

Your Local Environmental Commission

Leading your town toward a greener, more sustainable future

Who we are

We are your neighbors—we live in your town and volunteer our time, energy and talents to help municipal government protect the environment, conserve natural resources and foster a more sustainable community.

How we make a difference

- Educate and inform residents about ways to protect the local environment and shrink their carbon footprint;
- Improve local decision making by integrating sustainable policies into local plans and projects;
- Help local boards understand the environmental consequences of land use decisions;
- Investigate environmental problems and offer solutions;
- Review site plans for potential environmental risks, i.e.: flooding, soil erosion, traffic congestion, etc.;
- Save tax dollars by serving as unpaid environmental consultants.

What we do

We are appointed by the mayor to serve on the Environmental Commission, an advisory body to municipal government. We meet at least monthly to:

- Inventory and monitor environmental resources;
- Advocate for planned open space preservation;
- Help explain and interpret county, regional and state environmental programs and regulations for other local officials;
- Research and propose ordinances to protect the environment, i.e.: tree protection, green building, pesticide reduction, stormwater management, water quality, habitat preservation, etc.;
- Review site plans and advise land use boards on the environmental impact of proposed developments;
- Issue press releases, develop brochures, hold events, etc. to keep the public informed.
- Work with municipal officials to convey local concerns to state government.

How you can help

Volunteers are always needed to help defend the environment in our community.

Call _____ to get involved!