

2023

Environmental Commission Annual Report



Accomplishments Summary

This year the Bloomfield Environmental Commission (BEC) applied focus to working collaboratively with township staff and community outreach to further environmental initiatives on behalf of the residents of Bloomfield.

Members

- Cailyn Bruno (Chair)
- Sophie Sawyer
- Nick Joanow (Council liaison)
- Flint Kinkade
- Susan Marano
- John Evangelista
- Rich Moseson
- Greg Babula (PB liaison)

Goal	Details	Outcome
Finalize Environmental Resource Inventory	Report baselining Bloomfield's environmental threats and assets in accordance with NJ Municipal Land Use Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided to planner for inclusion into the new Master Plan • Created a digital ERI for public use
Review ordinances for areas of improvement	Focused on codes where residents were getting citations for eco-friendly landscaping practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinance No. 23-39 Invasive Plants • Initiated collaboration with the Health Department to encourage pollinator gardens
More community outreach	Identified opportunities to provide education to residents and collaborate with schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported Trees for Schools grant effort • Contributions to Bloomfield Buzz • Photo contest • Earth Day

Issues Investigated

leaf blowers, invasive species, native plants, food waste, microforests, reuse of oddly shaped town-owned lots, brownfields, plastics, resiliency planning tool, light pollution

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