

# Ocean City Environmental Commission



The background of the slide is a photograph of a coastal town, likely Ocean City, at dusk or dawn. The image shows a row of multi-story houses with light-colored siding and dark roofs, situated along a waterfront. The houses are reflected in the calm water. In the foreground, there are wooden docks and pilings extending into the water. The sky is a soft blue, and the overall atmosphere is peaceful.

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## Mission Statement

The Ocean City Environmental Commission provides for the **protection, development and use of natural resources**, including water resources, within the city of Ocean City



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## Goals

**Encourage common sense initiatives to improve the city by**

- **Reducing litter and trash**
- **Reducing storm-related beach erosion**
- **Minimizing resource consumption**
- **Maintaining open spaces for enjoyment**
- **Promoting care for wildlife and natural Resources**
- **Educating citizens & visitors about environmental issues**

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## 2015-2016 Accomplishments

### Demonstration Dune project ( 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> St.)

- Lecture Series
- School Educational Projects
- Sustainable New Jersey Certification
- Green Fair
- Regular Site Plan Review
- Educational Efforts



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## 2016 Commission Members

- **Marty Mozzo (Chairperson)**
- **Pete Ault**
- **Chris Halliday**
- **John Loeper (Planning Board Appointee)**
- **Sara Maas**
- **Donna Moore**
- **Jim Tweed**
- **John Aitken (Alternate)**
- **David Hayes (Alternate)**
- **Caitlin Aldridge (Student Liaison)**
- **Lia Palaparis (Student Liaison)**
- **Minh Vu (Student Liaison)**
- **Matt von der Hayden (City Liaison)**

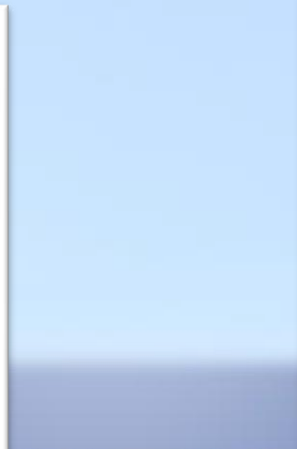
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## Partners

**The Ocean City Environmental Commission is an advisory panel on Resource planning and protection. It works co-operatively with municipal and local civic organizations to achieve its goals and provides information and recommendations on environmental issues to:**

- **Ocean City City Council**
- **Ocean City Planning Board**
- **Ocean City Zoning Board of Appeals**
- **Ocean City Health Department**
- **Ocean City Board of Education**





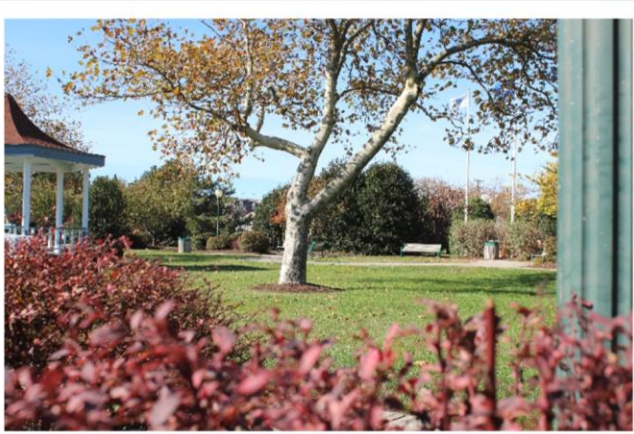
## Ocean City Open Space & Recreation Plan

This Open Space and Recreation Plan describes existing open space and contains a complete inventory of the City's recreation resources. It identifies the value of open space to the community and the need for additional open space, and includes an action plan and information about land acquisition, partners and funding.



**The Environmental Commission led development of an Open Space and Recreation Plan (published in 2014)**





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The Open Space and Recreation Plan provides critical guidance for future Ocean City planning





The Ocean City Environmental Commission supports spring and fall Beach Sweeps





A range of Student and Corporate Groups support Ocean City Beach Sweeps





The Ocean City Environmental Commission has organized fall bay cleanups.





The marshes surrounding Ocean City collect a tremendous amount of trash and debris which impact our ecosystem.




