

Kingwood Township Environmental Commission 2013 Objectives

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# Provide assistance to the Township Committee, Planning Bd. Etc.

- \* environmental issues related to proposed pipeline.
- \* ordinances related to environmental concerns as needed.
- \* updates on new environmental information and environmental regulations.

### **Open Space/Parks & Recreation**

- \* Riparian buffer restoration of Lockatong Creek at Kingwood Park & preserved farms
- \* Maintain Native Plant Rain Garden at Kingwood Park.
- \* Stewardship of Kugler Woods property (owned by NJDEP).
- \* Work with the Open Space Committee and Parks & Recreation Committee on the following:
  - Work towards managing fields at Horseshoe Bend Park to benefit rare and threatened birds and butterflies.
  - \* Trail planning, building, improvement and maintenance projects.
  - Evaluate & remove invasive species on Township-owned properties.
  - Encourage the use of native trees & plants on Township-owned properties (& prohibit invasives).

## **Outreach/Education**

- \* Comment to FERC, DRBC and others on environmental impacts of proposed pipeline.
- \* Assist property owners in proposed pipeline route in identifying and protecting environmental resources.
- \* Provide public environmental education and outreach, including the Kingwood Township website, Kingwood Community Day; including required stormwater education points and other topics.
- \* Sponsor speakers on environmental topics at EC meetings.
- \* Continue to cultivate working relationship with community organizations for conservation projects such as roadside cleanups and recycling day assistance.

### Recycling

- \* Provide outreach & education about recycling, including flyers and the web site.
- \* Provide volunteers for Saturday morning hours.

### Site Plan Review

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

### Surface Water

Cooperate with NJWSA and support implementation projects for Lockatong and Wickecheoke Watersheds Restoration and Protection Plan (stormwater control implementation and assessment).

### Sustainability

Assist Sustainability Team to complete steps for Kingwood to achieve Sustainable Jersey Certification.

### **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.