

# ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES – 2025

### MISSION STATEMENT:

*To provide and improve on environmental opportunities for all the residents of Medford, striving to maintain equality and fair use in all aspects of the program offerings.*

### MEMBERS: ( Note – 2 Open Positions )

Deborah Evans, Co-Chairwoman

Sandy Krueger

Alice Levas

Brian Pelloni

Pola Galie – Chairwoman

Angela Sforza – *Township Liaison*

Ed Tenthoff - *Secretary*

Ileen Wright – *Green Team*

### LONG TERM GOALS:

1. Champion the cause and continue to provide information, support, and recommendations to Council to satisfy the open space needs for residents.
2. Tree City Certification Program – maintain certification year to year.
3. Review of major site plans to ensure environmental issues are addressed
4. Council has adopted a comprehensive Tree Ordinance. Continue Education.
5. Maintain and extend Sustainable Jersey Application.

### ANNUAL GOALS:

1. Sustainability Certification – Compile data for the application for the re-certification process due in 2025. Certification brings qualification for grant application and potential funding of environmental initiatives benefiting the community as well as access to educational and support training and education.
2. Educational/Big Picture Goal – link recycling and smart property management into lasting program. Prepare and present to HOAs and other interested groups to drive awareness of property waste (leaves/debris) and options to co-exist with nature to prevent spontaneous wildfires. Continue with Educational programs annually on various timely subjects.
  - a. Next Annual Program Date: April 8, 2025
3. Support Arbor Day Event at a selected Medford Elementary School. April Date to be finalized.
4. Hartford Crossing Mountain Bike Park –Support Multi-use Park for low impact recreation activities with emphasis on Hiking and add an Interpretive Trail Element.
5. Open Space Reconciliation – ROSI. The state has accepted the current submission. The committee will work on amending it to add additional properties, notably the Centennial Lakes Open Space areas. Focus on complete streets and bike paths.
6. Adopt A Drain Program. As part of a greater program for stormwater management, this program is a public / private collaboration with volunteers offering to help clean up and document the removal

of debris and litter from storm drains as well as report additional problems spotted to the township. It will help to have a positive impact on addressing stormwater and maintenance issues as well as increase citizen participation.

- 7 Support Green Team Initiatives.
9. Tree City 2025 Filing 46 Years as a Tree City!
10. Work with Sunrise Rotary on a collaborative project with tree planting.
11. Maintain Calendar of Events with key deadlines for EAAC Programs.
12. Clean Communities / Town Yard Sale Participation and Support. April 12, 2025. Continuing Partnership with the Women's Club of Medford.
13. Continued Community Education of the Medford Tree Ordinance, work with council to clarify roles and responsibilities of the EAAC.
- 14 Continue Single Use plastic bag recycling and reclamation to TREX resulting in benches for the community. 5000 lbs. has already been collected resulting in 8 benches We are well on the way to a 9<sup>th</sup> bench. Freedom Barks and Cub Scout Troop 26 are major partners. There are collection boxes EMS 258, the Township Building / Library, Senior Center at Cranberry Hall, Love Thy Nature Refillery and Lower Forge Brewery. Other Organizations have also partnered with collections.
15. Work with Council to update handbook and identify means to attract interested residents to apply for Appointment to the EAAC.

#### **MEETING DATES:**

January 14, 2025  
February 11, 2025  
March 11, 2025  
April 8, 2025, *No Meeting. Community Education Event*  
May 13, 2025  
June 10, 2025  
July 8, 2025  
August 12, 2025  
September 9, 2025  
October 14, 2025  
November 10, 2025 (Change in Observance of Veterans' Day)  
December 9, 2025

*All Meetings are held at Township Hall, 7:00 pm unless otherwise posted. Members of the Public Welcome.*

*Please contact the EAAC by emailing [EAAC@medfordtownship.com](mailto:EAAC@medfordtownship.com). You may also call (609) 654-2608 x324.*