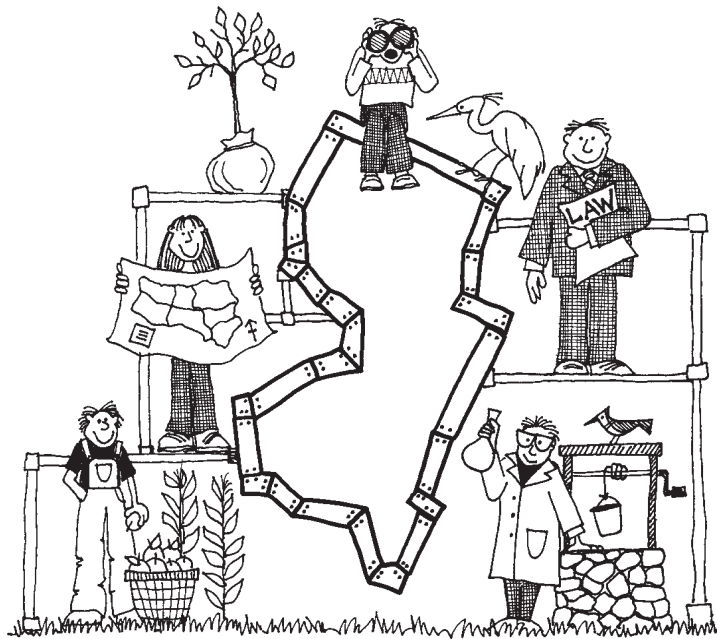


2006 Annual Report



GETTING THE JOB DONE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

theme of the 2006 Environmental Congress

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This has been a busy and productive year for ANJEC. Our dedicated staff members have worked effectively to fulfill the organization's mission, helping environmental commissioners, other local officials and interested citizens to protect natural resources and promote sustainable development. Working with local governments throughout NJ, ANJEC has become a spokesman for local interests in regional and state environmental policy. At the same time, our organization often helps municipal environmental commissions to see the larger regional or state perspectives on environmental issues.

We are constantly impressed by the efforts of environmental commissioners from every part of the state who volunteer their time to improve the environment of their towns. Their tireless efforts have forged creative and effective ways of addressing local problems that have become models for good planning and for pollution prevention.

ANJEC is proud to represent and support these commissions and to share in their successful efforts. We thank our supporters – foundations, corporations and individuals – who have generously given to ANJEC so that we can continue our important work. We hope you will contact us with suggestions for future projects and new directions that ANJEC can take.

Sandy Batty
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Executive Director

- With continued funding from the Dodge Foundation, ANJEC administered its fifth year of the Smart Growth Planning Assistance Grant Program for municipalities with environmental commissions. We selected 32 projects to receive grants totaling \$213,000, for which the municipalities must provide a one-to-one match.
- A total of nearly 1,000 people attended ANJEC's Environmental Congress, five sessions of training courses, 11 special subject seminars, and 15 road shows held throughout the year.
- In 2006, more than 9,000 visitors went to ANJEC's web site each month, an increase of 80 percent over the past two years.
- Our Resource Center developed new aids for commissions, including a customizable display and accompanying brochure on how to live sustainably; a customizable brochure explaining what environmental commissions do; and monthly news release templates that commissions can adapt and send to enhance their visibility and increase the public's awareness of the local environment.
- Over 75 people attended "Celebration of the Bayshore," which highlighted the accomplishments of the South Jersey Bayshore Coalition, including a buildout study for Millville, an environmental resource inventory and analysis by Rutgers' CRSSA, and work toward getting the region designated as a National Heritage Area. ANJEC coordinates the Coalition, which is composed of 17 environmental groups working to preserve the cultural heritage and environmental integrity of the Delaware Bayshore region.
- ANJEC updated its manual *Remediating and Redeveloping Brownfields in New Jersey* and its *Site Plan and Subdivision Review* Resource Paper, and produced a new publication, *Clean Water, Sewers, Septics and Sprawl*, which outlines key municipal actions to insure future clean water and sustainability.
- Hewlett-Packard gave ANJEC a grant of over \$16,000 in HP equipment that included six laptops, a projector, a digital camera, wireless router and printer/fax. Of the 200 equipment grants that HP awarded nationwide, ANJEC's was the only one to go to a New Jersey nonprofit organization.

For 38 years, ANJEC has supported the efforts of environmental commissions, other governmental officials and individuals interested in protecting the environment on the local level. We offer them assistance through our Resource Center, conferences, courses, publications and website.

