

**2018 December-January, Quarterly Report, Education & Outreach, Becky Laboy, E&O Specialist
December 18, 2018**

Anticipated Outreach Programs, Conferences and Events:

- January 30: Potter Creek Crusaders at Berkeley Township Elementary School, Bayville, “Soil” program, 5th grade
- February 26: Toms River Intermediate South Environmental Club, 7-8th grade
- February 27: Soil and JFY program – in support of CCMP outreach
- February 28: MATES Expo – judging student research projects

Grants and Projects:

- ***Experience Jersey-Friendly Yards*** grant, funded by Barnegat Bay Partnership: Phase 2 – received 15 applications for the “Experience Jersey-Friendly Yards” home gardeners workshop series and JFY home garden installations. Compiled applications on google-drive, shared with independent Review Committee: Joel Mott of Pinelands Commission, Chris Claus of Ocean County Park, Lynette Lurig of DEP, and Karen Walzer of BBP. Review Committee will select 10 applicants to participate in 3 2-hour workshops, receive a home garden consultation and \$150 value in plants. Applicants will be selected by end of January. Soil testing for 10 applicants will occur in February, workshops commence in March, at Cattus Island County Park.
- Continue implementation of ***Urban Agriculture Conservation Initiative*** grant, funded by NACD. (DRAFT Report #2 attached.)
- The Lighthouse Center for Natural Resource Education received funding for proposal submitted to **The Watershed Institute Grant Program** – with OCSCD as a partner, to request funding for: ***Experience Jersey-Friendly Yards at the Lighthouse Center***. Becky will provide 4 educational programs supporting Jersey-Friendly Yards, and 2 garden tours of select Jersey-Friendly gardens in the Barnegat Bay Watershed.
- **2018 Poster Contest** Theme: “Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home”, promoted through Constant Contact. (flyer attached)
- **Barnegat Bay Environmental Educators Roundtable:** April 18, 2018. “Save the Date” announced. Facility is confirmed – Lighthouse Center for Natural Resource Education. Theme: “Back to Our Roots”. Presenters invited include: NJ Audubon, Terry O’Leary, NJ SeaGrant, Fred Schoenagel of NRCS. Exhibitors will include various environmental organizations.

Professional Development:

- December 21: OCSCD Staff Sensitivity Training