



Environmental Commission  
**Township of Teaneck**  
Bergen County, NJ

### **2023 Annual Report and 2024 Goals**

The following 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Goals of the Teaneck Environmental Commission were approved during the Environmental Commission Zoom meeting held on Wednesday April 17, 2024, 7:30 pm.

#### **2023 Environmental Commission Annual Report:**

- May 21. The EC participated in the Bergen County Earthfest in Overpeck Park. The table included a recycling game to guess which plastics *were not* recyclable and a compost bin demonstration and an EC volunteer sign up.
- November-December 2024. The EC reviewed the first draft of an updated Teaneck Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI). The updated ERI will be completed in 2024.
- October -December 2023. FDU Student Survey of Teaneck Township Residents: Garbage, Recycling and Composting [insert hyperlinks to detailed and summary reports pending posts on Town Website]. The EC collaborated with FDU graduate students to develop the survey. The Survey was promoted on the Township Website, Nixle and email communications, social media and through Teaneck Community organizations. Preliminary results were presented to the Town council by FDU graduate students on 11.21.2023. Based on the survey findings, the EC will continue to work with Teaneck Township Manager and Council to explore alternative options cost effective for residents, the Township and reduce the adverse environmental impact of the current system. FDU students analyzed the results. A Summary and Detailed Report are attached.
- [Beyond Pesticides](#) presented to the EC on 9.20.2023 and to the Township Council on 01.09.2024 about municipal organic land pest management and information about their collaborations with municipalities to implement organic public land demonstration projects [slides are attached].
- Beginning November 2023 EC worked with the DPW to draft a policy documenting an integrated approach to public green grounds and maintenance that includes efficient landscape design, minimization of water consumption, utilization of recycled materials and compost, and eliminating use of synthetic and chemical fertilizers for Teaneck's turf management program. [Resolution 54-2024 Teaneck Township Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy](#), was adopted by the Council on February 27, 2024.

- The EC unanimously voted to request the Teaneck Town Council pass two Resolutions issued the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC). Both were officially adopted by the Teaneck Council on 12.12.2023. On 12.15.2023, the Teaneck Township Clerk e-mailed both to ANJEC to send to the NJ State legislature:
  - [Teaneck Council Resolution 356-2023](#): SUPPORTING CONTINUATION of CORPORATE BUSINESS TAX (CBT) AT 2023 RATE TO FUND CRITICAL OPEN SPACE, FARMLAND, HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND HAZARDOUS SITE CLEANUP FUNDING
  - [Teaneck Council Resolution 355-2023](#). OPPOSING THE EXPANSION OF THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE
- After months of delays due to a stretch of rainy Sundays, the EC and Teaneck DPW invited residents to Town Clean Up on December 17. Together, the EC and DPW promoted the event through the Township website, Nixle, social media and through Community organizations. Despite the drizzly, chilly weather, over 40 Teaneck adults and children participated. The DPW staff provided shuttle buses to the Clean Up locations, all pick up equipment and a Pizza party after the Clean-up. A significant amount of trash was picked up along Palisades Avenue, E. Forest Avenue and Windsor Road. Clean up dates are scheduled for April 14 and October 6, 2024.

### **2024 Teaneck Environmental Commission Goals:**

- Complete Update of Teaneck Environmental Resource Inventory
- Organize and implement two Township Clean Ups with the Teaneck DPW
- Update the Environmental Commission webpage
- Provide Public Education on topics such as recycling, composting, resident lawn management
- Seek funding for Pocket Park initiatives to improve resident access and/or usability of Teaneck open spaces