Environmental Congress

Approximately 150 people attended this year's Environmental Congress "Getting the Job Done!" held at the Mercer County College Conference Center on October 28. State Senator Robert Martin, a long-time member of the New Jersey legislature, gave his views of the history of environmental legislation in the state and how to get necessary environmental laws passed. NJDEP Commissioner Lisa Jackson spoke on her department's initiatives during her first year as the head of the NJDEP. Thirty non-profits and two divisions of NJDEP co-sponsored the Congress, and many had exhibits for the attendees to learn more about their organizations. Workshops explored protecting resources through the State Plan; creating inventories of environmental resources, brownfields and open space; protecting streams; recycling; managing stormwater; conserving energy; effective environmental commission communication; commission successes; and groundwater studies. At the Congress, ANJEC gave environmental achievement awards to six commissions for exemplary projects completed over the last two years.

Courses

A total of 86 people attended three sessions of the annual Commissioners Course in Washington Township (Mercer), in Teaneck (Bergen) and in Egg Harbor Township (Atlantic). Given as an introductory course each spring, the sessions covered how to be an effective commission, environmental resource inventories, master plans and ordinances, and site plan review.

In the fall, ANJEC's Environmental Leadership Course targeted experienced environmental commissioners who have been on their commissions for several years or have taken our basic training. Twenty-two people attended at Duke Gardens in Hillsborough to hear presentations on leadership style, communications strategies, leading an effective commission and municipal government operations in NJ.

ANJEC presented 15 Road Shows, for which commissions chose the date, location and topics to be covered. A total of 230 people attended, including members of environmental commissions, town councils, planning and zoning boards, open space and shade tree committees, and the public. The topics generating the most interest were stormwater management, effective environmental commissions, site plan review, open space preservation and environmental resource inventories.

ANJEC held 12 workshops devoted to specific environmental topics of significance to local officials. Nearly 300 people attended to hear presentations on wastewater planning, computer mapping in brownfields remediation and in habitat protection, transfer of development rights, and protection efforts in the Highlands.

We also organized presentations for other organizations. These included three workshops for the Land Conservation Rally and training on local environmental protection at two sessions of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension's Environmental Stewardship Course.

Resource Center

Every day, ANJEC researches issues, provides sample ordinances and other resources, and answers questions on a wide range of topics from environmental commissions, local officials and interested people. Common queries in 2006 dealt with stormwater management, water quality and critical areas protection, environmental commission powers and operation, open space preservation, land use planning and site plan review. We provided sample ordinances for stormwater, trees, ATVs, steep slopes, wellhead protection and other environmental topics.

In late 2006, the Resource Center developed some new resources to offer as aids to commissions:

- A customizable display and accompanying brochure on how to live sustainably, emphasizing ways environmental commissions help create greener communities;
- A customizable brochure explaining what environmental commissions do;
- Monthly news release templates on topics that commissions can adapt and send to area media to enhance their visibility and to raise residents' awareness of the local environment.

Publications

In 2006 ANJEC updated and revised two publications.

- The manual *Remediating and Redeveloping Brownfields in New Jersey: A Guide for Municipalities and Community Organizations*, thanks to support from the Fund for New Jersey; and
- The Resource Paper *Site Plan and Subdivision Review: Environmental Analysis*, thanks to funding from the William Penn Foundation.

In addition, ANJEC produced *Clean Water, Sewers, Septics and Sprawl*, outlining key municipal actions to insure future clean water and sustainability. ANJEC sent copies of new and updated publications to all member environmental commissions and to their municipal governments.

More than 2,600 environmental commissioners, local officials and interested citizens receive the quarterly 20-page *ANJEC Report*. It offers a wide range of information on local and state environmental issues. The 2006 feature articles covered Environmental Resource Inventories, building public support, accomplishments of recipients of ANJEC's Smart Growth grants, the Highlands Regional Master Plan, eminent domain, clean energy, water quality and stormwater management, Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) and open space preservation. Regular columns highlight the urban environment, smart growth, environmental commission achievements and questions raised to ANJEC's Resource Center. The "Good Earthkeeping" column offers reproducible articles commissions can use to educate residents on topics such as green building, energy conservation, and composting.

ANJEC Web Site www.anjec.org

For many years ANJEC has offered information to its members and other interested New Jersey citizens through traditional publications. Today ANJEC's web site offers people throughout the world helpful information on local approaches to environmental issues. In 2006, more than 9,000 visitors went on ANJEC's web site each month, an increase of 80 percent over the past two years. The most popular pages are the downloadable publications, which include *ANJEC Reports* going back to 2000, ten Resource Papers and four manuals. In addition, six key web pages - on ANJEC workshops, environmental commissions, links to environmental organizations and government agencies and ANJEC contact information - received a total of more than 1,000 visits.

