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Since 1972, STEM's mission is to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural environment of Moorestown for today's and future generations.

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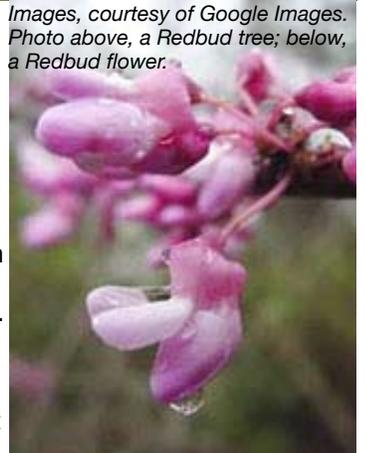
Nurturing Natives in Our Open Spaces & Backyards STEM's ANNUAL PLANT SALE on Moorestown Day—Saturday, June 2nd

Each year STEM participates in the township's Main Street event on the first Saturday in June that coordinates with the 5K marathon. The day attracts thousands of visitors, locals, residents from surrounding communities, and race participants. STEM members use the occasion to inform the public about a topical theme related to the environment and habitat stewardship. This year's focus includes learning about the care of native plants in Moorestown's preserved open space areas as well as our own backyards.



Images, courtesy of Google Images. Photo above, a Redbud tree; below, a Redbud flower.

A key element of creating a healthy landscape begins with its flora, or plant-life. What's growing in an area can either support local wildlife or offer little that they can use. Having an awareness of the beneficial connections between fauna and native plants is important when choosing what to plant on your own property and when STEM's NAC volunteers maintain Moorestown open space vegetation.



STEM's Plant Sale on Moorestown Day is a great venue to purchase quality natives plants, support a local environmental organization, and learn about the many nearby hikable sites. Look for STEM's booth in front of the First Baptist Church on Main Street (next to Carl's Shoes) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Knowledgeable volunteers and Master Gardeners will be available to answer questions.

If you are donating plants (hopefully natives), please drop them off next to the church on Saturday before 8:00 a.m., or call Betsy Schnorr at 856-235-6348 for info or to arrange pick-up. All donated plants will be for sale at STEM's booth.

A Note From the President's Desk

STEM's bylaws require that the Steering Committee hold a Strategic Planning meeting every two years—it's a time to reflect, looking back and forward, on big-picture issues facing our organization. This year's meeting was held in April and was structured around our major priority issues: expanding membership, engagement, and participation; natural area care and open space (OS) management; building strong coalitions with other community organizations; and promoting the use of native plants.

Toward this end, we hope to encourage membership by conducting more educational programs for the public and to promote involvement by sponsoring more events—nature walks, birding walks, contests etc. We realize today's families are heavily scheduled with many commitments, but we feel that a few hours spent in the woods can have benefits beyond those of a simple walk. (Cont'd on page 2.)

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 2

Annual Plant Sale
Appreciationtown Day—Main Street
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Friday, June 15

NAC Conservation Project
Pompeston Park Downstream
of New Albany Road
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 20

STEM Steering Committee Meeting.
7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 24

STEM Annual Picnic
& Photo Contest Judging
Dey Residence
4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 15

STEM Steering Committee Meeting.
7:00 p.m.

John Anderson of Rancocas Pathways Presents at STEM's Annual Meeting

STEM's Annual Meeting on March 22 at the Community House featured the election of officers and an informative presentation on the Rancocas Creek and its watershed.

The slate for the Steering Committee, submitted by the Nominating Committee of Claire Rollin Adair, Kathy Huffman, and Barb Rich, was unanimously approved. Joe Ponessa continues as president, Mark Pensiero as vice-president and treasurer, and Paula Horton as secretary. Other Steering Committee members include Claire Rollin Adair, Susan Buffalino (Newsletter editor), Jean Fox, Kathy Huffman, Colleen Malloy, Joan Ponessa, Betsy Schnorr, and a representative of the Moorestown High School Environmental Club.

