

Environmental Commission/Green Team Monthly Update, August 2025

Dear Neighbors:

Happy summer!

Let's get to the update.

Upcoming Meeting

Attend our next Green Team and Environmental Commission meeting on Monday, August 11, at 7:30PM, at the Porch Club (213 Howard Street). We want to know what is one your mind.

Want to help? We are currently looking for a school and youth liaison, and outreach and education lead, a communications coordinator, and a data and impact analyst.

Everyone is welcome. Bring a neighbor.

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](#).

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 21, 2025, 1-4PM, Repair Café, Burlington County Agricultural Center, 500 Centerton Rd, Moorestown, NJ 08057, in collaboration with regional Green Teams. This event is FREE. Bring your broken jewelry, torn clothing, bicycles, and more, and we'll connect you with a repair coach who can help you fix stuff on site!

[Learn more about repair cafés here](#), and ***let us know if you're interested in being a volunteer repair coach. We still need folks to assist with small appliance repair and knife sharpening.***

What Have We Been Up To?

The Environmental Commission and Green Team, along with Council liaisons, have been listening to resident concerns and continue to research environmental issues such as pollution drift from Philadelphia and possible code violations at sites within the Borough.

The Environmental Commission and Green Team are exploring partnering with Burlington County and an engineering firm to conduct a climate change vulnerability assessment for Riverton. The goal is to identify key actions to help mitigate risks to the community.

We're also collaborating with the New Jersey Composting Council on developing a compost education and pilot program for Riverton residents—stay tuned for more information about this soon!

We have been getting around! In the past few weeks, we set up info tables at food truck events and Juneteenth. Come say hi at the next food truck event on Wednesday, September 17, 2025. We'll be debuting a few handouts for the kiddos!

Finally, we kicked off our Climate Change reading group in July. Are you interested in reading more about climate change and learning about what you can do to help? Join our climate change reading group! We will meet **every third Thursday** of the month through February 2026. We will meet at the Riverton Free Library from 7-8PM or at another Riverton location. You need not read the entire book or attend every session to participate! Free plus the cost of books. Register any time (including after July) by [filling out this form](#). Questions? Email Nicole at nbelolan@pm.me.

Books include: [What if We Get it Right?](#), [The End of Nature](#), [Nature's Best Hope](#), [Parable of the Sower](#), [This Changes Everything](#), [The Serviceberry](#), [The Floating Coast](#), and [An Environmental Leader's Toolkit](#).

This reading group was created in partnership with the Rutgers Environmental Stewards (RES) program. The program is funded by Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. For more information, visit envirostewards.rutgers.edu.

Stuff to Do

Learn more about the State of the Climate from the Rutgers-New Brunswick New Jersey Climate Change Resource Center on Thursday, August 21, 2025, 12-1PM. On-line. Free. [Register here](#).

Attend the 52nd Environmental Congress, hosted by the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC). This event will take place on Friday, October 10, 9AM-4PM, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, 35 Seminary Place, New Brunswick NJ. Cost: \$115/135. In-person. [Register here](#).

Enjoy visiting museums? Check out *Ecosystems at Risk: Threatened and Endangered in New Jersey*, an [exhibition at the State Museum of New Jersey](#), on view through March 15, 2026, 205 West State Street, Trenton, NJ, 08608. General admission is Free.

Things to Read

Want to learn more about stormwater management? Check out ANJEC's resource paper, "Stormwater Management for Municipalities: Green Infrastructure Designs and Options," [available here](#).

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](#).

Nature Neighbors—Q&A

Nature Neighbors will return next month.

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, August 11, at 7:30PM!

Sincerely,

Michael Gawbill and Nicole Belolan

Borough of Riverton Environmental Commission and Green Team

