



MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP

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2012

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ANNUAL REPORT

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The commission continues, at the request of Mayor and Town Council to work with the New Jersey Barnegat Bay Estuary Program to help protect the bay and water shed. Manchester took part in the Barnegat Bay Blitz for the past two years.

Our annual Earth Day project expanded this year to include all grades first through fifth. Our annual event is for our township elementary students to draw their version of how to save the planet on a brown grocery bag which we provide the schools. After the work is completed we return the bags to our township supermarkets and they use them on Earth Day for their customers, the residents enjoy this and look forward to this every year. This year again the commission supplied the schools with fun but educational handouts, activities for the students to do and learn about the environment, provided to us from the EPA. We ask that the teachers do activities with the students in class and students also take message home to their parents as part of the Earth Day annual projects.

The commission continues to review applications before the Zoning Board of Adjustment at their request to comment on the possible waiver of an Environmental Impact Study at their applicant's request. We review the applications and also visit the site to determine if the request can be granted or should be denied.

We feel we have been extremely helpful to ZBA, protected the environmental sensitive areas of Manchester in question for change of use to be granted by ZBA

and continue to provide the residents of Manchester a quality of life, with the recommendations that we have supplied the board.

Our commission was asked by our Town Council to review and make recommendations on several ordinances being considered by Council for adoption.

To include: Wind Energy Ordinance, for allowing wind mills
Idling Zones & Regulations, stronger regulations
Invasive Plants, prevent spread beyond original boundaries

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Our annual Earth Day project continues to be a huge success. This yearly event is for all township elementary students to create their version of how to save the planet, recycle and make a better environment, on a brown grocery bag which we provide the schools. After the work is completed we return the bags to our township supermarkets and they use them on Earth Day for their customers, the residents enjoy this and look forward to this every year.

The Commission continues to work with the Barnegat Bay Estuary program, many precautions taken since super storm Sandy, shell fish beds being re-opened.

Due to the on going problem Manchester has regarding township businesses reporting recycling, the Commission suggested to include required recycling hauler on each business mercantile license application renewed yearly. Forms were improve to include this information. This was a tremendous help to the township recycling coordinator in reporting tonnage.

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This year we had residents of Leisure Village West, concerned with the after math of Super Storm Sandy determining flood zones in Manchester Township. The commission worked with Art Albine, Emergency Management, he provided us with the most recent maps from FEMA. We did determine that certain streets in Leisure Village West were listed in flood zones and informed the resident of this information so they can act accordingly.

In trying to increase recycling and recycling reporting, the Commission invited the Manchester Recycling Coordinator to our meeting to discuss problems she found in monthly tonnage reports. One problem is getting recycling haulers for businesses to supply their information to the town. The Commission suggested that we change the township application for Mercantile Licenses to include the recycling hauler information as a requirement. This application can then be copied to the Coordinator to follow up on collection and tonnage reporting.

The Commission continues to review Environmental Impact Studies at the request of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and we have reached out to the Planning Board to do the same if it is needed by them.

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MEMBERS

Michael DiGiore – Chairperson

Bill Foor – Vice Chairperson

William Cook Member

Peggy Middaugh Member

Marianne Borthwick – Member & Commission Secretary

MEETINGS

The Manchester Township Environmental Commission (EC) met four times in 2016: January 21, April 21, July 21 and October 20. The January meeting was a Regular and Organization Meeting. At that meeting, the new members, William Cooke and Bill Foor were sworn in and Mr. Foor was elected the EC Vice Chairperson.

EC Activities

The EC reviewed the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Flood Guidelines, the Route 37 Economic Corridor Development Report, the Heritage Minerals Redevelopment Proposal, the proposal to amend the New Jersey State Plan Impervious Surface requirements, and a Zoning Board of Adjustment Application regarding a proposed residential development on Washington Avenue.

The EC also discussed the need to update the Manchester Township Environmental Resource Inventory, provided input to the Township Administrator regarding the Canada Geese control problem at Township lakes and continued to participate in the Barnegat Bay National Estuary Program.

In April, Chairperson DiGiore met with Mayor Palmer to discuss the role of the EC. At this meeting Chairperson DiGiore explained that the EC is comprised of extremely knowledgeable, qualified individuals and is a valuable resource for the Township. Mayor Palmer and Chairperson DiGiore also discussed Manchester Ordinance Chapter 16, Article 1, which among other things, states that every

application for development within the Pinelands Area submitted to the Planning Board shall be referred to the EC for review. The need for additional EC members was also discussed.

Earth Day

The EC once again partnered with Manchester Shop Rite and the Township Elementary Schools on the Earth Day project whereby Shop Rite donates brown paper bags for art class students to decorate with environmentally-themed drawings. These bags are then distributed to customers.