Guest speaker John Anderson, Program Director of Rancocas Pathways, explained the proposed Rancocas Creek National Water Trail Initiative. The New Jersey State Park Service had asked for an assessment of the tide-water segment through the Rancocas State Park as a possible multi-use bluewater trail. In addition,



The photo above was taken during a Rancocas Pathways kayaking program in May 2018 by Brian Parker.

there was interest in having the creek be designated a National Water Trail. To address these elements, Rancocas Pathways, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, was formed whose aim is primarily to promote community access and recreational use of the creek—including kayaking and canoeing, enhance conservation of the waterway, educate the public about the creek's 4000-year heritage, and encourage enviro-tourism.

The Rancocas Creek forms a boundary along our town's northeastern edge; it flows from the NJ Pine Barrens National Reserve to the Delaware River Estuary. Its three main branches (North, Southwest, and South Branches) span 360 square miles and include both flowing and tidal areas. For more information visit the Rancocas Pathways website at www.rcnwt.com.

—Margo Foster

THANK YOU FOR SERVING STEM STEERING COMMITTEE for 2018-2019

President: Joe Ponessa

Vice-president: Mark Pensiero

Treasurer: Mark Pensiero

Secretary: Paula Horton

Directors:

Claire Rollin Adair

Susan Buffalino (Newsletter Editor)

Nanci Clem

Jean Fox

Kathy Huffman

Colleen Malloy

Joan Ponessa

Betsy Schnorr

MHSEC Representative

2018-19 Nominating Committee:

Kathy Huffman (Steering Committee Member)

Claire Rollin Adair (Steering Committee Member)

Barb Rich (Non-Steering Committee Member)

A Note From the President's Desk, (continued from page 1)

To encourage the care and maintenance of our natural areas, we have revised our approach to recruiting volunteers this year. In addition to posting these events on our website, STEM's Natural Area Care Committee (NAC) is also connecting with local business, scout and school groups, and other organizations that promote community service among their employees/members. NAC plans to upgrade site trail markings and signage, and STEM will continue discussions with the township to implement planned OS parking that the township has already agreed to fund.

Concerning native plants, we are planning outreach education, i.e. the Plant Sale on June 2, and will seek collaboration with the Moorestown Garden Club.

STEM continues to promote the acquisition of open space, although the availability of suitable parcels is diminishing. Part of our role in this regard is prioritizing those sites which constitute a "best fit" in terms of environmental importance relative to our township's existing open space inventory.

These are but a few details of our productive, inward look at our organization. Please consider joining our efforts. A list of volunteer opportunities appears with the membership form on page 7 of this newsletter. The form can be mailed to STEM or you can email me at jponessa@comcast.net. —Joseph Ponessa

Burlington County Bird Quest 2018

Once again, the “Moorestown Merlins” put together a team to participate in the annual Burlington County Bird Quest. This five-hour event challenges teams to see as many species as they can within the confines of Burlington County.

This year’s spring was slow in coming, although the three days prior to the event were quite warm—brought in by strong southerly winds. These breezes are great for spring birding, as birds heading to their breeding grounds in the north will take advantage of southerly winds to ease their journeys.

As in previous few years we focused our efforts in Moorestown. We started the day in my backyard, and as last year we had male Rose-breasted Grosbeaks. In addition to the grosbeak we had Blue Jay, American Robin, and Ruby-throated Hummingbirds.



The next stop was a quick loop through Strawbridge Lake Park and Waterworks Woods. We saw Orchard and Baltimore Orioles, as well as Blue Grey Gnatcatchers and Warbling Vireos. As we were observing an Orchard Oriole, we had a flyover by a mature Bald Eagle. A few minutes later, we had a soaring Bald Eagle who was joined by a pair of Ospreys. After crossing into Waterworks Woods, we heard a Bald Eagle; seconds later they flew out of a tree no more than 50 feet from us. My guess is that there

were two eagles at the lake that day, with the soaring eagle being the same one that flew by us earlier. We also had very nice looks at a pair of Wood Ducks back in the smaller pond in Waterworks Woods, arguably some of the most beautiful ducks in the world.



