

# ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION & SUSTAINABLE MONTGOMERY

2021 In Review  
2022 Goals

# Overview

- ▶ Environmental Commission formed in 1969 as “Conservation Commission”
- ▶ 2021 EC membership
  - ▶ 7 members
  - ▶ 2 alternates
  - ▶ 1 advisor
- ▶ 10 virtual meetings in 2021
- ▶ 2021 Priorities:
  - ▶ Sustainable Jersey recertification
  - ▶ Raise awareness of flooding & stormwater management
  - ▶ Promote River Friendly certification for businesses & residents
  - ▶ Develop environmental awards
  - ▶ Review site plans
  - ▶ Earth Day

# Sustainable Jersey

- ▶ Township continuously certified since 2009 (inception of SJ)
- ▶ Achieved silver level certification in 2021
- ▶ **455 points** (highest point total ever for Montgomery)
  - ▶ Community Ed. & Outreach (rain barrel workshop, Trails Day, stream cleanup)
  - ▶ Shade Tree Committee's tree planting program
  - ▶ Annual Earth Day celebration
  - ▶ Farmers Market
  - ▶ Township communications & transparency on website
  - ▶ Enhanced stormwater management ord.



# Earth Day celebrations

## ► April 25 giveaways

- shopping totes, reusable produce bags, LED lightbulbs, tree seedlings



## ► June 13 recycling event

- Metal, paper shredding, electronics
- Donations to charitable orgs.





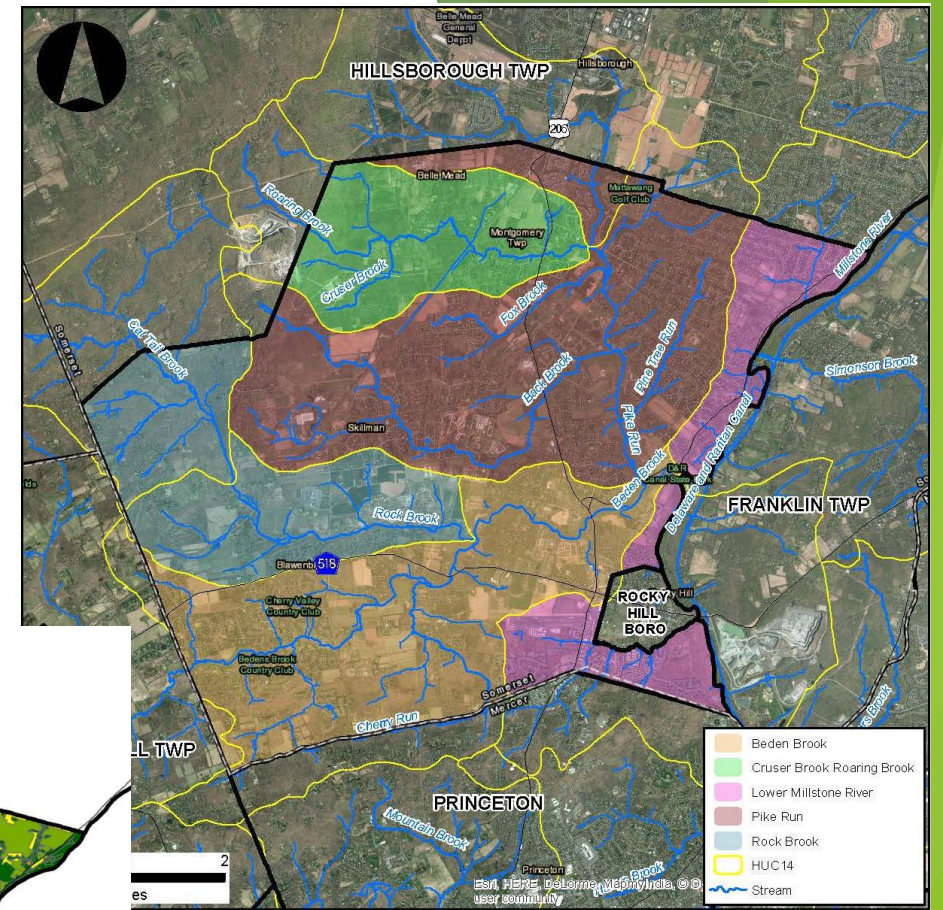
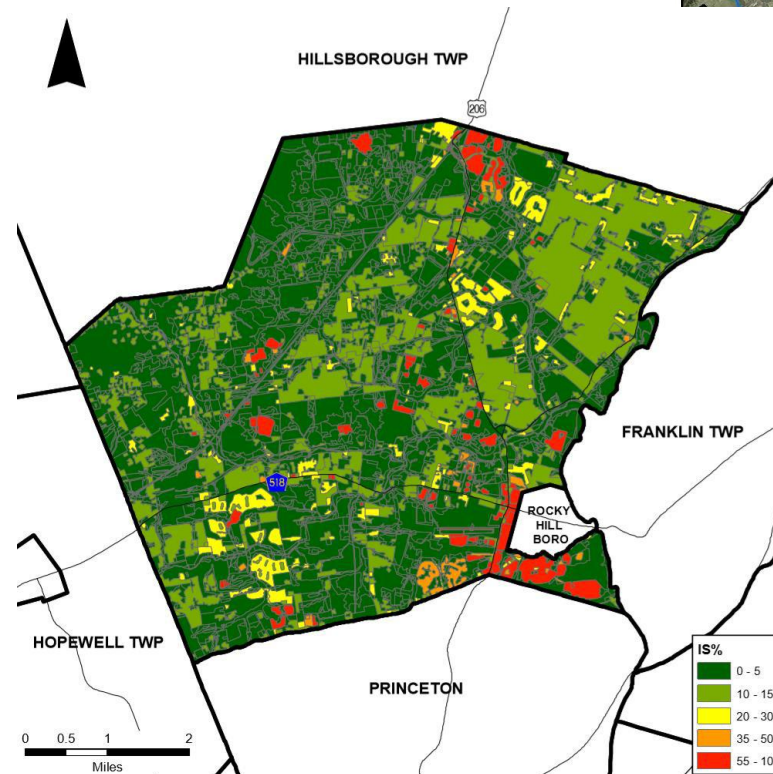
# Community Outreach & Education

