



Kingwood Township Environmental Commission

2012 Objectives

February 28, 2012

Chairperson: Debbie Kratzer

Vice-Chair: Lois Voronin

Secretary: Cynthia Keller

Grant(s)

If grant opportunities become available, write grant proposals to obtain funding for one or more EC projects:

Possibly: * Native plants/trees/garden * Riparian restoration

Recycling

outreach & education

Provide volunteers for Saturday morning hours.

Remove unacceptable items when possible.

Address problems of 1) unacceptable items being left and 2) wind-blown recyclables scattered around area.

Open Space/Parks & Recreation

Coordinate maintenance of Native Plant Rain Garden at Kingwood Park.

Work with the Open Space Committee and Parks & Recreation Committee on the following:

- * Invasives species evaluation & removal on Township-owned properties.
- * Trail maintenance.
- * Develop Long Term Management Plan for Horseshoe Bend Park.
- * Tree & native plant gardens on Township-owned properties.

Ordinances

Provide assistance to the Township Committee, Planning Bd. and/or Bd. of Health on developing or revising ordinances related to environmental concerns as needed (may include wind energy, septic, environmental assessment, threatened & endangered species and lighting ordinances).

Outreach/Education

Keep updated on new environmental information and environmental regulations and provide this information to the Township Committee, Planning Board, etc.

Expand public environmental education and outreach, including the Kingwood Township website, Kingwood Community Day and an EC newsletter; including required stormwater education points and possibly to address protecting riparian habitats, septic systems, damage from ATVs and deer overpopulation.

Sponsor speakers on environmental topics and/or EC roundtable at EC meetings.

Continue environmental education/stream monitoring with students in Kingwood Twp. School.

Continue to cultivate working relationship with community organizations for conservation projects such as roadside cleanups and recycling day assistance.

Site Plan Review

Summarize and present information to the Planning Board concerning environmental features on sites proposed for development.

Surface Water

Cooperate with and support implementation project(s) for Lockatong and Wickecheoke Watersheds Restoration and Protection Plan (stormwater control pre- and post-assessment and implementation).

Ground Water

Coordinate well testing for arsenic, a naturally occurring carcinogen commonly found in Kingwood's ground water.

Coordinate well testing and septic pumping during community day.

Meetings/Courses

Participate in regional group meetings, including SWAC, Lockatong/Wickecheoke Committee and possibly others.

Share information about meetings & courses of interest. EC member will attend when possible & appropriate.