From Strawbridge Lake we headed over to Swedes Run. It was pretty quiet—until in a moment it wasn’t.

It was one of those moments that make birding such a fun and unpredictable hobby. Remember those southerly winds that I talked about earlier? Well in addition to helping migrating birds, they can also carry birds thousands of miles from their “normal range.” As we were walking north along the path that runs parallel to Swedes Run, I noticed a large white bird with black accents flying in our direction. My first thought was that it was a gull—the typical large black and white bird you’d see in Moorestown. When I got my binoculars on the bird I immediately knew that what was flying toward us was not a gull, but rather a Swallow-tailed Kite. I yelled out to the team members, “KITE, KITE!!!” They had no idea what I was freaking out about, and were probably looking for the type of kite that comes with a string attached. I must admit that I was a bit out of my head, but that is what happens when you’re a birder and a rarity fills up your binoculars.



These beautiful raptors breed from the southeastern US south to Peru. I have seen one only once before and that was in South Carolina. These amazing birds are known to wander north

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in the spring, particularly when there are a few days of strong southerly breezes. The three days prior to Bird Quest were warm and windy, perfect conditions for a bird to end up where it isn’t supposed to be. The bird flew directly over us, and all four of us had great looks at it, including its very distinctive “V” or swallow-shaped tail. Our sighting was accepted as confirmed, and I was told that it was only the second sighting of a Swallow-tailed Kite in Burlington County. The prior sighting occurred in Bordentown in 1883—135 years ago!

Many observers in Cape May saw a Swallow-tailed Kite two days later. That sighting was consistent with the flying direction of the bird that we observed. Looking at a map, it appears that the bird was flying parallel to the Delaware River, a course that would eventually lead it to Cape May. Before we left Swedes Run we also had a male Bobolink, which I have never seen before in Moorestown. It was a great bird, but after sighting the Swallow-tailed Kite, it seemed, well, ordinary. —Mark Pensiero



Image credits: Clockwise from top center, Swallow-tailed Kite, male Bobolink, Warbling Vireo, Blue Jay, & Bobolink. All images courtesy of National Audubon Field Guide to N. American Birds, Eastern Region, Bull & Farrand, Jr.

NATURAL AREA CARE —Caring for the Environment



Looking forward to
seeing you at one of the
NAC Projects

New NAC Scheduling is a Win-Win for Open Space

One of the initiatives discussed during STEM's Strategic Planning Meeting in April was a restructuring of NAC's traditional Second Saturday environmental stewardship projects. For many years, morning volunteer sessions were scheduled on the second Saturday of each month from March to November. A few additional mid-week projects were also scheduled throughout the year. Dates were listed in the quarterly newsletters and posted on the STEM website. Occasionally, one of the stewardship events might get some publicity in a small local newspaper, but not enough volunteers showed up on those Saturdays to make it work. In recent years, that schedule, with its low volunteer turn-out, was no longer an effective way of maintaining open space trails and habitat that NAC tackled every year.

Starting in 2018, STEM's NAC Committee members, Kathy Huffman, Paula Horton, and Susan Buffalino are reaching out to local businesses, scout and school groups, and other organizations looking for community service credits. Stewardship event dates are mostly scheduled during the work week, with morning or afternoon sessions that accommodate the volunteers. With the new flexible dates, weekend work projects are also possible. So far it has been a success!

If you would like to join an upcoming NAC stewardship project but are not affiliated with an organized group, check the STEM website at www.stemonline. The scheduled sessions are listed; you can participate on any date that works for you. Dress appropriately. Light refreshments, maintenance supplies, and equipment are provided. You can also contact NAC Co-chairs Kathy Huffman at 856-778-2201 & kajer3@comcast.net or Paula Horton at 856-296-0798 & phorton100@comcast.net for details and/or additional information.