- ▶ April 24: stream cleanup at Hobler Park
- ▶ June 23: virtual rain barrel workshop
- ▶ September: Ash tree removal / re-planting e-bulletin (co-authored with Shade Tree)
- ▶ October 16: Farmers Market



# Watershed Institute partnership

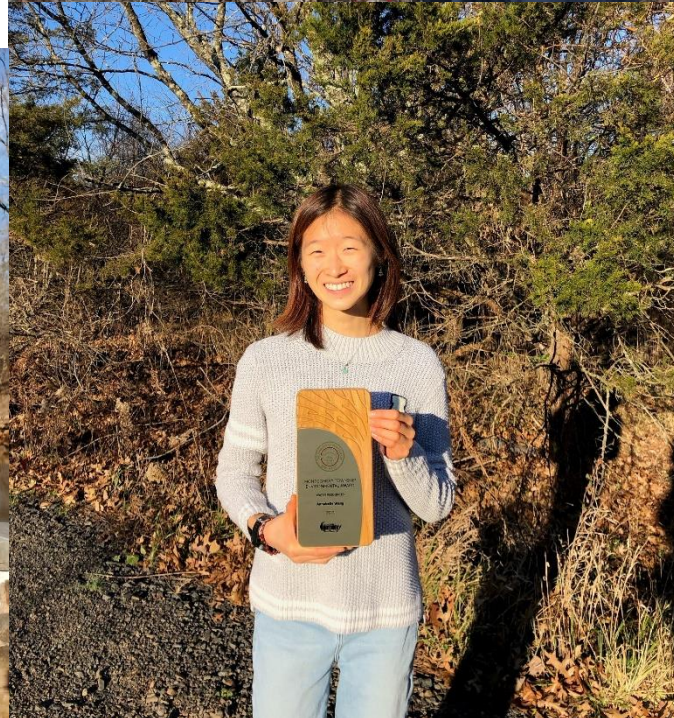
- ▶ Annual stream cleanup
- ▶ Feedback on stormwater management ordinance
- ▶ Advising HOAs on basin maintenance
- ▶ River Friendly certification outreach
- ▶ Impervious coverage assessment





# Environmental Awards

- Recognized:
  - 3 individuals
  - 2 businesses
  - 1 non-profit





# 2022 Goals

- ▶ Host Earth Day celebration
- ▶ Promote River Friendly
- ▶ Continue Environmental Awards
- ▶ Develop outreach materials for businesses and residents for upcoming Plastic Pollution Reduction Act (starting May 4)
- ▶ Educate residents about flooding, stormwater management
- ▶ Provide advice on sustainability initiatives at new Municipal Complex

