

**2017 May-July, Quarterly Report, Education & Outreach, Becky Laboy, E&O Specialist**  
**July 20, 2017**

**Outreach Programs, Conferences, Events, Meetings:**

- May 20: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual **Yard, Garden and Native Plant Fair**, Jakes Branch County Park, exhibited and provided **Jersey-Friendly Yards** tour of the SHIP gardens. **150 Fair attendees**, per OCPD
- June 4: **Barnegat Bay Festival**, exhibited, **3500 attendees**, per BBP
- June 14: CCMP Planning Meeting, Part 1, to write the new CCMP
- June 27: **Berkeley Township Elementary School (BTES)**, education program, **17 students**
- July 12: Envirothon mtg, updates: Cedar Creek High School of Galloway Twp took first place in annual NJ competition. 2018 Topic and Date: "Western Rangeland Management: Balancing Diverse Views", May 5
- July 11: CCMP Planning Meeting, Part 2, continue to write the new CCMP

**Anticipated Outreach Programs, Conferences and Events:**

- August 17: NACD Webinar Presentation with Karen Walzer on Jersey-Friendly Yards
- August 21: Island Heights Cultural and Heritage Society, presenting
- September 9 and 10: Wild Expo, exhibiting
- September 17: BTMUA, presenting program at the Reservoir
- September 29: ANJEE Fall Conference at Duke Farms, presenting
- October 6: SWCS Fall Conference, presenting JFY with Karen Walzer
- October 7: FREC Forestry Festival, exhibiting
- October 14: "Grow Your Jersey-Friendly Yard" Conference, presenting
- October 21: Ocean County Master Composters, presenting

**Grants and Projects:**

- ***From Lawn to Garden – Going Green, Saving Green:*** OceanFirst is selling their Adamston Branch property. We "rescued" the JFY plants from the garden and replanted them in other JFY gardens: OceanFirst Jackson and OceanFirst Toms River.
- Began implementation of ***Experience Jersey-Friendly Yards*** grant project: conducting site assessments of Pine Beach Admiral Point garden site, Island Heights Library garden site, and Cattus Island landscaping sites; garden planning and design, and plant procurement for Cattus Island; will be installing plants at Cattus Island this or next week.
- Great news from NACD: 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.

**Volunteers:**

Rita Varneke, volunteer, is taking the summer off to spend with her children; we anticipate she will be returning in September to again offer her time as a volunteer.

**Professional Development:**

- March 28: Rutgers Volunteer Master Gardeners Training Course: "Diagnostics" (3 hrs)
- April 6: NACD webinar providing information about Urban Ag grant requirements (1 hr)
- June 19: The Watershed Institute webinar providing information on 2017-18 grant (1 hr)
- July 20: NACD Food Agriculture webinar providing information pertinent to new grant project (1 hr)