

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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Annual Report for 2019-2020

2019 Accomplishments

The Franklin Township Environmental Commission accomplished the following during 2019:

- Endorsed and assisted with the annual Community Well Testing program. Met with the Well Testing Coordinator from Raritan Headwaters to review findings particular to Franklin Township, Hunterdon County. As a result of those findings, updated publicity to focus on arsenic and general well testing. The number of those participating in well testing increased slightly over prior years.
- Worked with Princeton Hydro on possible solutions and resolution of issues with Rogers Pond and associated dam. Determined that without proper funding to remove the dam, not much is possible. Will continue to focus on improving the surrounding park.
- Conducted a Shredding Day at the Municipal Building in conjunction with the County.
- Continued to inform the community of upcoming Environmental Conferences and Opportunities in the area.
- Continued development of a handbook for Township residents with information on living in a rural community: *“Living in Rural Franklin Township”*.
- Had 1 representative on the Land Use Board.

2020 Accomplishments

The Franklin Township Environmental Commission was unable to meet during 2020 due to Covid restrictions. However, the Commission did accomplish the following :

- Endorsed and assisted with the annual Community Well Testing program. 27 wells were tested.

Plans for 2021

The Environmental Commission is anticipating the following goals for 2021:

- Sustainable Jersey Re-Certification
- Annual Community Well Testing program
- Arbor Day tree distribution
- Educate the community on the recycling and use of single use plastics
- Plan for an environmental community day activity in 2022

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