

ANDOVER TOWNSHIP Environmental Commission

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Date: February 6, 2009

To: Bob Smith, Mayor
Township Committee

From: Lois J. de Vries, Chair

RE: 2008 Annual Report

Projects Completed

Applied for and received ANJEC Smart Growth Grant - \$11,000 – Lois de Vries

January- June, Open Space Plan – Lois de Vries, Dan Freed, Gail Phoebus, Diane Gillespie, and consultant Barbara Davis, Morris Land Conservancy;
complete prior ANJEC Smart Growth Grant Project

October 24 – Detention Basin Habitat Restoration, Planting Day - 5 detention basins planted by Commissioners Lois de Vries, Linda Hubbard, Harvey Hummel, Diane Gillespie, Bob Green, Kathryn Richardson, and Peter Spinney. Volunteers Mayor Gail Phoebus, Deputy Mayor Bob Smith, Township Engineer Joe Golden, Fred Gillespie, Bill and Sue Howell, Mike Morel, and US Fish and Wildlife Biologist Brian Marsh

2008 Stream monitoring project – Diane Gillespie, Fred Gillespie, William L. Howell and others

Applications Reviewed/Reports Submitted

Alma Lane
AN45Llc
WE Pineapples
Driveway Ordinance
Ethics Ordinance
Historical Marker
Managing the Gypsy Moth
Letter of Support for Open Space Committee

Training

Feb. 21 Land Ethics Symposium attended by Lois de Vries and Diane Gillespie

Meetings Attended

Jan. – Dec. All Planning Board meetings were attended by the at least one member of the Commission.

Jan. – Dec. All Township Committee meetings were attended by the Chair.

Jan. – Dec. Open Space Committee meetings were attended by Diane Gillespie and Lois de Vries.

July – Nov. Copy well logs and input data into spreadsheet for Hydrogeology Report – Lois de Vries, Diane Gillespie, and Dan Freed.

Jan. 21 – Meeting with Assemblywoman Allison McHose.

March 25 – Meeting with Sussex County Planning re: detention basins – Lois de Vries

July 22 – Meeting with resident Phil Cassels re: PSE&G power lines – Lois de Vries and Diane Gillespie.

Aug. 21 – Hydrogeology Report Kickoff meeting – Lois de Vries, Stan Christoldlous, Diane Gillespie, Alex Gilsenan, consultant Matt Mulhall, Dave Peifer, ANJEC.

Oct. 28 - Meeting with Assemblywoman Allison McHose and Chief of Staff Jeff Spatola.

Other

Ongoing discussions with Frelinghuysen Arboretum Superintendent of Education regarding joint symposium on detention basins – Lois de Vries

Ongoing stream monitoring – Diane and Fred Gillespie, Bill Howell, Peter Spinney, Linda Hubbard, Harvey Hummel, Bob Green

Ongoing meetings with US Fish and Wildlife Biologist Brian Marsh – Lois de Vries and Diane Gillespie.