



NEWSLETTER

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Working Since 1972 to Save the Environment of Moorestown

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
— Margaret Mead

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Wednesday, January 18

STEM Steering Committee Mtg.
7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 26

Annual Joint Meeting
Community House
Main Street, Moorestown
7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 5

STEM Strategic Meeting
10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 15

STEM Steering Committee Mtg.
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 10

NAC Conservation Project
Strawbridge Lake Buffer
Rt. 38/Pleasant Valley Ave.
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 21

STEM Steering Committee Mtg.
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 14

NAC Conservation Project
Wigmore Acres
Westfield Road
9:30-11:30 a.m.

THE ANNUAL JOINT MEETING

A New Jersey Pine Barrens Extravaganza— Saving Our Unique Natural Heritage

Hosted by STEM, MIA, PCWA, and the Moorestown Garden Club

Featuring: **EMILE D. DEVITO, PH.D.**

NJCF's Manager of Science and Stewardship

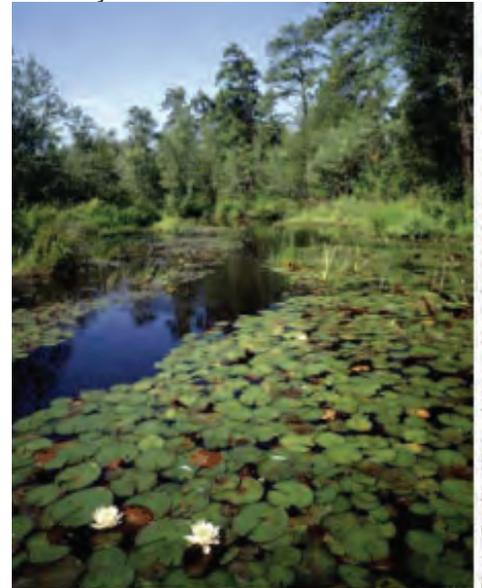
Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Moorestown Community House

16 East Main Street, Moorestown

FREE ADMISSION

If you have never been privileged to hear Dr. DeVito speak—no matter what the topic—don't miss this opportunity to learn more from him about New Jersey's national treasure that sits practically in our backyard. He received his Doctorate in Ecology in 1988 for research on bird communities and vegetation landscapes in New Jersey's Pine Barrens; currently he develops management plans for New Jersey Conservation Foundation's 20,000+ acres of holdings. Always with a keen eye toward protecting and enhancing biological diversity in this sensitive area, Dr. DeVito looks to educate government officials, advocacy groups, land trusts, teachers, and students on forest-interior habitat and migratory stopover needs of neotropical songbirds. He is a trustee of the Pinelands Preservation Alliance and the NJ Natural Lands Trust. In addition, he serves on the Endangered and Non-Game Species Advisory Committee within the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, the New Jersey Invasive Species Council, and the Science Advisory Committee of the NY-NJ Trail Conference. The evening is sure to be engaging. Light refreshments will be served.



One of the many notable preservation projects undertaken by NJCF over the years was the 9,400-acre Franklin Parker Preserve in Chatsworth, Burlington County.

For more details contact Kathy Huffman at 856-778-2201 or kajer3@comcast.net. (Note: text and photo for this article are from the NJCF website.)

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I wish everyone the best of everything in this new year. For STEM, 2012 has a most special ring: This year is our 40th anniversary! Our beginnings had its roots in The League Of Women Voters, when in the early 1970's a subcommittee was created to focus on local issues. An outgrowth was the need for an organization devoted to the environment. In 1972, STEM was officially established with our own Kay Smith as its first president. STEM began to charter its own course. With incredible dedication, STEM has become an environmental icon in Moorestown and on October 14, 2012 we will celebrate our 40th anniversary at STEM STEPS OUT. Save the date and join in the celebration!

—Betsy Schnorr

STEM Introduces Township Manager Scott Carew to the History of Open Space in Moorestown

In December 2011, one of STEM's founders, Barb Rich, provided the new Township Manager Scott Carew with an historical perspective on the Moorestown Environmental Inventory in the 1970's and the Open Space initiatives in Moorestown since the 1980's.

