

# The Green Way

## KINGSTON GREENWAYS ASSOCIATION

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Many thanks!

## COMING EVENTS

**Annual Meeting and Talk by David Robinson, PH.D, New Jersey's State Climatologist: New Jersey's Changing Climate**

**Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 7:30 PM**

**In person at Kingston Firehouse, 8 Heathcote Road, Kingston**

**or virtual (Register at [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/brlWn919RyqIWAsT5\\_iLOA](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/brlWn919RyqIWAsT5_iLOA))**



Kingston Greenways Association's annual meeting features Dr. David Robinson, the New Jersey State Climatologist. Dr. Robinson's research focuses on weather-related issues like drought, flooding and climate change as they affect agriculture, public safety, transportation and commerce in New Jersey (<https://climate.rutgers.edu/stateclim/>).

His office operates one of the most spatially dense weather observation networks in the nation, providing timely information to decision makers, the research community, and the public.

Dr. Robinson is also a Distinguished Professor of Geography at Rutgers. His academic research has focused on local and global snow cover and its interaction with other climate elements, like temperature. He maintains an internationally-recognized database of snow extent in the Northern Hemisphere. He is also active in CoCoRaHS (Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network), a network of volunteers working together to measure precipitation across the nations.

The event is FREE, and all are welcome. Refreshments served.

## **ALERT: Northeast Supply Enhancement (NESE) Air Permit Hearing**

### **A Virtual Event on Thursday, November 13, 2025, 5:30 to 9:30 PM EST**

Mobilize for the NESE air permit hearing! After hearing overwhelming opposition to the water quality permits for this project in September, the NJDEP has scheduled another virtual meeting to hear from the public about the project's air permits. This may be our final public hearing on NESE, so we need as many people as possible to show up and speak out against this project that will harm our water, air, climate, people, and marine life. Click here to sign up for the hearing:

<https://www.mobilize.us/fww/event/858580/>

## **Audubon Christmas Bird Count**

**Sunday, December 14, 2025**

**7:30 AM to Dusk**

The Kingston segment of this year's Audubon Christmas Bird Count begins at 7:30 AM to catch the "early birds". We will meet at the Lock Tender's House (near the intersection of Rt. 27 and the D&R Canal State Park in Kingston) and bird until noon, when we take a break for lunch. The group then continues with the count in the afternoon. You can join us for the morning, lunch, afternoon, or all of them.

If interested, call Karen Linder (609-683-0483) for more info. We would particularly appreciate help from experienced birders, but novices are welcome. It is a great way to build your skills and get to know the Nursery Lands better. Dress warmly, and bring binoculars if you have them!

**Your help is needed!**

**Our board is dwindling in size, and we are in urgent need of trustees who can bring fresh energy, diverse skill sets, and new perspectives and ideas to KGA. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please get in touch with Tari at [tari@kingstongreenways.org](mailto:tari@kingstongreenways.org)**

## PAST EVENTS

### Fall Foliage Walk Sunday October 12, 2025

Our walk leader, Jeff Cramer, is the South Brunswick Township arborist and a New Jersey Licensed Tree Expert with extensive background in urban forestry. He was a former utility arborist for JCP&L, and past president of the NJ Shade Tree Federation. He is currently a safety/compliance inspector for NJDEP Board of Tree Experts and serves as Chair of the South Brunswick Shade Tree Commission.



Jeff and his wife Amy pointed out various trees in Heathcote Park, including pin oak, red oak, Atlantic white cedar, assorted maples and hickories, hop hornbeam, zelkova, and more, and described their assets and challenges. We visited one of New Jersey's recently nominated "Big Trees," a swamp white oak (*Quercus bicolor*), which was added to NJ DEP Forestry Department's Big and Heritage Tree Registry in September 2024, which was nominated by Mr. Cramer. It is approximately 240 years old, has a circumference of 151", a diameter of 49", a height of 71', and a crown average of 92'.

We also learned about South Brunswick Township's tree ordinances, tree removal (for disease or utility incursions) and replanting options.

### Bamboo Clearing March 29, 2025



**We had a wonderfully successful bamboo removal event and were able to remove all bamboo from our targeted areas. Thanks to our hard-working volunteers, and especially, AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassador Claire Paul, who expertly organized and coordinated the work session!**

## Earth Day Cleanups Saturday, April 19, 2025

Volunteers come in all sizes--but with the same enthusiasm! Our heartfelt thanks to all who participated in the morning cleanup along Laurel Avenue and the vicinity of Rockingham Historic Site...



and in the afternoon, in the Mapleton Preserve, along Mapleton Road and on the berm path alongside the canal.



The efforts of these willing participants made an immediate and visible improvement to our local open space. Thank you to all for celebrating Earth Day with us with vigor and spirit!