Planning Grants

Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation

With continued funding from the Dodge Foundation, ANJEC administered its fifth year of the Smart Growth Planning Assistance Grant Program in 2006. The Program offers matching reimbursement grants to NJ municipalities with environmental commissions for land use planning projects and studies that support resource conservation and capacity-based planning, and implement the vision of the *State Plan*. Since 2002, the Program has contributed nearly \$900,000 in matching grants to 90 towns across the state. Several towns have received more than one grant. This program is improving the environment directly, by facilitating better land use regulation in towns, and indirectly, by assuring involvement of environmental commissions in their local land use planning process.

From this year's pool of 74 proposals totaling \$780,000, ANJEC selected 32 projects. The 2006 grants totaled \$213,000, ranging from \$2000 to \$15,000 each. For each town, ANJEC developed an individualized grant agreement and schedule/task list, including regular community outreach through press releases, newsletter articles, community event booths, public information sessions and hearings.

2006 grantee municipalities are:

Hammononton (Atlantic), Teaneck and Tenafly (Bergen), Bordentown City, Mansfield, Moorestown and Southampton (Burlington), Voorhees (Camden), Cape May City (Cape May), Hopewell and Upper Deerfield (Cumberland), Livingston and Montclair (Essex), Bayonne and Jersey City (Hudson), East Windsor and Lawrence (Mercer), Milltown, North Brunswick, South Brunswick and Woodbridge (Middlesex), Little Silver, Red Bank and Upper Freehold (Monmouth), Boonton Twp. (Morris), Tuckerton (Ocean), Mannington and Pittsgrove (Salem), Andover Twp. (Sussex), Franklin and Hope (Warren).

The municipalities use their grant funds, in combination with in-kind services, municipal funds and other grants, to develop natural resource inventories, open space plans, greenway and bike/pedestrian plans, brownfield inventories, master plan and zoning revisions, and to do build-out analyses and other capacity studies.

State Plan

Victoria Foundation

ANJEC continued its ongoing monitoring of the activities of the State Planning Commission (SPC) and its staff in the Office of Smart Growth, which gained new leadership and vitality in 2006. ANJEC played an important role at SPC meetings, representing municipal environmental commissions and the public interest in State Planning. ANJEC monitored the Commission's progress on completing the third round of State Plan Cross-Acceptance and the redesign of the Plan Endorsement process. We publicized meetings and hearings to the affected municipalities and counties, and testified for improved processes and better public involvement in State Planning. ANJEC also provided extensive comment on the draft new Plan Endorsement Guidelines and is following progress on the next edition of the

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State Plan, due to be released late in 2007. Throughout the year, ANJEC updated its member commissions on the State Planning process via the *ANJEC Report* and email alerts.

ANJEC worked for greater involvement of the State Planning Commission's public members, proposing that at least one public member be present at each Cross-Acceptance hearing and urging the Governor to fill the open public seats on the Commission. ANJEC requested and got a public hearing on the Sussex County Plan Endorsement petition, where we urged the SPC to consider the importance of coordination with the Highlands Plan during Plan Endorsement. ANJEC continues to stress the importance of an Environmental Resource Inventory in municipal planning, and advocated for the SPC to require that towns develop an ERI as part of a petition for Plan Endorsement. The Office of Smart Growth has posted our ERI Resource Paper and sample municipal ERIs on its website.

South Jersey Bayshore

William Penn Foundation

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

ANJEC coordinates the South Jersey Bayshore Coalition, made up of 17 environmental groups working in the Delaware Bayshore region. The Coalition's mission is to preserve the cultural heritage and environmental integrity of the South Jersey Bayshore. On October 12, ANJEC organized the "Celebration of the Bayshore", attended by about 75 people. Before the Celebration, we had a sail on the *AJ Meerwald* with government officials and Coalition members. Congressman LoBiondo joined the sail and spoke at the reception at Cumberland County College. Other presentations highlighted the Coalition mission, goals and accomplishments, including a buildout study for Millville, an environmental resource inventory and analysis by Rutgers' CRSSA, and the work toward getting the area designated as a National Heritage Area.

