

# Montclair Environmental Commission

## Goals for 2015

### Trees (Deb Ellis, Barbara Hedeem)

- Begin implementation of year one of the Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP), pending state approval.
  - Celebrate Arbor Day by distributing 500 native trees to residents in conjunction with State Forestry program (CFMP) (DE, others)
  - Develop educational material for distribution at Arbor Day (CFMP) (DE)
  - Conduct educational programming informing public of benefits of native tree species through a spring and fall nature walk (CFMP) (DE)
- Move forward with Partners for Fish and Wildlife habitat restoration and tree-planting project involving Bonsal Preserve, Yantacaw Brook Park, and Carey's Woods (BH)
- Potential overhaul of shade tree preservation ordinance. Enforcement and communication with tree contractors needs to be worked out (Imke Oster).

### Waste Management (Barbara Hedeem, Deb Ellis)

- Partner with the business community to increase recycling and reduce plastic bag and styrofoam use. (BH, LL)
- Begin recycling program for cans/bottles on sports fields (DE)
- Continue to work with schools to work towards Sustainable Jersey goals. (CS)

### Energy Use & Efficiency (James Sherman, Lyle Landon, Gray Russell)

- Work with the community aggregation consultant to write the RFP for third party energy suppliers and create a communication plan to residents and businesses.

### Water & Open Space (Lyle Landon, Keith Brodock)

- Explore potential for green building codes (KB)
- Environmental checklist for planning board (KB)
- Explore possibility of conducting a new Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) as it has been 10 years since the last.
- Look at open space donation at 15 Lenape Trail (MS, LL)

### Streetscapes (Martin Schwartz)

- Continue with existing Streetscapes initiatives.

### **Outreach and Involvement (Siobhan McCarthy, Corliss Sprung)**

- Work with the Education Subcommittee to have a presence at the upcoming Community Learning Fair. (CS, SM)
- Increase promotion of events and local information on the website and social media. (SM)
- Participate in ANJEC events (LL)
- Research other potential opportunities (eg. Booths/sponsorship/presence at other Montclair events, ex. African American Heritage parade and festival, Jazz House)

### **General**

- Request a suggested list of relevant grants to pursue.
- Increase outreach and involvement, participation in ANJEC events
- Increase PR coverage beyond the Montclair Times, such as to Ch. 34. (LL, SM)
- Examine the Sustainable Jersey Action requirements and identify those that can further MEC's identified priorities (CS, GR, JF)