The historical outline on the right certainly does not contain all the details of the efforts behind Moorestown Township's to-date accomplishments by the residents and governing bodies in the area of preservation of open space and farmland. During this time, there were also Moorestown representatives selected to serve at the county level in Burlington County's preservation efforts.

Note that this is the first year in the 13-year history of the Open Space tax that there was a suggestion that funds be used for purposes other than acquisition or preservation (other than the funds used for the past two years for maintenance of Strawbridge Lake, a decision that was made directly by Town Council).
—Barb Rich

History of the Open Space Effort in Moorestown

1. STEM was the main participant in Moorestown's Environmental Resource Inventory: **1970's**
2. STEM's *Moorestown Disappearing Open Spaces*—road slide show narrated by Diane Allen and presented to Moorestown groups/clubs: **1980's**
3. Petition effort to put Open Space question on the ballot. Results were 3:1 in favor: **1989**
4. Non-binding referendum for preservation and acquisition of open space: **1989**
5. Town Council appointed an Open Space Committee with a 3-year life: **1999**
6. Town Council formally appointed the Moorestown Open Space Advisory Committee: **2003**
7. Township Open Space Referenda: **1998, 2001, and 2007**
8. Township Open Space Ordinances: **1998, 2001, and 2007**
9. Changes in amount of taxes collected for open space: **range of .01 to .06 per \$100**
10. Specific accomplishments through the years—STEM Natural Area Care of Moorestown's Open Spaces

A fall photo of Strawbridge Lake Park, taken by the late Esther Yanai.



Update on Sustainable Moorestown

Moorestown has now joined with 354 other New Jersey communities as a registered member of *Sustainable Jersey*. New Jersey is the first state in the nation to have a comprehensive sustainability program for communities that links certification with strong state and private financial incentives, and a fully resourced program of technical support and training. The certification process is a roadmap for municipalities that want to "go green," save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term. These goals should be close to the heart of every STEM member.

The driving elements of the program are a list of actions from which Moorestown would have to choose to become certified. The list encompasses the three equal, interrelated components of sustainability—prosperity, planet, and people. Within that list of actions are elements that reach to a range of diverse in-

terests. We will be looking for individuals and groups to grab onto different actions and shepherd them to completion. For STEM, many of the actions they might embrace have already been implemented and need only fine-tuning, or need full action. Greening historic preservation, rain gardens, water conservation education programs, recycling, tree and woodlands management, and a natural resource inventory are a few areas that should interest STEM. Then there are items that are already in place that need to be fitted into the program, such as a butterfly garden and STEM's monthly open space maintenance program. The program offers numerous resources to help implement these tasks. Certification is expected to take up to two years, and we want to establish a

Components of Sustainability

- Prosperity—support your local economy and use community resources*
- Planet—practice responsible environmental management and conservation*
- People—embrace social equity and fairness*

good foundation before beginning to work on actions.

A Sustainable Moorestown Open House is planned for late February. We have a tentative date of Thursday night, February 16, 2012 at Moorestown's Middle School, and we will be sending out invitations to community organizations, STEM, Township committees, churches, schools, community leaders, businesses, school youth groups and the public at large.
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112th Christmas Bird Count

The forecasts for this year's Christmas Bird Count called for a breezy, partly cloudy day with highs in the mid 40's. The forecasters were pretty much right on, and except for the wind, it was a picture-perfect day. When you are planning on spending ten hours out-of-doors in late December, you can't complain when the temperature is 15 or so degrees north of freezing.

As usual we started off the day at Strawbridge Lake. This year, in addition to the ever-present Mallards and Canada Geese, we spotted a Pied-billed Grebe, a small diving duck. This is the first time I've had one on the count, and it turns out this was a record year for this diminutive bird. Fourteen were seen throughout the count circle, which was an annual count high—more of these birds were seen on this count than on any of the previous 111 counts.