# 2015-2016 Environmental Lecture Series

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## Wildlife & Gardening Lecture Series

Program & Book Signing  
presented by


**Pat Sutton**  
(Pat has keenly studied the natural world for over 30 years. She is an author, free-lance writer, photographer, naturalist, educator, lecturer, tour leader and wildlife garden consultant.)




Ocean City Dune Demonstration Project – P. Ault  
NJ Clean Energy Program – K. Hoff  
Strategic Recovery Planning Report - R. Scheule  
Beach Nourishment & Dune Vegetation – C. Robine  
Seaside Gardening – P. Sutton

**August 21 — "How to Create a Pollinator  
Garden for Butterflies, Hummingbirds, Moths,  
Bees and More!"**

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The Ocean City Environmental Commission  
in partnership with the  
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**Environmental Lecture Series at the Library:**

**Thursday, March 19th 7pm**  
*Marine Mammals & Sea Turtles*  
with Sarah Miele  
from the Marine Mammal Stranding Center



**Thursday, April 16th 7pm**  
*Diamondback Terrapins*  
with Brian Williamson  
from the Wetlands Institute

**21st 7pm**  
*flies*  
ologist & Naturalist



**Thursday, June 11th 7pm**  
*Nourishment & Dune Vegetation*  
with Christ Robine from the  
Research Center of Stockton University

All lectures in Room 110  
and are FREE and open to the public.

For more information call 609-399-6111 ext. 9799  
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The Ocean City Environmental Commission organizes environmentally-themed lectures at the Library throughout the year.







The Ocean City Environmental Commission organizes dune grass planting events to promote awareness and help stabilize damaged dune systems.





## Related Pages

[Sustainable Jersey](#)

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### MEDIA RELEASE

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## *The City of Ocean City Achieves Sustainable Jersey Certification*

Sustainable Jersey representatives announced that Ocean City has met the rigorous requirements to achieve Sustainable Jersey certification. Ocean City was one of 48 towns that attained certification in 2015 and was honored at the [Sustainable Jersey awards luncheon](#) on Tuesday, Nov. 17 in Atlantic City with Mayor Jay A. Gillian accepting the award.

"I would like to share with all of you some great news that makes me proud to be Mayor of Ocean City. Ocean City was just recently notified of its Sustainable Jersey certification at the bronze level. I would like to congratulate everyone who works hard to make Ocean City great and a special thank you to Sustainable Jersey for this recognition" said Jay A. Gillian, Mayor of Ocean City.

To become Sustainable Jersey certified, Ocean City submitted documentation to show it had completed a balance of the required sustainability actions, meeting a minimum of 150 action points. In addition to reaching 150 points, each certified community had to create a green team and select at least 2 out of 11 priority action options. Ocean City did three of the eleven priority actions by completing a fleet inventory, municipal carbon footprint and a natural resource inventory.

"Becoming Sustainable Jersey certified is a significant achievement," said Randall Solomon, co-director of Sustainable Jersey. "The 189 Sustainable Jersey certified towns demonstrate leadership and are a testament to how much we can accomplish toward the long-term goal of a sustainable New Jersey."

Certified towns excelled in areas such as improving energy efficiency and health and wellness, reducing waste, sustaining local economies, protecting natural resources and advancing the arts. "Collectively the 430 participating Sustainable Jersey towns are a powerful force in New Jersey," said Donna Drewes, co-director of Sustainable Jersey.

### About Sustainable Jersey

Sustainable Jersey is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that provides tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs. Currently, 76 percent, or 430 of New Jersey's 565 municipalities are participating in the municipal certification program. In October 2014, Sustainable Jersey for Schools was launched in partnership



**The Ocean City Environmental Commission helps Ocean City achieve Sustainable Jersey Certification. Certified towns are an outstanding group of municipalities that are making important contributions toward the long-term goal of a sustainable New Jersey and world.**



## Dune Demonstration Project Team



The Ocean City Environmental Commission in cooperation with OCHS volunteers completed the dune demonstration project between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> St., planting native dune vegetation to help stabilize damaged dune systems.





The Ocean City Environmental Commission recently completed planting a demonstration dune to create diversity in dune vegetation.





The Ocean City Environmental Commission supports community projects such as the rain garden in the Ocean City Intermediate School Courtyard.





The Ocean City Environmental Commission supports innovative environmental projects such as this bioswale at the corner of North Street and West Avenue.