

Environmental Commission End of the Year Report 2025

Environmental Commission Mission Statement

1. To protect, preserve, and enhance the natural environment within our jurisdiction.
2. To promote sustainable practices and responsible resource management for the benefit of present and future generations.
3. To Advocate for environmental justice, ensuring equitable access to clean air, water, and a healthy environment for all communities.

Goals: Short term goals for the next 18 months approved (approved by EC on 11/15/23)

Environmental Education and Outreach of these subjects:

1. Forever Chemicals are PFAS chemicals that disrupt the immune system and are Carcinogenic. **Action:** None
2. Investigate Community Solar or other programs that allow households to use renewable energy without installing solar panels on their homes. Learn more about Clean Choice energy which allows a resident to select renewable energy as the source of energy for their home. Present results at a community meeting. **Action:** Arielle Debira created a proposal for town wide solar to be discussed at future EC town meetings.
3. Advocate for safe and responsible waste management practices. Partnering with the Recycle Coordinator to get more information out on what is recyclable. Also encourage use of eco-friendly products. **Action:** None

Environmental Commission and Green Team Action for 2025

- Collaborate with schools, community groups, and businesses to promote environmental literacy.
 - Proposed action: Keep participating in educational programs like Arbor Day, Earth Day, and the 4th of July, as well as maintaining the existing garden and the new rainwater garden.

- Encourage Public participation and engagement in the environmental decision-making process.
- Proposed action: Publish new local and state regulations that affect our residents—like the MS4 permit and updated inland flooding rules—on the EC Facebook page and in the Roosevelt Bulletin.
- 4th of July Picnic: Information table and games
- Facebook Page activity Friends of Roosevelt Environmental Commission
- You tube channel www.youtube.com@rooseveltborogreenteam
 - Updated and maintained
- Green team contact email list updated and maintained.
- Continued partnership with The Watershed Institute
 - Stream monitoring
 - MS4 permit
- Roosevelt Little Libraries
 - Local artists painted three and volunteers installed them in town.

Trail work 2025

1. Added new signage to trail entrances.
2. Added additional plant identification plaques to local species.
3. Maintained current puncheons.
4. Added over 125ft of new puncheons to the main Woodland Trail and trail behind the school.
5. Applied non-skid traction paint to school puncheons for safety.
6. Removed fallen, dangerous trees along the trail.
7. Repaired broken chairs.
8. Erosion repair and prevention measures added to the Eastern end of Rochdale to Tamara trail section.