



CHATHAM BOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
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The Environmental Commission engaged in numerous activities during 2007 that the Commission hopes improved the environment of Chatham Borough. The following is a brief summary of the highlights of 2007.

In April and again in October, Commission members volunteered at the Borough Recycling Center during its Saturday morning hours. By assisting at the Center, the Commission increased resident awareness of the Commission and of proper recycling procedures. In response to citizen requests, textile recycling has been added to the Center.

The Commission completed the Environmental Resources Inventory, which is expected to be published in 2008 and is anticipated to be integrated into the new Master Plan for the Borough. The Commission also evaluated several Eagle Scout projects including the newly constructed trail, bridges and information signs in Wuhalah Woods.

The Commission plans to conduct its Annual Trail Cleanup in April, provide educational materials and activities at Fishawack Day in June, and provide assistance at the Recycling Center in the spring and fall. The Commission has also begun researching environmentally sustainable purchasing guidelines for the Borough.

Through its liaisons to the Borough Council, Planning Board, and former Open Space Committee, the Environmental Commission stays active and informed on issues with potential environmental impacts within the Borough and its surrounding areas. In addition, the Commission maintains contact with other entities with an environmental interest, including: The Shade Tree Commission, the Department of Public Works; Environmental Commissions from neighboring municipalities; Borough civic and religious groups with environmental interests; local watershed, surface water and groundwater protection groups; State and County road maintenance departments; and others. The Commission continues to conduct research on environmental issues of local interest, including air quality, wellhead and aquifer protection, and municipal land use ordinances.

The Commission thanks the Mayor, Borough Council, Administrator and Department of Public Works for their ongoing support of the Commission's programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Byrd, Chair