



# Kingwood Township Environmental Commission

## 2011 Objectives

January 31, 2011

**Chairperson:** Debbie Kratzer

**Vice-Chair:** Lois Voronin

**Secretary:** Cynthia Keller

### **Grant(s)**

Complete requirements of ANJEC grant for Open Space & Recreation Plan.

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**

An EC member is the township's recycling coordinator.

\* attends SWAC meetings \* collects & submits recycling figures to the state

\* coordinates pick-up of recycling bins when full \* 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**

Work with the Open Space Committee and Parks & Recreation Committee to:

\* Update Open Space & Recreation Plan. \* Use GIS to rank properties for potential preservation.

\* Tree & native plant gardens on Township-owned properties. \* Conservation Easement markers.

\* Invasives species evaluation & removal on Township-owned properties. \* Trail maintenance.

### **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, damage from ATVs and deer overpopulation.

Sponsor speakers on environmental topics at EC meetings (possibly native plant gardening, deer, and USTs).

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.

### **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 representative will attend when possible & appropriate.