



# Kingwood Township Environmental Commission

## 2021 Objectives

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**Secretary:** Debra Hutton  
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### **Advise Township Committee, Boards and Committees on:**

- \* Environmental issues
- \* Ordinances (environmental impacts or protection), such as prohibiting planting invasive species
- \* Development proposals
- \* Municipal activities
- \* Update Environmental Resource Inventory

### **Stewardship of Municipal Open Space**

- \* Develop stewardship plan and establish regular stewardship volunteer days.
- \* Work with Parks & Rec and volunteers to plan and implement appropriate meadow management at Horseshoe Bend Park (e.g. mowing schedule every 3 years to benefit rare and threatened birds and butterflies) and trails.
- \* Riparian buffer tree plantings at Kingwood Park & Melnyk and Ukarish preserved farms
  - Add to plantings using township funding if available
  - Maintain previously planted trees.
- \* Maintain native plant rain garden at Kingwood Park.
- \* Other, such as removal of invasive species.

### **Outreach/Education**

- \* Comment to FERC, DRBC and others on environmental impacts of proposed PennEast pipeline.
- \* Provide public environmental education and outreach, including the Kingwood Township website; including required stormwater education points and other topics.
- \* Sponsor speakers on environmental topics at EC meetings.
- \* Coordinate well testing and septic pumping during community day.
- \* Continue to cultivate working relationship with community organizations for conservation projects such as roadside cleanups and recycling day assistance.

### **Recycling**

- \* Promote proper recycling.

### **Sustainability**

- \* Assist Kingwood Green Team to maintain Sustainable Jersey Bronze Certification.

### **Meetings/Courses**

- \* When possible, participate in regional or state-wide meetings on topics relevant to the Kingwood's environmental issues and share information.