

# FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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## Annual Report for 2023

### 2023 Accomplishments

The Franklin Township Environmental Commission accomplished the following during 2023:

- 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 the general need for well testing and published results on website. The number of those participating in well testing was consistent with prior years.
- Conducted a 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Tree Sapling giveaway in conjunction with NJ DEP. This year we had 500 trees to give away and were assisted by Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts from Franklin Township.
- Applied for 3 grants for funding Environmental needs in the Township and was awarded 1 of the grants for \$2,000 from Sustainable Jersey for the purchase of supplies for the Environmental Commission.
- Performed an environmental assessment of the Solar Farm application before the Land Use Board, presented findings, and participated in meetings with vendor and Land Use Board.
- Reviewed and commented on the Stormwater Ordinance.
- Participated in the Township's Trunk or Treat, sponsoring a Trunk or Treasure box to collect candy wrappers for recycling into dog toys. After the Trunk or Treat event, the box was available at the Franklin Township School for 2 weeks before returning to the sponsor.
- Partnered with Rutgers to evaluate the possibility of rain gardens at the new municipal building. This is still in progress.
- Established a collection box at the Municipal Building for used ink cartridges to be returned for reimbursement to the Township.
- Participated in the Central Jersey ANJEC gathering and Central Jersey Sustainable Hunterdon Municipal Hub to highlight the Commission's activities and gain contacts in other municipalities.
- Had 2 representatives on the Land Use Board.
- Provided articles for the Township newsletter.
- Began activities for Sustainable Jersey re-certification in 2024.

### Plans for 2024

The Environmental Commission is anticipating the following goals for 2024:

- Sustainable Jersey Re-Certification
- Annual Community Well Testing program
- Annual tree sapling distribution
- Educate the community on ways to recycle, particularly what is available in the Township, as well as how to create meadows and other no-mow habitats on their property.

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