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EARTH DAY 2023 IN CHERRY HILL: Pollinator Garden Day *April 2023*

The Cherry Hill Environmental Board (CHEB) celebrated the 53rd Anniversary of Earth Day by coordinating Pollinator Garden Day. Council Vice President Brian Bauerle, and Councilwoman and Council Liaison to CHEB, Jennifer Apell, were on-hand to officially open the event. Pollinator gardens are designed to provide habitat or homes for the bees and butterflies whose population has dangerously declined over recent years due to loss of habitat and pesticide use.

During the event, over 800 plants were added to CHEB-sponsored or operated pollinator gardens throughout town. Lenape garden, the largest one, saw about 15 volunteers move a large load of compost onto the garden followed by the planting of 500 native, pollinator-friendly plants. Other CHEB-established gardens; Cherry Valley Trails, Bunker Hill Trails, Bowling Green Trails, and the Cherry Hill Mosque were augmented with plants such as purple cone flower, foxglove, Joe Pye, and sunflower.

The event is a fitting activity for Cherry Hill, especially since the township has gained the recognition as a Certified Wildlife Community.

Please consider joining CHEB and many Cherry Hill residents in creating a pollinator garden on your property. To learn more about creating your own pollinator garden, please visit: www.chnj.gov/pollinatorgardens. To learn more about being a Cherry Hill Pollinator Garden Steward, email CHEB@chnj.gov.

Let's all give our valuable bees and butterflies a helping hand.



Article submitted by Cherry Hill Environmental Board Chair, Lew Gorman.
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