From there it was off to the spot where the Pennsauken Creek passes under Camden Avenue on its way to the Delaware River. Last year we had some great birds at this spot, including Green-winged Teal, Hooded Merganser and a Bald Eagle. There was to be no repeat this year—the only birds seen were a pair of the seemingly ever-present Mallard. Overall, waterfowl counts were very low this year. The consensus from the participants was that the lack of any "solid water" to our north had delayed the movement of waterfowl. Birds that spend their lives on open water have no great incentive to move south while the water in their home turf remains open.

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Our next stop was along the Pennsauken Creek, off Lenola Road by Lew's Farm Market. It was pretty slow, but we were able to find a Great Horned Owl. There is a strip of white pines on the property, and there was a pair of crows sitting in one of the trees and making a racket. This is often a sign that there is a predator in the neighborhood. We made it a point to walk back through these woods on our way out, and sure enough, we flushed an owl. I sure he was none too happy with us, for as he exited the protection of the pine trees he was being chased by the crows, quickly followed by a pair or Red-tailed Hawks.

By this point in the day the wind had really begun to pick up, and this is never good for winter birding. Birds will hunker down to stay out of the wind, which of course makes seeing the birds difficult if not impossible.



Our next stop was Pompeston Woods, where it continued to be fairly quiet. We did have all of the common woodland birds including Carolina Wren, Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Chickadee, Downy Woodpeckers, and lots

of White-breasted Nuthatches. By far the best bird we had in Pompeston was an Eastern Towhee. This is a large sparrow, which while often seen on the count has typically migrated out of the region by this time of year.

From there we headed over to Swede Run Fields, where the wind was definitely not helping our cause. While we saw no raptors we did see both Fox and Swamp Sparrows. Both of these are nice changes from the White-throated Sparrows which were present in very large numbers throughout the day.



After a brief lunch break we headed off to Boundary Creek Park. Again the wind was keeping most birds out of sight, and the only birds we saw in the creek were Mallards. From there we headed over to Little Woods. In the wet section of the property we had a trio of Eastern Towhees, all males. This is only the second or third time I have seen

STEM Steps Out in 2011



Photo above, Little Catgirl, courtesy of John Lestino. (see article on page 6)

Photo on left: a male Eastern Towhee.

Photo on bottom left, a Pied-billed Grebe in winter plumage. Both bird photos courtesy of Stokes Field Guide to Birds, Eastern Region, Donald & Lillian Stokes

towhees on the count, and certainly the first time with multiple birds.

The last spot of the day was the ever-scenic Moorestown recycling center—or as old Moorestonians fondly refer to it, the dump. As it turns out these types of locations can be great bird habitat. We did get our only Cedar Waxwings of the day there, and our only Hairy Woodpecker. We did see some turkey tracks, but alas, no turkeys.

All told, we saw 41 species of birds in our region with the total count circle tallying 104 species. This is a pretty typical number for our count. I am still pulling the data together, so this could change by a couple of species. The weather for this year's count was good but not great. I happily would have traded 15 degrees in temperature for 10 miles per hour of wind. But as they say, you gotta go with the flow—at least it wasn't snowing.

—Mark Pensiero

***Note: The *Courier Post* recently featured an article about the Christmas Bird Count. Staff writer Joe Clooney interviewed Mark Pensiero. The link is: <http://www.courierpostonline.com/article/20111225/NEWS01/312250024/Hardy-souls-brace-annual-Bird-Count>

NATURAL AREA CARE —Caring for the Environment



See new start times for
Spring 2012 NAC Projects

Spring into Action with NAC in 2012!

Winter has come, and as Shelley asked, “Can spring be far behind?” That means it’s planning time for Natural Area Care, STEM’s program that helps maintain most of Moorestown’s Open Spaces. And we won’t beat around the bush: NAC needs your help, and there is a forest of opportunities from which to choose, from wielding clippers to taking photos to community outreach. Work sessions are planned for the second Saturday of each month, March through November. Sometimes we work during the week (see NAC Calendar on pages 4 and 5, and on the STEM website at www.stemonline.org).