ANJEC has launched a website for the South Jersey Bayshore Coalition, which can be found at www.sjbayshore.org. We also coordinate bi-monthly meetings, a contact list, and letters that the Coalition sends to state and federal legislators and regulators on regional issues.

To help towns in the Delaware Estuary area, ANJEC surveyed the commissions in Gloucester, Salem, Cape May and Cumberland Counties asking if they had an environmental resources inventory and, if so, how they were using it to protect sensitive resources through land use planning and zoning. The survey showed a direct correlation between commissions, ERIs and work protecting T&E habitat. The survey had the added benefit of helping us learn particular problems that commissions are facing. We followed the survey with a workshop tailored to give the commissions more information on using computer mapping to delineate habitats of threatened species. We continue to give the towns in the region support, advice and information, helping them to plan for preservation and sustainable development, obtain information for their ERIs, and adopt sample ordinances for resource protection.

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Highlands

Victoria Foundation

ANJEC is committed to assisting with the development and implementation of an effective Highlands Regional Master Plan. ANJEC representatives have attended the frequent meetings and hearings of the Highlands Council and its committees, providing testimony and comment. The Highlands Council released its Draft Highlands Regional Master Plan (RMP) for public review and comment on November 30, 2006, and also issued Technical Resource Papers to support the RMP. ANJEC analyzed the content of the draft RMP and the NJDEP Highlands regulations and their significance to local municipalities. We provided extensive comments on a variety of issues: limestone within the Highlands, mapping data, the municipal conformance process, agricultural topics and transfer of development rights.

Because the success of the Highlands protection effort depends on the active participation of the 88 municipalities and seven counties in the Highlands, ANJEC's monthly e-mail newsletter the *Highlands Herald*, provides local officials with timely updates, advice, and alerts on emergent issues. In addition, in June, ANJEC organized the workshop "NJ Highlands: Taking Planning to the Next Level" where 49 people heard an update on the Highlands Plan, the DEP regulations, and local planning that can supplement protection of natural resources. ANJEC has recommended that each municipality form a special working group to deal with the Highlands conformance process, which will begin after the Council adopts the final RMP, expected by the end of 2007.

Urban Program

Fund for New Jersey

Schumann Fund for New Jersey

Under our urban program, ANJEC worked to establish environmental commissions in New Jersey cities and developed communities and to support the network of existing urban commissions. ANJEC continued publishing its monthly e-mail newsletter, the *Green City Gazette* and the "ANJEC in the City" column of the *ANJEC Report*.

In July 2006, ANJEC hired its first full-time director for the urban initiative, Kerry Butch. She assisted commissions with resources on varied topics such as stormwater management, brownfields inventories, eminent domain, noise ordinances, geese control, as well as capacity building in order to create effective commissions.

Workshops and Road Shows were held in Newark, Trenton and Elizabeth. At two workshops in Newark, Mehmet Selcimis, of the Garfield Environmental Commission, gave hands-on training on using GIS to map brownfields. In July, over 175 people came to Trenton for "Coasting the Remediation Highway," a DEP conference that ANJEC cosponsored. With a small grant from the New York/New Jersey Harbor Estuary Program, ANJEC began a stormwater education program for auto repair shops and their customers in Newark. ANJEC has worked with partner organizations on both sides of the Hudson, building new relationships with New York organizations.

Water Resources

***Environmental Endowment for NJ
Mary Owen Borden Foundation
Trust for Public Land, Barnegat Bay Fund***

ANJEC continued its work to protect water resources through three different projects in 2006. ANJEC worked with NJDEP to provide hands-on computer training at four workshops about the GIS-based Landscape Project, which uses the presence of wildlife habitat to map the state's important habitat areas. This information, available at [i-MapNJ](#) on the NJDEP's web site, is useful for environmental resource inventories and planning. Habitat areas also often serve as prime recharge areas to replenish water supplies and decrease runoff.

Under an EPA Harbor Estuary grant, ANJEC worked to promote protection of the water resources of the New York/New Jersey Harbor region. From its initial focus of encouraging used oil recycling by auto businesses in the urban areas, the program has been extended to embrace other ways that residents can reduce nonpoint source pollution.

Under a grant from the Environmental Endowment for NJ, ANJEC encouraged municipalities to update their wastewater management plans, because almost all local plans in the state are out of date. ANJEC published a pamphlet explaining wastewater planning, which we sent to chairmen of all environmental commissions and planning boards in NJ. ANJEC also organized and held workshops on using wastewater management plans to plan for growth and preservation in communities. Twenty-seven people attended the workshop in Vineland in March and 12 people, representing six towns, attended the workshop in Barnegat Township in May.