18th Annual "Nature in Moorestown" Photo Contest Judging to Take Place at the Annual Picnic, Sunday, June 24

STEM's "Nature in Moorestown" Photo Contest offers amateur photographers of all ages an opportunity to showcase their work in a competitive setting. Winning entries will appear on the STEM website and in the Newsletter, as well as being displayed at STEM public events and will become the property of STEM for non-commercial educational and promotional use.

The rules:

All photos must have been taken in Moorestown after June 2017 of natural subjects such as plants, animals, and/or landscapes. Submit 5x7 inch prints (color or black and white), with a maximum of four entries per person. Digital editing and adjustments are accepted, but not photo montages. You do not need to be present to win. Winners will be notified.

Submission details:

The deadline for entries is June 23, 2017. Mail to STEM, P.O. Box 704, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

To be eligible for judging:

Entries must have the following information on the back of the photo:

- 1) title of picture; 2) name, address, and email of the photographer; 3) designated category as adult or student (18 years or younger); 4) location and date of photo; and 5) an arrow pointing to the top of the image.

Judging:

All received photos that are eligible (see instructions above) will be included in the judging to take place at the STEM Annual Picnic held on June 24, 2018. You are welcome to attend the picnic—just please bring a pot luck dish to share. Invitation is on page 6.

For more information, contact Bill Creekmore at 856-461-8717 or w2dp@comcast.net.

2018 NAC Calendar

Volunteers Always Welcome

Mid/Late March - 3/17
Susan Stevens Halbe Preserve
Creek Road, East of
Borton Landing Road

Early/Mid April - 4/23
Wigmore Acres
NE Corner, Westfield Road
& Bridgeboro Road

Late April - 4/26
Esther Yanai Preserve
Garwood Road@Swede Run
Near Albury Court

Mid-May - 5/10
Pompeston Park Upstream
New Albany Road Near
Iron Post Road

Mid-June - 6/15
Pompeston Park Downstream
New Albany Road Near
Iron Post Road

Early/Mid September - TBD
Waterworks Woods
Kings Highway (entrance between
Strawbridge Lake & Waterworks)

Late September - 9/24
South Valley Woods
Oldershaw Avenue, behind South
Valley Elementary School

Mid-October - 10/17
Pompeston Park Downstream
of Fernwood Drive
Access from Fernwood Drive

Rain or inclement weather
cancels stewardship projects.

If in doubt:

Contact NAC Co-chairs:
Kathy Huffman at 856-778-2201 &
kajer3@comcast.net or
Paula Horton at 856-296-0798 &
phorton100@comcast.net

NAC Coordinator:
Susan Buffalino at 856-495-4642
& sbuff4@aol.com

NAC Partners with Scouts and TD Bank Staff

On Saturday, March 17, Troop number 44 from Moorestown's Methodist Church volunteered for a NAC stewardship project at the **Susan Stevens Halbe Preserve** on Creek Road. The scouts worked primarily on the main trail that loops around the site's interior lake, clearing vegetation and fallen branches from the path. They also picked up trash in the interior and along the entrance driveway. This site is slated for future improvements to the entrance to facilitate additional parking. Thank you to Boy Scout Troop 44 for your efforts!

The **Wigmore Acres** stewardship project, rained out on the original date, was rescheduled to Monday, April 23. Ten volunteers from TD Bank and five STEM members worked to clear the Butterfly Garden of unwanted vegetation and invasives. In the remaining time, the group headed to a tributary of Swedes Run on the property and cleared an unmaintained trail along the water's edge. Thank you to TD Bank and STEM volunteers for readying the site for spring.

A third stewardship event occurred a few days later on Thursday, April 26 at **Esther Yanai Preserve**. Volunteers included three TD Bank employees, Tara S., Kathy D., Anne Z., and three STEM members, Susan, David, and Paula. A pre-project survey of the site had proposed a full loop trail that would have included the back of the property. Unfortunately, a tributary of Swedes Run that bisects the property had flooded, making the back section inaccessible, so the small group was able to open up only an approximately 1/2-mile loop in the front of the site and blaze a portion of it.

