

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION & SUSTAINABLE MONTGOMERY

2021 In Review
2022 Goals

Overview

- ▶ Environmental Commission formed in 1969 as “Conservation Commission”
- ▶ 2021 EC membership
 - ▶ 7 members
 - ▶ 2 alternates
 - ▶ 1 advisor
- ▶ 10 virtual meetings in 2021
- ▶ 2021 Priorities:
 - ▶ Sustainable Jersey recertification
 - ▶ Raise awareness of flooding & stormwater management
 - ▶ Promote River Friendly certification for businesses & residents
 - ▶ Develop environmental awards
 - ▶ Review site plans
 - ▶ Earth Day

Sustainable Jersey

- ▶ Township continuously certified since 2009 (inception of SJ)
- ▶ Achieved silver level certification in 2021
- ▶ **455 points** (highest point total ever for Montgomery)
 - ▶ Community Ed. & Outreach (rain barrel workshop, Trails Day, stream cleanup)
 - ▶ Shade Tree Committee's tree planting program
 - ▶ Annual Earth Day celebration
 - ▶ Farmers Market
 - ▶ Township communications & transparency on website
 - ▶ Enhanced stormwater management ord.



Earth Day celebrations

- ▶ April 25 giveaways

- ▶ shopping totes, reusable produce bags, LED lightbulbs, tree seedlings



- ▶ June 13 recycling event

- ▶ Metal, paper shredding, electronics
- ▶ Donations to charitable orgs.



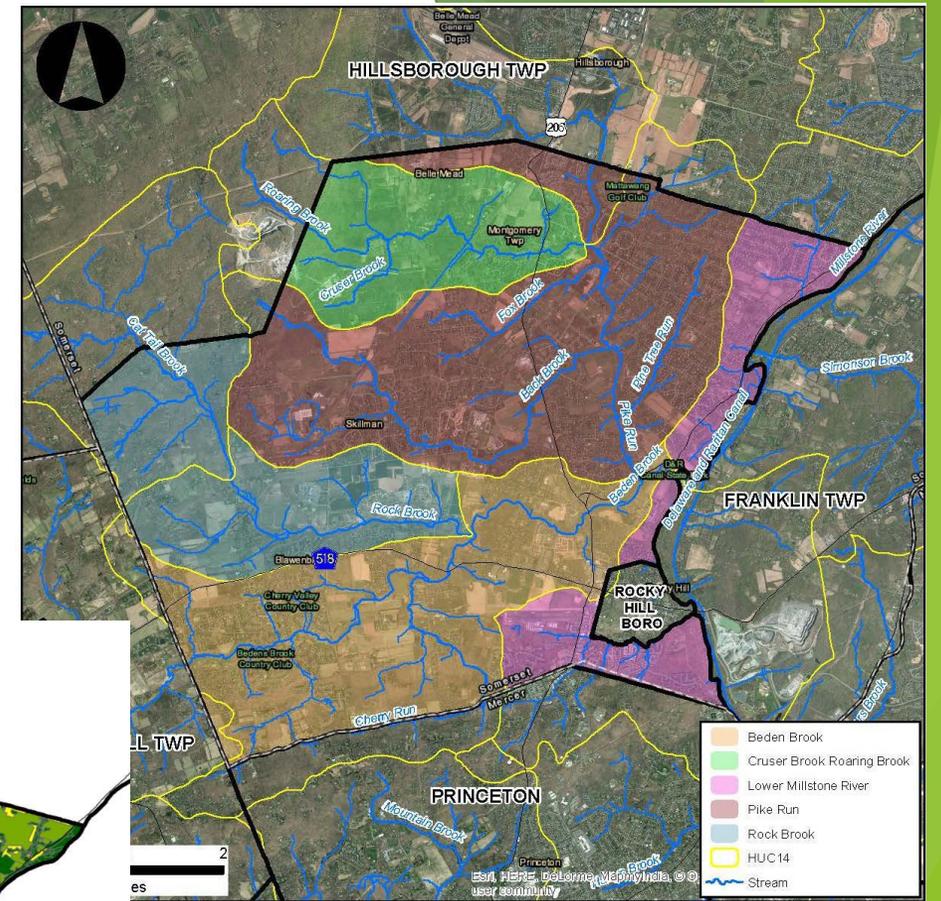
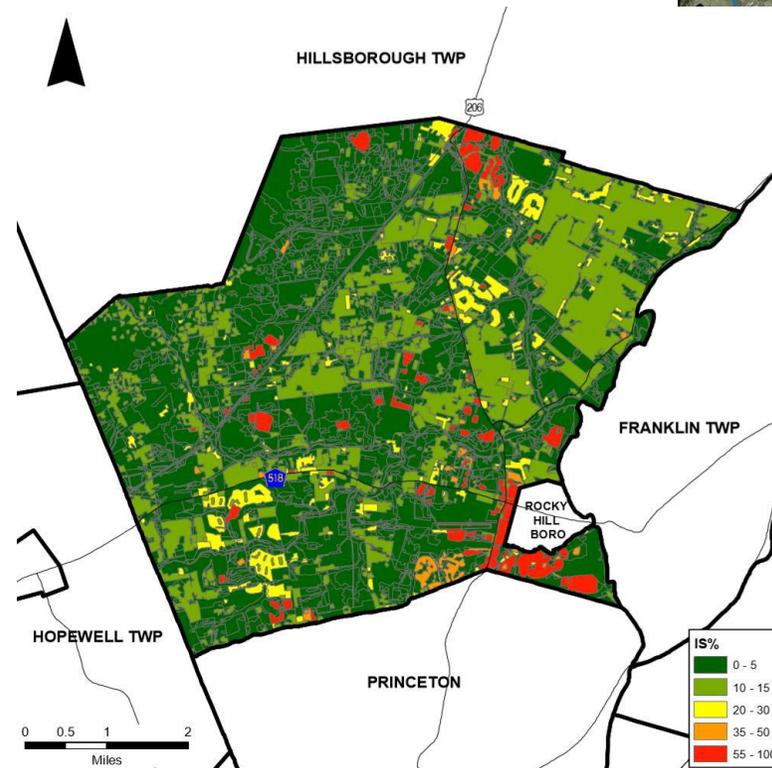
Community Outreach & Education

- ▶ April 24: stream cleanup at Hobler Park
- ▶ June 23: virtual rain barrel workshop
- ▶ September: Ash tree removal / re-planting e-bulletin (co-authored with Shade Tree)
- ▶ October 16: Farmers Market



Watershed Institute partnership

- ▶ Annual stream cleanup
- ▶ Feedback on stormwater management ordinance
- ▶ Advising HOAs on basin maintenance
- ▶ River Friendly certification outreach
- ▶ Impervious coverage assessment



Environmental Awards

- ▶ Recognized:
 - ▶ 3 individuals
 - ▶ 2 businesses
 - ▶ 1 non-profit



2022 Goals

- ▶ Host Earth Day celebration
- ▶ Promote River Friendly
- ▶ Continue Environmental Awards
- ▶ Develop outreach materials for businesses and residents for upcoming Plastic Pollution Reduction Act (starting May 4)
- ▶ Educate residents about flooding, stormwater management
- ▶ Provide advice on sustainability initiatives at new Municipal Complex



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BAGS
WHEN YOU SHOP!**
BagUpNJ.com



Starting this May, NJ law bans grocery stores from providing plastic and paper bags.

Don't wait. Start bringing reusable bags now.

To reduce litter, NJ Law mandates that plastic straws can only be provided upon request starting November 4, 2021

SKIP THE STRAW!

So, **SKIP THE STRAW** or bring a reusable one.

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