Transfer of Development Rights

Fund for New Jersey

ANJEC actively tracked and monitored activities relating to the State TDR Act – adopted in 2004 as the first statewide TDR program in the nation. We reviewed and submitted comments on proposed regulations for performing a real estate market analysis and the revised regulations for administration of the state TDR Bank. ANJEC also attended a number of municipal meetings and met with local officials in towns that have received state funding to develop intra-municipal TDR demonstration projects. ANJEC has also provided input on development of the regional Highlands TDR Program, attending Highlands Council meetings and contributing to the TDR Technical Advisory Committee. ANJEC developed a position paper on the Highlands TDR program, posted it on our website, and forwarded it to the Highlands Council for consideration.

We have worked to inform municipalities about TDR. At two ANJEC workshops in the spring and fall over 60 attendees received extensive training and written materials on implementing the State TDR Act. ANJEC has drafted a Resource Paper describing the concept of TDR and how a municipality can implement it under the State Act.

Affordable Housing

A founder of the Coalition for Affordable Housing and the Environment (CAHE at www.cahenj.org) in 1997, ANJEC works to help environmental commissions, local residents and officials understand the value of pursuing thoughtful affordable housing plans that avoid the negative environmental impacts of large dense developments. ANJEC staff worked with housing, environmental and smart growth planning organizations to insure that the State Planning Commission's upcoming new Plan Endorsement will include environmentally-sensitive affordable housing requirements. One of ANJEC's five top web site pages is the *Affordable Housing* element of the *Smart Growth Survival Kit (PDF)*. This publication offers approaches for municipalities to achieve the state requirement and protect environmental resources. ANJEC also offered affordable housing information in the *ANJEC Report* and the two e-mail newsletters.

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Individuals, foundations, businesses and organizations all contribute to ANJEC's fundraising efforts. These generous donations help us continue to reach, inform and empower environmentalists throughout New Jersey. Highlights for 2006 include:

Trustee Challenge - Once again, the ANJEC Trustees and Advisory Council members rose to the occasion and topped our dollar goal for the 2006 Trustee Challenge, bringing in a total of \$7,295. This has helped us to increase the Candace Ashmun Endowment to ensure future financial security for the organization.

Hewlett Packard Donation – ANJEC was awarded a grant of over \$16,000 in HP equipment that included six laptops, a projector, a digital camera, wireless router and printer/fax. This donation helped ANJEC to update its equipment and increase its electronic mobility. HP awarded 200 equipment grants nationwide, and ANJEC was the only nonprofit organization in New Jersey to receive a grant.

Activities - This year, ANJEC offered several enjoyable activities for its members. We introduced a steamboat cruise in June on the Delaware, which proved to be very popular, with both sailings sold out. We continued booking sailings on the *AJ Meerwald*, the Delaware oyster schooner, when it cruised out of Liberty State Park and Palisades Interstate Park in July. We also had a Picnic and Silent Auction in September at Rutgers Gardens with a tour of the garden, refreshments and silent auction following. Donors were generous in giving goods and services, resulting in an impressive array for the silent auction.

Earth Share New Jersey - ANJEC continued its affiliation with Earth Share New Jersey. This group, which encourages giving through payroll deductions, is growing stronger every year. It provides another way to support the environment, and raises awareness about environmental issues. In 2006, ANJEC received \$4,006 through Earth Share New Jersey.

Memberships

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Earth Share New Jersey

2006 Support & Revenue

Project grants	\$551,324	70%
Membership	73,905	9%
Educational activities	18,530	2%
Publications	4,906	1%
Contributions	77,946	10%
Interest and endowment spending	45,398	6%
Donated equipment	17,426	2%
Other	1,234	<1%
Total Revenue	\$790,669	100%

Expenses

Program services		
Training & assistance	\$384,107	50%
Publications development	88,552	12%
Research	80,168	10%
Env'l group coordination	63,363	8%
Support services		
Management	98,280	13%
Fundraising	51,480	7%
Total Functional Expenses	\$765,950	100%
Operating income	\$24,719	

Investment Income

Gains on investments	\$ 42,722
Dividend income	\$ 3,498
Investment mgmt. fees	\$(1,726)
Net Investment Income	\$ 44,494
	<u>\$ 69,214</u>

The complete audited Financial Statement is available upon request.

ANJEC's MISSION

To promote the public interest in natural resource protection, sustainable development and reclamation, and support environmental commissions and open space committees working with citizens, local officials and non-profit organizations.

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