Many thanks to the diligent volunteers from TD Bank who cut down all of the invasive Japanese Knotweed that had sprouted up along the upstream banks of **Pompeston Creek** on May 10. Their efforts also saved numerous native trees and bushes from the strangling clutches of wisteria vines. In all, many piles of wisteria and about 30 bags of invasive species were collected for disposal.

Thank you for such a wonderful contribution to the environment and our community. We are so happy to have you here.
— Colleen Malloy

NAC Recent Photos



Top photo above: Boy Scout Troop 44 completed a volunteer stewardship project at the Susan Stevens Halbe Preserve on Creek Road in March.

Bottom photo above: TD Bank volunteers cleared Japanese Knotweed from the Pompeston Creek stream bank during a stewardship project in May. Photos taken by NAC site leaders Kathy Huffman & Colleen Malloy.

**Volunteer projects are available for:
businesses and school & scout groups, and
for community service hours
Contact Kathy Huffman at kajer3@comcast.net or
Paula Horton at phorton100@comcast.net**

**Thank you to all volunteers
for their time and efforts.**

The Kay Smith/STEM Scholarship for 2018 Will Go to Environmentally Active Graduating Senior

For the fifth year, STEM is sponsoring a scholarship for a Moorestown High School graduating senior who has shown through his/her actions a commitment to supporting an environmentally sustainable Moorestown. This year's scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded through the Moorestown High School local scholarship program. Members of the STEM board will be reviewing applications from a slate of students who have submitted paperwork for 2018.

Be sure to let any qualifying family members or neighbors know of this wonderful opportunity!
— Mark Pensiero



Introducing MooreWalk

Moorestown Parks and Recreation recently released an Information Kick-Off on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 to introduce Moorestown residents to a new program they are offering starting in the spring of 2018—MooreWalk.

The vision is to create a walking club; a community of all ages to explore the outdoors, exercise, and embark on a healthier lifestyle. This holistic approach includes connecting with other Moorestonians while learning about our neighborhoods, parks, and open spaces.

A variety of walking options will be available in the township. Current plans are for morning, afternoon, and evening walks during the week and on Saturdays. The Recreation Department is also trying to coordinate guided walks through our local parks and open space.

For more information and a schedule of upcoming programs, visit the Department of Parks and Recreation's website at www.moorestownrec.com or call them at 856-914-3093.



Thank You are in Order

STEM thanks all of its current members who recently contributed to the coffers of our organization by paying dues—and then some! Although we're as frugal as we can be, there are always expenses involved in carrying out our activities; when members donate beyond the yearly dues, it is a boost to our morale as well as our finances.

Speaking of members, we have noticed a decline in our membership over the years. This trend is evident in most local organizations. If each STEM member could educate, enlighten, and encourage a friend or two to join our ranks and enjoy our activities and environmental goals, it would help us to continue our mission to preserve, protect, and enhance the environment of Moorestown.

—Margo Foster

Moorestown Lutheran Church Dedicates a New Children's Garden

On Earth Day, April 22, 2018, the Lutheran Church on Chester Avenue in Moorestown dedicated a Children's Pollinator Garden. Parishioners, Boy Scouts, and children had prepared the garden and planted the seeds. The celebration attracted a nice turnout and the sunny, spring weather added to the enjoyment of the day. The new pollinator garden will help make the world greener for future generations.



Photo above, shows the newly planted Children's Pollinator Garden at the Moorestown Lutheran Church. Photo to the left is of participants in the celebration, including several STEM members. Both photos taken by Brian Lestini.

*Gardeners, I think,
dream bigger than emperors.
—Mary Cantwell*

You Are Invited to
**STEM'S ANNUAL PICNIC
& NATURE PHOTO CONTEST**

When: Sunday, June 24, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Where: The Malloy/LoPresti Residence
12 Pepperbush Lane, Moorestown
(turn into driveway by the red shed)

Who: STEM Members and Non-members
You need not be a member of STEM to attend

Come join in the fun!
Enjoy great food, good company, and the
judging of the Nature Photo Contest.

