

To: Mayor Collins and the Borough of Kinnelon Council Members
From: Kinnelon Environmental Advisory Committee
Date: December 20, 2018

KINNELON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE – 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

The primary goal of the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) in 2018 was to work with the Mayor and Council to have outdoor water bottle filling stations installed at the Borough recreation fields. We are so pleased and thankful to report that two water bottle filling stations were installed in July 2018 at the recreational fields on Boonton Avenue (corner of Boonton Avenue and Fayson Lakes Road) and at the fields behind Borough Hall.

K-FEST

The EAC participated in K-Fest with a table staffed by several members providing fun giveaways and recycling information. To bring awareness to the newly installed outdoor hydration stations, the EAC purchased and gave away 100 stainless steel reusable water bottles to residents. We also collected surveys from residents regarding future issues for the EAC to focus our attention on. Finally we provided recycling stickers and reusable shopping bags to all who stopped by to talk to us.

UPDATED WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE

Earlier in the year, the EAC updated its website on the Borough page and started a new Facebook page to share relevant information with residents. We hope to increase exposure to EAC activities, issues and events by updating the website and Facebook page regularly.

ASSISTANCE TO/COORDINATION WITH BOROUGH BOARDS AND COUNCIL

BOROUGH COUNCIL

The 2018 Borough Council liaison is Councilman Vincent Russo. Councilman Russo kept the Council apprised of EAC issues, events and activities.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

A member of the EAC serves on the Open Space Committee to ensure that environmental aspects of potential open space acquisitions are fully considered.

PLANNING BOARD

There is no appointed liaison from the planning board to the EAC.

2019 GOALS

In 2019, the EAC hopes to work with the Mayor, Borough Council and other Borough Committees on an Earth Day event in April, an America Recycles Day event in November and a Styrofoam Recycling Day after the holidays. Further, the EAC plans to continue to work with the schools and Department of Public Works on proper recycling by increased education, outreach and communication. Finally, the EAC hopes to work with other Borough Boards and Committees on any and all Borough-wide sustainability issues that may come up, including reviewing and advising on the plans for a new community center, considering a Borough-wide energy audit and revisiting Kinnelon's participation in Sustainable Jersey programs.

CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Lisa Hankes – Chairperson
Kathy Fernstrom – Vice Chairperson
Cheryl Canale
Scot Simptner
Kevin Borud
Councilman Vincent Russo

The EAC has one open membership position

REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Scot Simptner – Open Space Committee

Respectively submitted,

Lisa Hankes, Chair
On behalf of the Borough of Kinnelon Environmental Advisory Committee