Attendance:**

**NJCEE:** Tanya Oznovich, Rich Belcher, Iris Duffield, Dale Rosselet, John Shafransky, Jim Shissias, Barbara Rich, Derek Shendell, Bruce Barbour

**IWG:** Marc Rogoff, Ray Nichols, Kyra Hoffmann, Elizabeth Faircloth,

**Public/Guests/Nominees:** Kelly Mooij, Mike Chodruff, Winnie Fatton, Katherine Fatton, Athena Sarafides, Crystal Owensby

**Opening Remarks**

- Welcome and introductions
- **MOTION:** September meeting notes (draft) – No Quorum
- Review agenda/new business items, if any – no comments or additions to agenda

**National and State EE Updates**

- Federal EE related legislation update – deferred to next meeting
- Federal EETAP grant initiatives/EE capacity building  
*EPA federal funds* – capacity building model (1970's) – states being tracked thru 1990's. See “*Building Blocks*” document. EETAP fundings have been suspended. NAAEE uses funds for staff for state needs. NJ will participate with this group – *Affiliate Network*. Tanya is on the steering committee at the national level. The *Call to Action* is designed to support these models.  
*Dale* – capacity building does support the structure that allows states to evaluate their progress.
- ANJEE update: EE conference and awards  
26<sup>th</sup> conference – Wyndham in Plainsboro. Call for Proposals closed – over 30 presenters. Still working on a keynote. Promotion materials have been distributed. ANJEE exhibited at the NJSTA and will be at NJEA next month. Early bird registration is still in effect. [www.anjee.net](http://www.anjee.net)  
*Dale* – commission members can help promote...(See the site or the ANJEE facebook page.)
- ANJEE update: EE/Sus. Ed. grant opportunity/ELP Update  
PSE&G offering grant moneys for EE in NJ. An agreement has been signed. Small grants to schools and non-profits – focus on sustainability and science for school students. As part of the ELP - Env used across the curriculum. ~\$50,000 each for 2 years total for distribution – individual grants will be determined per application. Information will be distributed when available.
- ANJEE update: 25-year anniversary plans  
Ongoing plans to recognize this milestone. Next ANJEE meeting is Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Looking for ideas for fundraising opportunities. Timeline for 2011 (see NJCEE site) indicates ANJEE conference and leadership retreat.

**Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights**      *Kelly Mooij, Director of Government Relations, NJ Audubon*

- Getting kids outdoors and fostering stewardship – key aspects of the program – based on other states publications. Partnered with sports groups, hunters, fishers, etc. Received bi-partisan support from the legislation. (*Assembly – not yet introduced in the senate*) 10 sponsors since early July. Looking for more sponsors and partners. [www.njaudubon.org](http://www.njaudubon.org) – education link (Bill AR103)  
*Dale* – What role can the commission play?  
*Tanya* – could the ANJEE conference be used as a good roll-out event? Could we modify the BOR language to be used as a municipal/community declaration or proclamation? Could we utilize ANJEC? If so, environmental commission members could introduce them at council meetings for passage during spring events. All events can could be promoted at [www.EarthDayNJ.org](http://www.EarthDayNJ.org).

**Kelly** – Bill can be introduced in the senate. The assemblyman from the Plainsboro area can be contacted to attend the ANJEE conference for the PR. Having students at an event will make it even more press friendly.

**Winnie** – Sustainable Jersey could partner to promote and offer options to commissions to also support and get involved. Municipalities are always looking for the points.

**Ray** – Env commissions lead time is usually a month or more – starting now would be important. Staff at ANJEC could handle distribution of information. Statewide alliance thru Dept of Health may also be a good distribution option.

**Elizabeth** – NJ Shade Tree commissions can help. **Get Outdoors** campaign may be another partner.

**Tanya** – Cooperative Extension and soil conservation districts may also be a partner.

**Rich** – Can be promoted thru other DOA education partners too.

**Derek** – funding may be available from health/university community.

**Dale** – link and any new info will be sent to members

### **Call to Action - Committee Update**

- **NJCEE Appointments Process**

Ongoing – Kelly from NJ Audubon approached Gov's office with intent of speeding up the process. Members have received notices. Members are asked to send any updated info to Dale. Internal process for IAW will follow from DEP Commissioner Martin to other department leaders.

- Status of Web site piece (EE vignettes)

John S. will be reviewing the document and work with Marc to complete

### **NJ EE Week/Earth Day - Committee Update**

- Status of **NJ Environmental Primer** - no update

- National EE Week dates are established and NJ web site has been updated to reflect them

### **NJ EE Leadership Forum – Committee Update** (discussion postponed until December meeting)

- Status and review of forum plans (draft plan)

- Basic logistics, committee members and next steps

- Committee will present at the December meeting!

### **Featured Presentation: Sustainable Jersey – Ed. Update**

- Purpose, history and overview of the model – see ppt.
- Education tools – what is offered, what is being done, future
- Group discussion and Q/A (Link to ppt here)

**Winnie Fatton**

**Project Manager,**

**Sustainable Jersey, Inc.**

### **Updates and Wrap Up**

- **Logistics and speaker for December meeting:**

Next meeting: December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – featured speaker: **GreenFaith**

- Feb. date should be held at the PSE&G nuclear power plant

- **Ongoing EE initiative and project updates from group:**

Elizabeth – PLT project in Newark (**PLT Green Schools Grant and Workshop**)

Barb – ANJEC conf a success (**Environmental Congress**)

Rich – **Envirothon** at North Jersey location in 2011

Winnie – Science/Sustainability course for Vo-Tech schools (**Green Job Vocational Program**)

Mike – Next Phase - living building challenge (**Willow School**)

Bruce – Recruitment mode for 2011 class (**Rutgers Environmental Stewards Program**)

Submitted by M. Rogoff, December 2, 2010