

Princeton Environmental Commission
2017 Goals

There are two overarching themes to the Environmental Commission goals for 2016 will continue into 2017: to address and mitigate the causes and effects of climate change, and to partner with the municipality, local nonprofits and Princeton University to increase the effectiveness of our actions.

1. Support Council on initiatives beneficial to the environment
 - a. Consult on ordinances which have relevance to environmental protection and sustainability.
 - b. Endorse, support and educate Council on the importance of their 2017 goals related to sustainability including the development of a Climate Action Plan, the Bicycle Path Plan, the Invasive Species Management Plan, the Neighborhood Character and Zoning initiative, the review of the town's Master Plan and others as they may arise.
 - i. Assist with public education on these initiatives.
2. Increase awareness of sustainability efforts in Princeton by creating awareness of and support for "green" projects.
 - a. Develop a grant application for ANJEC to support efforts to manage invasive species and to educate the community about the dangers of invasive plants and the benefits of native plants.
 - b. Develop a PEC website and continue to use social media, Access Princeton, letters to the editor and our partnership with Sustainable Princeton to inform and engage town residents on town initiatives relating to the environment and sustainability.
3. Partner with another commission or board to test a project inspired by "Tactical Urbanism", a term used to describe a low-cost, temporary change to the built environment intended to improve local neighborhoods.
4. Complete the analysis of the impact of the Green Building Checklist
 - a. Finish data analysis and conduct interviews.
 - b. Prepare summary report.
5. Continue our work reviewing development applications to encourage sustainable development in Princeton.