Since a lot of us like to sleep in on Saturdays when most of our work parties take place, we’re moving the NAC start time from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (except in June, July, and August, when we’ll go early to beat the heat). Ending at 11:30 a.m. will still give you most of the day for other activities after your invigorating morning workout.

About half of the twelve Open Spaces maintained by STEM/NAC are wooded. It’s fun to explore each of the sites and meet other outdoorsy people while maintaining trails, removing litter, and attacking invasive species—all for the community good. And who knows what natural treasures you may find if you go out in the woods today?

There are other down-to-earth ways to help if the great outdoors is not for you. NAC needs folks to plan and lead each work project, prepare and deliver work-party snacks, store and manage equipment and supplies, keep records, take and email photos, coordinate with the Township, help spread the word about NAC, and choose from a field of other out-of-the-woods, detail-oriented tasks.

Meet new people! Get a workout! Explore Moorestown’s Open Spaces! Bring a friend! Have fun while helping out! NAC welcomes you. Please contact Kay Smith for more information at kksmith4@verizon.net or 856-235-2986.

—Kay Smith and Margo Foster

See Something on this List That Interests You? There’s a Need for Many Different Volunteer Skills

- planning and leading of each work project
- monitoring of open spaces
- equipment and supply acquisition
- storage and management of equipment and supplies
- record-keeping
- photography (taking and emailing photos)
- coordination with the Township (sign permits, trash pick-up, notifications)
- interfacing with groups and individuals seeking community service projects
- public relations and community outreach to seek wider participation
- compiling lists of potential customized projects
- overseeing customized projects

2012 NAC Calendar

Volunteers are always
welcome and appreciated

Saturday, March 10
9:30-11:30 am
Strawbridge Lake Buffer
Route 38

Saturday, April 14
9:30-11:30 am
Wigmore Acres
Westfield Road

Wednesday, April 25
9:30-11:30 am
Waterworks Woods
Kings Highway@Waterworks

Saturday, May 12
9:30-11:30 am
Pompeston Park Upstream
of New Albany Road

Tuesday, May 22
9:30-11:30 am
Little Woods on the Rancocas
Creek Road@Laurel Creek Blvd.

Saturday, June 9
8:30-10:30 am
Esther Yanai Preserve
Garwood Road@Swede Run

Saturday, July 14
8:30-10:30 am
Pompeston Park Downstream
of New Albany Road

Saturday, August 11
8:30-10:30 am
Litte Woods & Susan
Stevens Halbe Preserve
Creek Road@Laurel Creek Blvd.

Saturday, September 8
9:30-11:30 am
Waterworks Woods
Kings Highway@Waterworks

Tuesday, September 18
9:30-11:30 am
South Valley Woods
Behind South Valley School

Saturday, October 6
9:30-11:30 am
Pompeston Park Downstream
of Fernwood Drive

Saturday, November 10
9:30-11:30 am
Pompeston Park Upstream
of New Albany Road

UPCOMING CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Volunteers are needed for all events—families & groups are always welcome!

Second Saturday and Weekday Events

Spring NAC Projects Initiate New Start Time

The season's first work party on Saturday, March 10 will initiate a new start-time for the NAC Conservation Projects. Except for summer sessions during June, July, and August when the weather could be uncomfortably hot, the sessions will start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. Hopefully, a few extra winks will make it easier for wider participation in trail maintenance, clean-ups, and general open space stewardship activities. General questions regarding STEM's NAC should be directed to Kay Smith at kksmith4@verizon.net or 856-235-2986.

Saturday, March 10, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. @ Strawbridge Lake Buffer

STRAWBRIDGE LAKE BUFFER is the segment of Strawbridge Lake Park that parallels Route 38 between Pleasant Valley Avenue and the pumping station by the middle dam. We will be gathering trash and removing invasive vines from desirable trees and shrubs in this open space that buffers Haines Drive from Route 38. Parking is along Route 38 at the STEM signs. For more information contact site leaders Nancy Ciampa (njciam@verizon.net) or Kay Smith (kksmith4@verizon.net).

