



## BAY HEAD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

May 1, 2016

The **Bay Head Environmental Commission** (BHEC) continued to make progress in the conservation and development of the natural resources in the Borough of Bay Head during the fiscal year ending April 30, 2016. Acting as the lead coordinating agency and public voice on conservation matters throughout the community, the BHEC performed many activities to inform and educate the public on relevant environmental issues including:

- Held monthly Commission meetings, open to the public, to discuss environmental issues pertaining to the Borough.
- Identify and raise awareness on important issues to be addressed in the future, such as building a natural shoreline along Twilight Lake, the need for additional dredging of Scow Ditch, and the environmental impact of flooding on the Borough.
- Researched and advised the Borough Council on environmental issues as they pertained to proposed resolutions, public inquires, and Borough business.
- Published "Timely Topics" on a monthly basis. Each Timely Topic highlights an important environmental issue in the community and provides tips/suggestions for improvement.
- Participated in "Blitz Bay Head" spring cleanup day, working with the Bay Head Fire Department in organizing and promoting the town-wide event.
- Hosted a joint meeting with the *Mantoloking Environmental Commission* to discuss important topics of common interest to both communities, such as protecting Barnegat Bay.
- Assisted in passing a Complete Streets resolution for Bay Head working with Bay Head's "GO Bay Head" Mayors Wellness Campaign.
- Spearheaded the passing of a "No Smoking" on public grounds ordinance in Bay Head.
- Attended and participated in continuing education courses, such as the ANJEC conference, in order to remain current regarding statewide environmental issues and learn of actions being taken by other New Jersey communities.
- Helped organize and participated in a town-wide walk to the Bay Head Recycling Center during the summer which included a tour and presentation on the recycling facilities, the Bay Head "Patch" Town Garden, and the Bay Head local lending book library.
- Sponsored *Pill-Drop Day* to dispose of unwanted or expired prescription drugs working with the Bay Head Police Department.
- Provided information to the public in the town-wide spring mailing regarding the need to keep catch-basins clean and to remove mulch from public streets.
- Organized, planned, and directed Bay Head's efforts to obtain Sustainable Jersey Certification.
- Working with Mantoloking EC, helped to plan and organize several public outreach workshops including sessions on low-water use landscaping and dune restoration efforts.