

Help Shape Metuchen's Vision for the Middlesex Greenway



How can access to trails & open spaces be improved?



How can Metuchen be more "Green" & Sustainable?



Is there interest in Community Gardens & Sustainable Agriculture?



What sort of pedestrian & bike trails are needed in Metuchen?

Citizens, businesses and other interested parties are invited to participate in a public workshop on November 18, 2009 to help create a Concept Plan for the Middlesex Greenway Extension in Metuchen.

Schedule for Public Events November 18, 2009

OPEN HOUSE Wednesday, November 18, 2009 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Metuchen Senior Citizen's Center
15 Center Street • Metuchen

Discuss improvements and design possibilities for the proposed Greenway extension with the Environmental Commission, planners and ecologists.

Brainstorm Ideas on:

- Pedestrian and Bike Connections
- Open Space Design
- Sustainable Stormwater Management
- Community Gardens
- Sustainable Agriculture

Did You Know?

That there used to be numerous working farms in Metuchen and on the lands surrounding the Dismal Swamp. The last working farm disappeared from Metuchen about 50 years ago.

The East Coast Greenway, when complete, will extend for approximately 3000 miles from Calais, Maine to Key West, Florida.

New Jersey currently has 47 "Rails-to-Trails" totaling 208 miles. Another 14 trails with an additional 103 miles in the advanced planning/construction stage.

The American Community Gardening Association estimates there are more than 18,000 community gardens in the United States and Canada.

Bioretention is a natural water quality and quantity control practice that uses the chemical, biological and physical properties of plants, microbes and soils for removal of pollutants from storm water runoff.

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Where do you live?

- Metuchen
- Edison
- Other _____

Have you heard about...?

(check all that apply)

- "Rails-to-Trails" Greenways
- The East Coast Greenway
- The Middlesex Greenway
- The Dismal Swamp
- The Middlesex Greenway Extension in Metuchen
- Trailhead Park in Metuchen

Which is your favorite park/open space/ trail/natural area?

(located anywhere)

Please share with us any other comments or ideas for the Middlesex Greenway extension?

Which ideas do you like most for incorporating into the extension of the Middlesex Greenway?

(check a maximum of 5 ideas you like most)

Trails:

- Hard paved
- Soft paths
- Interpretive nature trail
- Other _____

Park space:

- Passive trails and greenery
- Restored wetlands & native species habitat
- Water's edge along exposed portions of Dismal Brook
- Formal park & garden space
- Active recreation fields
- Sport courts
- Amphitheater
- Other _____

Gardens:

- Community (small plots available to residents)
- Wildflower (native species plants)
- Butterfly
- Water, wetlands and wet-tolerant vegetation
- Touch & scent (interactive)
- Formal
- Sculpture
- Sustainable agriculture (organic)
- Other _____

Thank you for your input!

Please return your completed comment card to the Environmental Commission booth at the Metuchen Country Fair, to the staff members during the November 18th Open House Workshop, or to the Planning and Zoning Department at Metuchen Borough Hall.