

**Joint Meeting of the NJ Commission on Environmental Education
And Interagency Work Group AGENDA**

Tuesday, February 22, 2011

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**DEP Headquarters
Public Hearing Room, 1st Floor
Trenton, New Jersey**

9:00 a.m. Coffee/tea and condiments

9:30 a.m. Opening Remarks

- Welcome and introductions
- **MOTION** to accept December meeting notes (draft)
- Review agenda/new business items, if any

*John Shafransky,
Presiding Member*

9:40 Call to Action - Committee Update

- Status of A *Call to Action* plan, appointments and web site

Tanya & John

9:50 NJ EE Leadership Forum – Committee Update

- Update on committee discussion and recommendations
- Group discussion regarding location and program
- Next steps

Elizabeth & Pat

10:20 National and State EE Updates

- NCLI Act and coalition update
- EPA EE grant opportunity and NJELP application – update
- ANJEE update: EE conference and awards - update
- ANJEE update: EE/Sus. Ed. grant opportunity
- ANJEE update: 25-year anniversary plans
- ANJEE update: NJ EE Directory

*Pat Skelly
Tanya Oznowich
Elizabeth Faircloth
Elizabeth or Tanya
Tanya Oznowich
Marc Rogoff*

10:50 BREAK

11:00 Presentation #1: Green Acres 50th Anniversary

- Purpose, history and overview of Green Acres Program
- 50th anniversary plans
- Group discussion regarding EE inclusion; Q/A

*Martha Sullivan Sapp
Chief, Local and
Nonprofit Assistance
Tanya Oznowich*

11:25 Presentation #2: NJ Barnegat Bay Public Education

- Education efforts of Barnegat Bay Partnership & region
- DEP public education activities
- Group discussion regarding EE inclusion; Q/A

*Kyra Hoffmann
Outreach Specialist
Watershed Restoration*

11:50 a.m. Updates and Wrap Up

- Meeting highlights
- 2011 meeting schedule reminder & logistics for next meeting
- Wrap up and departure

John Shafransky

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Attendance:

NJCEE: Tanya Oznowich, John Shafranski, Jim Shissias, Derek Shendell

IWG: Marc Rogoff, Kyra Hoffmann, Ray Nichols, Elizabeth Faircloth

Public/Guests/Nominees: Mike Chodroff, Pat Skelly, Martha Sapp

Opening Remarks

- Welcome and introductions
- **MOTION** to accept December meeting notes (draft)
No quorum - will present e-motion to members
- Review agenda/new business items, if any – *none added*

*John Shafranski,
Presiding Member*

Call to Action - Committee Update

Tanya & John

- Status of *A Call to Action* plan, appointments and web site
CTA editing removed redundancy and updated it to include current state priorities and goals.
Dale will be forwarding it to the DEP Commissioner after she receives and finalizes it.
Discussion follows on needs for DEP/DOE Commissioners/Governors sign-off on CTA.
Appointments – waiting for Governors’ office input.

Mike suggested the following links on EE Research and Test Scores:

Link to the study:

<http://www.suite101.com/content/environmental-education-increases-academic-achievement-a254923>

Link to the site built by Mike Chodroff:

[http://web.me.com/mchods/NJASK_ & Environmental Education/Home.html](http://web.me.com/mchods/NJASK_&EnvironmentalEducation/Home.html)

National and State EE Updates

- NCLI Act and coalition update *Pat Skelly*
 - *NCLI* – close to 2000 members, but did not complete goal by end of year. (New congress make-up.) NCLI provisions will be embedded into ESEA. Need more cosponsors. Republicans are needed, as 2 were not reelected. Currently, if a state has an ELP, they will be eligible to receive moneys from the Federal Gov’t. unless this funding is removed. NJ DOE has been working to include EE in the academic standards.
- EPA EE grant opportunity and NJELP application – update *Tanya Oznowich*
 - Solicitation has not been announced yet, but should be soon.
- ANJEE update: EE conference and awards - update *Mike Chodroff*
 - Committee met last week to review feedback – very positive, Keynote was well received and plenty of hands-on workshops, see the website for the awards, photos, and other info. The venue allowed for great networking opportunities. Next year’s theme will focus on water.
 - New Facebook page has been posted and linked to the website.
- ANJEE update: EE/Sus. Ed. grant opportunity *Tanya Oznowich*
 - PSEG grant announcement is online. Joanne Dow is supervising the program. (PALS Grant) Recipients need to be in a partnership, i.e. school and a nature center. Go to ANJEE website for details. ANJEE Leadership retreat in March and commission and work group members are invited to attend.
- ANJEE update: 25-year anniversary plans *Tanya Oznowich*

- ANJEE will conduct a spring fundraising appeal to members, former members, EE providers, consultants, green vendors and companies, etc. In autumn ANJEE will hold a special banquet and awards program. Details will be shared for these activities throughout the year.
- ANJEE update: NJ EE Directory *Marc Rogoff*
 - ANJEE hired web designer Terri Karp at Web Developers Studio, to develop NJ's first searchable database for EE resources. Marc is working with ANJEE Vice President Joseph Caravella on directory design. Marc will keep commission and work group apprised of this initiative and its finalization.

NJ EE Leadership Forum – Committee Update

- Update on committee discussion and recommendations *Elizabeth & Pat*

The Burlington County Eco-Complex may serve as the host. The event will be held in early October or late September so that it does not conflict with other events. Based on the ELP's currently being developed by the New England states, NJ already has all the components in place, and just needs to bring them together and indicate they exist. The CTA will be the key aspect of the forum.
- Group discussion regarding location and program – TBA; time of year to be discussed and finalized by committee, online

Derek pointed out that teachers need ample prep time to arrange professional time to attend future conferences. Tanya pointed out that this forum is to be geared more toward county and school administrators than educators. EE practitioners are more aptly served at the ANJEE conference.

Presentation #1: Green Acres 50th Anniversary

- Purpose, history and overview of Green Acres Program *Martha Sullivan Sapp*
Chief, Local and Nonprofit Assistance

(Green Acres: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres>)
 NJ: 4.8 million acres – 1.4 million acres preserved by Green Acres Program.
 New Open Space map being created.
- 50th anniversary plans (<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/ga50>)
- Photo contests, new web address, displays, events, etc.

Presentation #2: NJ Barnegat Bay Public Education

- Education efforts of Barnegat Bay Partnership & region *Kyra Hoffmann*
Outreach Specialist
 - As no wastewater flows into the bay (municipalities pipe wastewater into the ocean), stormwater Runoff (NPS/water pollution) is the main source of pollution in the bay.

Governor's 10 point plan to restore the Bay – includes public education
 Barnegat Bay Partnership and other local groups are participating in this initiative.
 April 27th – Barnegat Bay Educators Round Table
<http://www.ocscd.org/2011rtflyer.pdf>
 June 5th – Barnegat Bay Festival
<http://bbp.ocean.edu/pages/208.asp>
- DEP public education activities – Tanya reviewed list of activities
<http://www.nj.gov/dep/barnegatbay>

Updates and Wrap Up

- Meeting highlights *John Shafransky*
- 2011 meeting schedule reminder & logistics for next meeting
 - May 17 – meeting at Willow School
 - June 15th – Barnegat Bay as a possible meeting location, site TBD (Kyra)
 - Meeting on November 15th will be at PSEG Environmental Center in Salem (Jim)