

CLINTON TOWNSHIP

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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2024 Annual Report

This document provides an overview of the key accomplishments of the Clinton Township Environmental Commission (CTEC) and Green Team during 2024 as well as proposed goals for 2025.

CTEC 2024 Members

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Sandra Millward
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Green Team 2024 Members

Mario Caballero
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CTEC Mission Statement:

The Clinton Township Environmental Commission seeks to protect and improve the quality of our land, water, air, flora and fauna by advising Clinton Township on actions and policies of sustainability and environmental protection. Through education and outreach, the Commission seeks to inspire our community to incorporate environmentally responsible practices in their daily lives.

2024 Accomplishments

' Grants Received

- Raritan Woods & Waterways Grant Program - Raritan Headwaters

' Operational Goals

- Increased collaboration with surrounding ECs and Green Teams
- Organized Green Fair & EV Car Show in collaboration with the Town of Clinton, Readington Township, and the Clinton Township School District.
- Formation of Site Plan Review subcommittee for timely review of new building/site plan.
- Established Road Salt Water Monitoring program

➤ Local Events

- Raritan Headwaters Stream Cleanup event (April) - Round Valley Reservoir and Bray's Hill Preserve
- Organized Bulk Tree Planting at Melik's Bridge in collaboration with Americorps Watershed Ambassador (May).
- Partnered with a local non-profit organization, Basecamp, to host a litter cleanup event in the spring. Collected over 800 lbs of litter (May).
- Educational Walks – Maple Sugaring Class at Echo Hill (February 24); Mushroom Identification Classes at Windy Acres (May 18 & May 26); Beaver Brook Nature and Historic Walk (June 9).
- Collaborated with Raritan Headwaters to organize Well Water Testing events
- Support of the NJ Transit Adopt-a-Station Program (Annandale Station).
- Participated in the CTSD Science Fair.
- Collaborated with NJ DEP on the E.Coli tracking study on the Rockaway Creek (Windy Acres)

➤ Partnerships

- Environmental Science Club at North Hunterdon High School
- Hunterdon County Environmental Sustainability & Engineering Academy
- New Jersey Electric Vehicle Association

2025 Goals

- Reorganize both the EC and Green Team with new chairpersons
- Submit Sustainable Jersey recertification for Bronze level
- Organize Green Fair & EV Car Show
- Champion EV Charger Installation at Bundt Park
- Organize Tree Planting at Prostack West with Raritan Headwaters in April
- Organize Tree Planting at Windy Acres in May with reforestation and native plant identification signs
- Install tree identification signs at Windy Acres

- Install new kiosk maps at Windy Acres highlighting environmental initiatives
- Coordinate with girl scout troop for kestrel boxes and signage at Windy Acres
- Collaborate with the Open Space Committee to install a weather station and monitor the weather online.
- Organize Township clean-up events
- Establish at Rain Garden in collaboration with AmeriCorps New Jersey Watershed Ambassadors Program
- Partnership with Clinton Township School District
- Manage Annandale Train Station 'NJ Transit Adopt-a-Station' Program (up to 4 clean-up events per year)
- Participate in Earth Day and Community Day events
- Review of site plans by the review subcommittee