

**Manchester Township Environmental Commission  
Annual Report 2023**

**Goals 2023:**

**GOAL 1:** Continue working with the Manchester Green Team to achieve Sustainable Jersey Bronze or Silver Certification; participate in “Green Day” event and attempt to include it in a larger Township event; and organize a cleanup of open space; consider partnering with Pinelands Preservation Alliance.

**GOAL 2:** Continue to provide timely recommendations to the Planning Board on Development Applications and Areas in Need of Redevelopment.

**GOAL 3:** Improve communication and develop a relationship with the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

**GOAL 4:** Continue to hold regular educational presentations on topics of public interest at our Meetings.

**GOAL 5:** Promote recreational use of open space in Manchester and develop a relationship with the Township’s Open Space Committee.

**GOAL 6:** Review and make recommendations on the Township’s Master Plan.

**GOAL 7:** Review and make recommendations on the Township’s updated Storm Water Management guidelines, and continue educating the community on the importance of Green Infrastructure.

- o Facilitate installation of rain gardens throughout the town.

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Goal	Recommendation and Actions from EC	Date	Action
	<a href="#">Proposed ordinance for abandoned and vacant store fronts.</a>	2/23	No action from council
7	<a href="#">Recommendation to adopt stormwater regulations</a>	4/23	?
6	<a href="#">Master plan recommendations</a>	11/23	Will be considered at the next master plan meeting (TBD)
1	Earth Day Cleanup - Pine Lake Park - Save Barnegat Bay	4/15/23	
1	Fall Cleanup - Property Manchester Township Rec. Fields - MTPW brought in the heavy machinery - Save Barnegat Bay	11/18/23	
1	Earth Day Coloring Challenge for Manchester Township Students - Gift cards provided by Gen - Trophies provided by township - Winners chosen by Amanda	4/23	Awards given by mayor
	Updating the Zoning Map as per Master Plan changes	5/23	?
	<a href="#">Updating the Ordinance for Trees</a>	5/23	?
	Redevelopment Project Discussion -Stavola Property - Not transparent correspondence between Pinelands commission on development of the forested area of the property - Pine snake studies were allegedly conducted, no information was provided by the developer - Forested area to be developed into warehouses	ongoing	Approved by council

**Current Projects and Recommendations**

[Spreadsheet of projects and recommendations](#)