Saturday, April 14, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. @ Wigmore Acres

WIGMORE ACRES is located on Westfield Road opposite the Moorestown High School ballfield. After devoting all of our energy last year on the creation of the Butterfly Garden, the rest of the 12.5-acre site is in great need of our stewardship. We will be working on trail creation and maintenance as well as the constant problem of trash accumulation. Butterfly Garden maintenance will be scheduled separately further into the growing season. Parking is available on site. For more information contact site leaders Jean Fox (wjf3@verizon.net) or Kathy Huffman (kajer3@comcast.net).

Wednesday, April 25, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. @ Waterworks Woods

WATERWORKS WOODS is the 20-acre woodland on the west side of Strawbridge Lake between Kings Highway and Nixon Drive. Volunteers will be refurbishing the trail system, collecting trash, and removing invasive plants to keep this well-used open space in good shape. To park, participants should drive onto the Waterworks site at the location of the STEM signs. Site Leader Walt Trommelen (littera@comcast.net) should be contacted for more information.

Saturday, May 12, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. @ Pompeston Park Upstream

POMPESTON PARK UPSTREAM OF NEW ALBANY ROAD is the portion of the 83-acre stream corridor park that runs from Baker School to New Albany Road. The main activity in this open space is trying to protect trees from the oriental wisteria that escaped many years ago from private gardens into these woods.

Also we will be gathering trash with grabbers from Pompeston Creek, along the trail, and the roadway. Parking is on Iron Post Road where it terminates on New Albany Road. Volunteers then walk along New Albany Road to the STEM signs. Please contact site leaders David Bicking (dbidkin@yahoo.com) or Kay Smith (kksmith4@verizon.net) for more information. —Kay Smith

At left: Steve Fink and Tom Finley at work during a late fall Pompeston Easement monitoring. Photo by Claire Rollin Adair

Exploring a preserved open space is like diving for treasure—you never know what you will find. There is a chance you may happen upon a turtle laying eggs, a skull, a heron capturing a fish, a salamander...who knows what you might discover!



Photo above, a scene from Pompeston Park, was taken by the late Esther Yanai, a founding member of STEM.

The Fourth Annual Esther Yanai Memorial Hike

On Sunday, December 4, 2011 my parents and I went on the Esther Yanai Memorial Hike at Farrago Farm (also known as Kendles Run Acres). Farrago Farm is a Moorestown open space of twenty-five acres. The township owns the property rights to 19 acres of it, which means it can never be developed. The owner rents the house and has the property for sale. The property is on Borton Landing Road before Creek Road.

The walk started at 2 p.m. with about 15 people, and then more came to join the walk. There weren't a lot of trees—mostly a meadow—and I really didn't think I would see a lot of nature going on. But I was quite wrong.

On the path there were ant farms everywhere. On the side there were many groundhog holes. Later on the path, there were deer tracks everywhere. There were even two deer tracks put together that looked like bear tracks. When we got down to the creek, which is called Kendles Run, the water was running fine and there were many huge minnows.

The group said a poem for Esther, and after the poem was read, my dad saw a Red-backed Salamander on the ground. I picked it up and everyone saw it, and then we put it back into the environment. Then we walked back to our cars and went home, remembering the walk we had. —Kevin Fox

2011 STEM Steps Out Open Space Festival— "Salute to Local Farmers"

A little bit of rain didn't dampen the spirits of festival visitors and volunteers. A special thank you to the local farm markets who participated in the event. It won't be long before the farm market season is upon us again. Support these merchants who add to the local economy and provide us with quality produce and other products. A list of participating farm markets and garden centers appears on page 7.

