

2024

Environmental Commission Annual Report



Accomplishments Summary

In 2024, the Bloomfield Environmental Commission (BEC) continued to focus on 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)
- Rodney Cauthen

Activity	Details	Outcome
Supported the Green Team in the Sustainable Jersey Recertification	The EC updated the Brownfield Inventory; ERI; Heat Island Assessment; Innovative Projects; among other actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bloomfield was recertified as a Bronze Sustainable Jersey community
Collaboration with the Health Department on the "Plant a Pollinator" initiative	Supported the HD in a community-wide eco-friendly landscaping program and hosted an informational webinar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 residents registered for HD program • 49 registrants for an informational workshop conducted in partnership with HD, Beautification Committee, and Essex County Native Plant Society
Schools collaboration	Worked regularly with the liaison to schools to identify opportunity for collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in teacher training for climate change • Provided resources for student education • Supported sustainability and educational initiatives

Issues Investigated

leaf blowers, excessive heat, heat island effect, stormwater, real-time climate monitoring and dashboarding, pollinator gardens

Acknowledgements

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