

Environmental Commission/Green Team Monthly Meeting May 2025

Dear Neighbors:

Happy Treasure Day Weekend! Buying used is a great thing for the environment. Let's get to the update.

Upcoming Events

Did you know it's best to keep as much water as you can on your property to help prevent polluting our waterways? Wondering how you can help with that? Start with a rain barrel!

What: Rain Barrel Info Session - FREE!

Who: Emma Melvin, Green Stormwater Infrastructure Program Manager, Office of Capital Programs, School District of Philadelphia

When: Monday, May 12, 2025, 7:00PM

Where: The Porch Club (213 Howard Street)

Note! This a time change from our usual monthly meeting at 7:30. There will be a short business meeting following the talk.

Are you in the Know?

If you know a neighbor who may want to sign-up for the Environmental Commission and Green Team monthly email (which is what you're reading now!), they can do so by texting the word NEWSLETTER to 888777. They will be prompted to share their email address. Or, you can [access this notice on the Borough website](#).

Save the Date

The Green Team and Environmental Commission will be the Porch Club on Saturday, May 17, from 10-2PM with abundant info and resources about getting started with native plants. Stop on by and say hello! This is part of the annual Garden Tour. [You can learn more about the Garden Tour and buy tickets here](#).

Repair Café, Burlington County Agricultural Center, 500 Centerton Rd, Moorestown, NJ 08057, in collaboration with regional Green Teams [Learn more about repair cafés here](#), and **let us know if you're interested in being a volunteer repair coach.**

Resource Spotlight (no pun intended...)

Did you know? Dark skies are a [natural resource](#)! [Learn more here about what you can do at home to help lessen light pollution.](#)

Looking for compost or manure? Check out [New Jersey ManureLink](#)!

Stuff to Do and Things to Learn

Attend an Earth Day Every Day webinar! Rutgers Environmental Stewards and the Marine Extension Program Seminar Series are partnering to offer six webinars in April and May on the theme “Some Good News: Environmental Success Stories in New Jersey.” [Learn more and register here \(free!\).](#)

A collective of Burlington County Green Teams will meet on Monday, June 2, at 6:30PM at the Lower Forge Brewery in Medford, NJ. Everyone is welcome! No need to be a formal member of the Green Team to join us.

Reading (and listening!) List

James Shepherd, MD, PhD, “Homegrown Diversity and Infectious Diseases,” *Biodiversity Protects*, Homegrown National Park, Accessed May 9, 2025, <https://homegrownnationalpark.org/homegrown-diversity-and-infectious-diseases/>.

Xerces Society, “Plastic Bands, Pesticides, and Deadly Drift: A Study on Mosquito Spray,” *Bug Banter*, April 1, 2025, <https://www.xerces.org/bug-banter/plastic-bands-pesticides-and-deadly-drift-study-on-mosquito-spray>. (Related resources environmentally friendly [home mosquito control here](#))

Upcoming Native Plant Sales

Have you heard? Planting native plants helps control stormwater, create habitat for beneficial insects and wildlife, trap carbon, save you in watering (especially after the first year), and more! [Learn more about their benefits from the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation](#) and [from our own website](#). You can plant them in the spring or fall, and since many are perennials, they come back year after year. [One of our other favorite resources on identifying great native plants for your garden is the Jersey-Friendly Yards website.](#)

Want to buy some native plants this spring and get started? Here are some upcoming sales:

As of May 9, Cedar Run has some native plants on super-sale! [Check them out while they last.](#) Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge is located at 4 Sawmill Road Medford, NJ 08055.

Through the fall, you can visit Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, 1635 River Rd, New Hope, PA 18938, and buy plants at their nursery. [Learn more about Bowman's Hill nursery here.](#)

Nature Neighbors—Q&A

Nature Neighbors will return next month! If you want to be featured or would like to suggest someone to feature for our Nature Neighbors Q&A, please email Nicole Belolan at nbelolan@gmail.com.

Social Media

You can follow us on social media for more regular updates.

Green Team Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/riverton_green_team/

Green Team Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Riverton-NJ-Green-Team/100082748494990/>

Environmental Commission Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RivertonEnvironmentalCommission/>

Borough Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RivertonNJ>

Borough Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/boroughofrivertonnj/>

We hope to see you Monday, May 12. Remember! 7PM!

Sincerely,

Kathy Simon and Nicole Belolan

Borough of Riverton Environmental Commission and Green Team