Photos on this page taken at SSO '11, courtesy of John Lestino



Missing Storm Drain Markers— STEM Needs Your Help

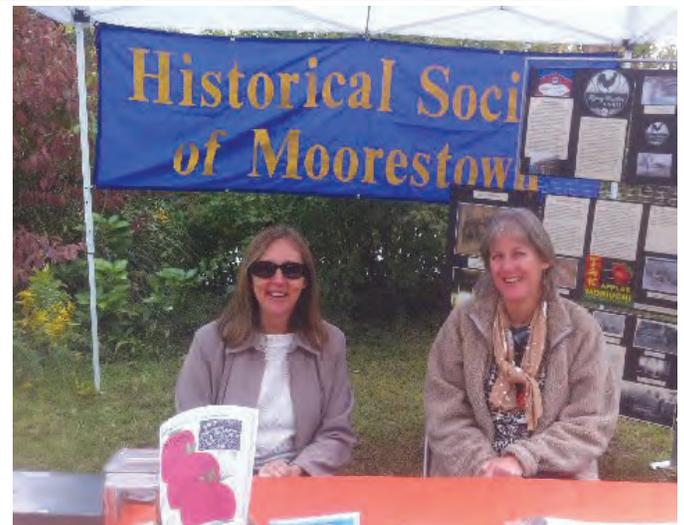
In 2007-2008, STEM was responsible for inspiring and organizing many community volunteers to install storm drain markers on virtually every storm drain in town as part of a state-mandated project. STEM volunteers saved Moorestown Township the cost of having the Public Works employees do this job.

The purpose for marking the storm drains is to increase public awareness about how storm drains lead directly to our local waterways, and about the importance of keeping litter and other materials out of the drains.

A recent cursory check shows that some of the drains never were marked or have lost their medallions (markers). When you're out walking, if you see any storm drains lacking a medallion, please note the address and contact me at mc-foster@yahoo.com. Baird and I will replace them when the weather warms up. If there are a lot of them, you may get recruited to help!

—Margo Foster

Volunteers and visitors at SSO 2011 are clockwise from bottom left, Blake Elkins, Renee and Matt Boulis, Joe and Joan Ponessa, and members of the Historical Society of Moorestown.



(**"Sustainable Moorestown,"** continued from page 2)

Beyond education, the aim of the Open House will be to stimulate interest in supporting and or getting personally involved with the program. Our first official action will be to form a steering committee of probably 10 members to oversee the program. We want this committee to be made up of a diverse group of leaders who will then work with groups from their organizations or within the Township on the various actions and likely meet monthly to summarize their progress and get support as needed. We hope that STEM will nominate someone for the committee, someone who is good at managing and seeing projects to completion. I'm excited about this program and I hope that STEM will take its customary leadership role in seeing that the required actions are implemented.

—Chet Dawson



Annual STEM Membership Form

Return to:

P.O. Box 704, Moorestown, NJ 08057

Is your membership up-to-date?

(An expiration date appears on the mailing label.)

(Please print)

Name _____ Check HERE for electronic Newsletter

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Memberships: New Renewal

Individual (\$15) \$ _____

Family (\$25) \$ _____

Student (\$10) \$ _____

Donations:

Open Space Fund \$ _____

Ongoing activities \$ _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Dues and donations are tax-deductible

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (please circle your areas of interest)

Communications

- Flyers, brochures, & postcards
- Newsletter
- Public relations

Advocacy

- Attend town meetings
- Letter writing
- Phone calls

Education

- Community education
- Educational materials
- School-based programs

Events

- Children's activities
- Donating plants for Plant Sale
- Plant Sale staffing
- Open Space Festival
- Refreshments

Outdoor Activities

- Conservation projects
- Lead nature walks
- Litter Patrol
- Natural Area Care
- Open space monitoring

Administrative

- Clerical
- Computer related
- Fundraising
- Legal issues

Visual and Creative Arts

- Arts and crafts
- Fine Arts
- Graphic design
- Photography

Other

STEM is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. Information filed with the Attorney General concerning this charitable solicitation may be obtained from the Attorney General of New Jersey by calling (201) 504-6215. Registration with the Attorney General does not imply endorsement.

STEM sends its sympathies to the family of Betty Griffith, who passed away on November 25, 2011. Through the years Betty was always at SSO helping at the ticket table and recently attended STEM's annual picnic honoring Kathy and Sam's dedication to STEM. Betty and her husband Joe were long-time supporters of STEM.

