

Princeton Environmental Commission  
2018 Goals & Accomplishments

There were two overarching themes to the Environmental Commission goals for 2018: to address and mitigate the causes and effects of climate change, and to partner with the municipality, local nonprofits and Princeton University to increase the effectiveness of our actions.

1. Support Council on policy initiatives beneficial to the environment.
  - a. Consult on ordinances relating to environmental protection and sustainability.
    - i. PEC partnered with staff and the Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association to draft an ordinance addressing stormwater management for redevelopment.
    - ii. PEC & staff were received an Environmental Achievement Award from ANJEC for our work on the stormwater management ordinance passed in June 2018.
    - iii. 2018 Goals and Accomplishments provides required documentation for maintaining Sustainable Jersey certification.
  - b. Support Council on the importance of their 2018 goals related to sustainability including the development of a Climate Action Plan.
    - i. Members of PEC served on the steering committee and subcommittees for the development of the Climate Action Plan. Significant progress was made and the CAP is on track to be completed in 2019.
2. Increase visibility of sustainability efforts in Princeton by creating awareness of and support for projects beneficial to the environment.
  - a. The town transitioned to a new website and the PEC page was updated and improved.
  - b. PEC identified the need to clarify the town's policy on chicken ownership and began to investigate developing an ordinance to clarify the town's policy.
  - c. Explored the possibility of naturalizing a stormwater basin with potentially financial assistance of the Watershed Institute as an exemplar case study for Princeton.
3. Advocate for sustainable strategies in Princeton's built environment.
  - a. A draft of a Green Building and Environmental Sustainability Element was developed. Work will continue to move this forward towards adoption by the town in 2019.
  - b. PEC met with Ed Truscelli of Princeton Community Housing and representatives of the Housing Authority to talk about the importance of building affordable housing sustainably. We also met with Princeton University twice to be updated on and learn from the sustainability elements embedded in the new Campus

Plan and explore areas of joint effort including improved mass transit. Began discussions with Board of Health regarding water quality.

- c. PEC reviewed 5 site plans over the course of the year, preparing a detailed memo for each outlining suggested strategies to promote sustainable development.