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The Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) awarded Cherry Hill Environmental Board (CHEB) with its Open Space Stewardship Grant in late May 2023. Its Summer 2023 ANJEC Report highlights the program and the grant awardees. Of the 564 municipalities in the state only 18 others received this year's honor. The CHEB all-volunteer board serves the Township by stewarding Cherry Hill's Open Space natural lands, including over ten trail systems and 10 pollinator gardens, all staffed by volunteers. Cherry Hill became eligible to compete for the ANJEC grants after the Township formally recognized CHEB and its mission in the form of a Township Ordinance in 2021.



CHEB was awarded the grant on its first try. The \$1500 will be used to help install a new pollinator garden, maintain others and improve the trails located on Cherry Hill Open Space natural lands. If you are interested in helping CHEB with their nature mission, please email <u>CHEB@chnj.gov</u>.



Article submitted by Cherry Hill Environmental Board Chair, Lew Gorman. To learn more about the Board or to volunteer, visit: <u>www.chnj.gov/CHEB</u>.



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