

Environmental Commission/Green Team Monthly Update, May 2026

Dear Neighbors:

It's been raining, but we're still under a drought warning! Be sure to [continue conserving water](#) so this doesn't turn into a drought emergency. Let's get to the update.

Join Us for Our Next Meeting

Attend our next Green Team and Environmental Commission meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 7:30PM, at the Porch Club, 213 Howard Street.

Everyone is welcome. Bring a neighbor. You can just observe or get involved with our programming!

What can you do to cut down on mosquitoes safely?

Save Money and Save the Earth by Using BT dunks! Mosquito services typically target adult mosquitoes, whereas BT dunks target eggs and are more effective (and less harmful to beneficial insects and humans). Try using BT dunks to control mosquitos where you live, work, or volunteer.

- 1) Get a 2-gallon, black bucket (or a few).
- 2) Fill the bucket with water a bit more than halfway.
- 3) Add some hay, straw, or dead grass clippings.
- 4) Add a screen and/or a long stick so mammals don't get stuck in the bucket and place it near a spot that gets shade.
- 5) Secure the bucket if you have children (so they can't access the water).
- 6) Put the bucket in the sun so it develops algae and diatoms (which mosquito larvae eat).
- 7) Wait for mosquito larvae to come out and start wriggling.
- 8) Add a quarter of a bacillus thuringiensis (a bacterium) dunk per bucket.

Enjoy, and don't forget to remove other standing water from your property!

For more info, check out, [How Can I Help?: Saving Nature with Your Yard \(2025\)](#) (also available through the [Burlington County Library system](#)). See also "[Mosquito Bucket of Doom](#)" from Sidewalk Nature.

Help! I found a Baby Animal

Wondering what to do if you found a young animal that is not in its nest? Check out this website from Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge for [guidance on baby raccoons, rabbits songbirds, squirrels, and deer](#).

State-Wide Drought Warning

As noted above, we are still under a [state-wide drought warning](#). Some NJ DEP recommendations for conserving water include but are not limited to: limit watering grass; plant native plants; use rain barrels; and more! [Read more about it here](#).

Save the Date

Want to learn more about adding native plants to your landscape? Or, maybe you just want to tour some cool gardens. Save the date! Please Join us for our first ever Riverton Native Plant Garden tour. It is scheduled for Saturday, September 19 (rain date Sept. 20). We will also need volunteers to help. If you think you'll be available, please contact Councilwoman and Green Team Chair Nicole Belolan: nbelolan@riverton-nj.com.

Watch for upcoming volunteer opportunities and additional details!

Upcoming Events

One-off events

Extreme Heat and Protecting New Jersey's Unhoused Webinar, NJ Interagency Council on Climate Resilience (IAC) and the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey (HCDNNJ), Wednesday, June 3, 2026, 11:00AM-12:00PM. Free. [Register here](#).

Pinelands Short Course, Friday, July 17, 2026, 9:00AM-2:45PM, Stockton University, Hammonton, NJ. \$60. [Register here](#).

The regular season of the Burlington County Farmer's Market has begun. Check it out at the Burlington County Agricultural Center, 500 Centerdon Road, Moorestown, NJ, 08057, each Saturday, 8:30AM-1PM. [Learn more here](#).

[Native Plant Nursery, Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve](#), open through the fall, 1635 River Road, New Hope, PA, 18938.

Longer-term learning opportunities

Ecological Restoration: Principles, Practice & Local Action, four-part workshop with Bill Young, Tuesday's, June 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2026, 6:30PM-8:00PM, Zoom, Native Plant Society of New Jersey. \$160. [Register here](#).

What Have We Been Up To?

We tabled at the National Faith and Climate Forum at Mt. Zion AME Church on April 25 and on Thomas Ave. during Treasure Day on May 9. Thanks to everyone who came out to say hello!

Residents have recently raised concerns about litter, idling, and protecting dark skies. Passionate about any of those topics? Attend the next Environmental Commission and Green Team meeting to get involved!

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

Led by Borough Council member Edgar Wilburn, the Green Team and Environmental Commission have utilized grant funding from the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) to re-clear the walking trail along the Pompeston Creek at Riverton Memorial Park. Stop by to see the sustainable trail reinforcements that have been installed to reduce erosion and improve safety for residents! A special thank you to the St. Joseph's Prep Environmental Club for playing a key role in clearing the path and helping to install a sustainable ground layer in April. If you want to get involved in regular trail maintenance, let us know!

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

Things to Read and Listen To

[Bug Banter](#), Xerces Society Podcast.

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

Curious about how you and our community can manage climate change? Review Rutgers-New Brunswick New Jersey Climate Change Resource Center and the Nature Conservancy, "[New Jersey Nature-Based Solutions: Planning, Implementation, and Monitoring Reference Guide](#)," June 2025.

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](#).

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 **Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 7:30PM, at the Porch Club.**

Sincerely,

Michael Gawbill

Borough of Riverton Environmental Commission Chair and

Nicole Belolan

Green Team Chair and Borough of Riverton Councilwoman