Jean and Kevin Fox with the Fishing Contest gear at SSO 2011. Photo by John Lestino.



Summary of January 2011 NJ Fertilizer Law

Early in 2011, the New Jersey legislature passed a comprehensive new law that regulates the use of fertilizer in the state by lawn care professionals and homeowners. This short article highlights the main points of a flyer from NJDEP that summarizes NJ's Fertilizer Law and contains info for home owners and lawn care professionals.

Some things to remember NOW:

From November 15, 2011 through March 1, 2012, residents CANNOT apply fertilizers containing Phosphorus (P) or Nitrogen (N) to their lawns.

Professional fertilizer applicators CANNOT apply fertilizers containing P or N from December 1, 2011 through March 1, 2012.

Fertilizer application is prohibited just before or during a rainfall event.

Fertilizer containing P or N cannot be applied within 25 feet of any waterbody (except when applied with a drop spreader or targeted spray--then the buffer is reduced to 10 feet from the waterbody).

By Jan 5, 2012, all professional applicators will have to be certified.

By Jan 5, 2013, all fertilizer products for turf must contain zero P and at least 20% slow release N.

It's a great law, finally! Hopefully we will see a decrease in the elevated P levels in Pompeston Creek as a result, when we resume monitoring this spring.
—Debbie Lord

THANK YOU to the many STEM volunteers who contributed to this newsletter, and assisted in its publication by proofreading, mailing the newsletter, and offering numerous suggestions that improved its quality.

40th ANNIVERSARY
1972-2012



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OF MOORESTOWN

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.
2012 ANNUAL JOINT MEETING
A New Jersey Pine Barrens Extravaganza—
Saving Our Unique Natural Heritage
Featuring: EMILE D. DEVITO, PH.D.
Moorestown Community House
Admission: FREE

STEM Steps Out Fall Festival Thank You



STEM would like to thank the following for their generous donations:
**Wegman's---Shop-Rite---Costco---Philly
Soft Pretzel---Chet & Pat Dawson**

We also thank the following Moorestown organizations: The Historical Society, the Police Department, the Recreation Committee, the Emergency Squad Fire District #1, the Fire Department, and Public Works.

STEM would also like to thank the following organizations and volunteers for their generous contributions of time & energy.

Lew's Farm Market
Flying Feather Farm
Stellwag's Farm
Darmo's Farms
Browning Hess Farm
Al Dente Restuarant
Haines Garden Center
Woodford Cedar Run
Rancocas Nature Center
PCWA & Cindy Pierson
Flagg's Garden Center
Carol & Ken Wehn
David Bicking
Cindy Fries (Crazy Critters)
Bill Creekmore
Steve Fink

Kathy Hart
Margo & Baird Foster
Renee & Matt Boulis
Nancy Ciampa
Ruth Agnew
Jeff Frazier
Paolo Trinchieri
Don Williams
Sam & Kathy Carswell
Barb Rich
Susan Poaletti
Sally Wilson
John Lestino
Bruce Cavalier
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Maryliz Clark

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STEM's Steering Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month (with a break in December), and it's there that decisions are made about STEM's activities for the year, STEM involvement at public events, directions on environmental advocacy, financial commitments, legal obligations—in short, most aspects of the organization.

Steering Committee members are nominated in late winter and early spring, and their acceptance is voted on at our Annual Meeting in the spring. STEM members are welcome to attend a Steering meeting (though, per our by-laws, not permitted to vote on motions), and any STEM member who is interested in serving on the Steering Committee is encouraged to speak with someone on our Nominating Committee. New views keep the organization dynamic! For information about STEM and its programs, contact Nanci Clem at 856-866-0065.

Join us on the third Wednesday of the month—you'll be surprised how much you'll learn not just about STEM, but about Moorestown in general.

See the calendar on the front page or
contact one of our Nominating Committee members:
Nanci Clem at 856-866-0065 & nanci2424@yahoo.com
Claire Rollin Adair at 856-727-3830 & cerollin@gmail.com
Barb Rich at 856-234-2787 & brich@moorestown.nj.us