It's Pot Luck, so bring food to share.

Contact Joe Ponessa
at 856-235-6376 or jponessa@comcast.net
for more details & to RSVP.



SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT OF MOORESTOWN



Annual STEM Membership Form

Return to:

P.O. Box 704, Moorestown, NJ 08057

Make checks payable to STEM

(A membership expiration date appears on the mailing label.)

(Please print)

Name _____ Check HERE for electronic Newsletter only

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.



**Welcome:
New STEM Members**

Donald & Sarann Foster

George & Amy Gravenstine

Deb Iroin

Mary McMahon

Victoria, Vinnie & Elliot Napolitano

Lynn Ricater

Christopher Salvatico

Diane & Ken Walker

Marti & Marv Weinar

The Zehler Family

SAVE THE DATE!

STEM FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018

Plans are underway for this year's exciting event at Strawbridge Lake Park

STEM has reached out to the public in the fall for decades, first with apple festivals held at the Moorestown Community House, later with activities in some of the open space sites, and more recently with events at Strawbridge Lake Park. Last year's festival included displays and interpretive tables at Strawbridge Lake, and also featured guided hikes at four of the preserved areas in town.

This year, STEM's Fall Festival subcommittee is about to meet to discuss possibilities for 2018. If community environmental education is of interest to you, consider joining the planning sessions and sharing your ideas. Contact STEM President Joe Ponessa by email at jponessa@comcast.net or phone at 856-235-6376, and he will connect you with the 2018 committee organizers.



SUMMER 2018

Save the Environment of Moorestown
P.O. Box 704, Moorestown, NJ 08057
www.stemonline.org

**Membership Renewal
Benefits STEM Projects**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Saturday, June 2 from 9am to 3pm
STEM ANNUAL PLANT SALE
"Nurturing Natives in Our Open Spaces & Backyards"
At Moorestown Day on Main Street
Details on Page 1**

AREA EVENTS OF INTEREST

Saturdays, from May 12 - October 20, 2018- Burlington County Community Agricultral Center, 8:30am-1pm, Centerton Rd., Moorestown

Saturday, June 2, 2018- National Trails Day, visit an open space or preserved area, hike the trails, and enjoy the beauty and serenity of the natural world.

Sunday, June 10, 2018- Earth Fair Festival, 10:30am-4pm, Historic Smithville Park, 803 Smithville Rd., Eastampton, 609-265-5858

Thursday, July 26, 2018- Celebrate Moth Week, 7:30pm-10pm, Rancocas Nature Center, 794 Rancocas Rd., Westampton, 609-261-2495, Preregister

Saturday, August 18, 2018- Forysythe Field Trip, 8am-12pm Audubon Wildlife Society, www.aws.org

Mosquitos! The best (and most effective) way to eliminate mosquitos is to empty any containers with standing water and to encourage open, airy spaces with sunshine. Dragonfly adults feed voraciously on mosquito adults and larvae. And dragonfly larvae love mosquito larvae so if you have a pond, don't treat it with pesticides, as this will kill the dragonflies! If an area is ecologically balanced with a diversity of native plants, the birds (larvae are bird food) and dragonflies will do an excellent job of controlling the mosquitos. Stay away from using "BT," as it also kills butterfly and moth larvae.

People who are immunocompromised should wear long sleeves and pants and spray their shoes, clothing, and hat with DEET. **Don't apply DEET directly to the skin.**

STEM Steering Committee Members for 2018-2019

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Betsy Schnorr, Director; 856-235-6348 & betsybjs@aol.com
MHSEC Representative

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:

Joe Ponessa, President; 856-235-6376 & jponessa@comcast.net

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:

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Barb Rich at 856-234-2787 & barbrich37ec@gmail.com