

TOWNSHIP OF WESTAMPTON

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WESTAMPTON
IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, ESTABLISHING A
COMMITTEE TO BE KNOWN AS THE
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2007

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Westampton,
County of Burlington and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1

The Code of the Township of Westampton is hereby amended by the addition of
the following subsection:

Environmental Advisory Committee

A. Purpose; name

- a. The purpose of the Committee is to advise and assist the Township Committee, Land Development Board and any other municipal department, committee or officials on environmental issues.
- b. The Committee established by this section shall be known as the Environmental Advisory Committee.
- c. The Environmental Advisory Committee shall act only in an advisory capacity and may make recommendations on development proposals as provided in this section.

B. Members; terms of office, vacancies

- a. There is hereby established the Environmental Advisory Committee of the Township which shall consist of up to seven (7) members, who shall be appointed by the Township Committee, shall be residents of the Township of Westampton, shall serve without salary or other compensation and shall each be removable from office by the Township Committee at any time without cause, upon a vote of a majority of all the members of Township Committee, except that the absence of a Committee member from three (3) consecutive

Committee meetings shall constitute an automatic forfeiture of that Committee member's office without need of any action.

b. Appointments

i. Six Committee members shall be appointed for three-year terms, except for the first terms of appointment, which shall be staggered as follows:

1. Two (2) members shall be appointed for terms to expire December 31, 2007.
2. Two (2) members shall be appointed for terms to expire December 31, 2008.
3. Two (2) member shall be appointed for a term to expire December 31, 2009.

ii. One member shall be a member of the Land Development Board and shall be appointed for a term of one year.

C. Organization; officers, meetings, etc.

a. An organization meeting shall be held annually during January. At such meeting, the Committee shall elect a Chairman and a Secretary from the Committee. The Committee shall hold at least one (1) regular meeting quarterly. Committee procedures shall comply with the Open Public Meetings Act. A majority of all members shall constitute a quorum.

b. The Committee shall keep minutes of all its proceedings.

D. Powers and duties.

The Committee is established to assist in the protection, development and use of natural resources. In order to carry out these purposes, the Committee shall have the following functions:

- a. Promoting the conservation and careful management of the natural resources of the Township.
- b. Planning and implementing programs to educate the public about local conservation programs and issues.
- c. Maintain an up-to-date inventory of the Township natural resources, including all relevant mapping and documentation.

- d. Assist the Township Committee in maintaining an up-to-date inventory of all open space and recreation areas, both publicly and privately owned. Investigate possible appropriate use for publicly owned open space.
- e. Assisting the Land Development Board in the latter's duties and responsibilities, including input to the Master Plan and long range planning.
- f. Rendering non-binding opinions with respect to any matter referred for review by the land Development Board within thirty (30) calendar days of such referral.
- g. Review and make recommendations with respect to all Environmental Impact Reports filed by a developer with the Land Development Board.
- h. Act as a clearinghouse and resource for the community on local environmental issues.
- i. To perform such other duties as directed by the Township Committee.

Section 2

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Section 3

This ordinance shall become effective immediately after its passage and publication as required by law.