

**2017 August-September, Quarterly Report, Education & Outreach, Becky Laboy, E&O Specialist
September 21, 2017**

Outreach Programs, Conferences, Events, Meetings:

- August 17: NACD Webinar Presentation with Karen Walzer on Jersey-Friendly Yards **68** online participants
- August 21: Island Heights Cultural and Heritage Society, presented on Jersey-Friendly Yards, **25** participants
- August 31: Island Beach State Park, "Healthy Communities" Fair, exhibited, **500** attendees throughout the day
- September 9 and 10: Wild Expo, exhibiting, **8500** attendees over two days
- September 12: Soil program at Ocean Academy, **13** high school students
- September 17: BTMUA, presented program on Healthy Soil, in collaboration with Mary Jerkowicz of Ocean County Solid Waste Management, at the Reservoir, **24** participants
- September 27: Envirothon Meeting; will discuss the Envirothon location for 2018.
- September 29: ANJEE Fall Conference at Duke Farms, presenting on healthy soil and native plants

Anticipated Outreach Programs, Conferences and Events:

- October 6: SWCS Fall Conference, presenting JFY with Karen Walzer, PPT and garden tour, assisted with facilitation
- October 7: FREC Forestry Festival, exhibiting
- October 14: "Bringing Nature Home to Your Jersey-Friendly Yard" Conference, presenting on JFY, co-facilitating
- October 21: Ocean County Master Composters, presenting on healthy soil and native plants

Grants and Projects:

- Initiated implementation of ***Experience Jersey-Friendly Yards*** grant project: conducted site assessments of Pine Beach Admiral Point, Island Heights Library, and Cattus Island; garden planning and design, and plant procurement and installation for Cattus Island; garden planning and design and plant procurement for Pine Beach; Pine Beach site prep on Sept 20, installing Pine Beach garden this Saturday September 23. Prepping Island Heights garden plot on Oct 4, installing IH garden on Oct 11. Began planning and preparing for the educational components which will be initiated spring, 2018. Report #1 attached.
- OCSCD and partners were awarded full funding of our ***Urban Agriculture Conservation Initiative*** grant proposal that focuses on offering technical support to build an urban agriculture program in Lakewood. Our first "official" meeting with our Urban Ag Advisory Committee took place on Sept 13; list of goals and objectives attached.
- Regarding: The Watershed Institute Grant Program – OCSCD is partnering with The Lighthouse Center for Natural Resource Education; the Letter of Intent submitted by Pola Galie for the project, "Experience Jersey-Friendly Yards at the Lighthouse Center" was accepted and she received an invitation to submit a full proposal by September 26.

Professional Development:

- July 20: NACD Food Agriculture webinar providing information pertinent to new grant project (1 hr)