

ENVIRONMENTAL/CONSERVATION COMMITTEE – REPORT NARRATIVE 2025 WOMAN’S CLUB OF LACEY, INC.

The members of the Environmental Department are among the most active members of the Woman’s Club of Lacey. During 2025, many initiatives were taken on, all of which contributed to a cleaner environment. Members also arranged for two guest speakers at general meetings: one from a local garden center and another a local organic farmer.

Achievement Day Entries for the Environment

Member Carol LaVelle submitted her dish garden to Achievement Day 2025 and won Grand Award for Environment.

Animal Shelter Support

The animal lovers of the Woman’s Club of Lacey call themselves the “Doggie Angels.” This group under the leadership of long-time member Lillis Campbell works closely with the Popcorn Park Zoo and Animal Shelter in Lacey Township to provide a variety of items including dog/cat food, bedding, sheets, towels, rugs, newspapers, and toys. This group collects these items throughout the year and makes two deliveries each year. They pass the money jar each month as well collecting \$150.00 in 2025. They use the donations to purchase food and toys for the shelter. The Woman’s Club received a certificate from the ASPCA this year in recognition of their support.

Beach Cleanup

Members participated in the Lacey Township Beach Sweep on May 31st sponsored by the Lacey Township Recreation Department.

Plastic Recycling

The Woman’s Club of Lacey joined forces with the Methodist church in Lacey Township to support with their effort in collecting household plastic bags for which will be recycled by the Trex Company, Inc. Members collected polyethylene plastic film including: clean and dry produce bags, store bags, ice bags, Ziplock and other reclosable bags, bread bags, newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, bubble wrap and plastic e-commerce bags. This recycled material will help the church receive Trex benches for their garden. This is another example of how this Department supports our community.

Nature Walks

In 2025, members of the Woman’s Club of Lacey organized two nature walks. They visited the Tulip Farm in Cream Ridge, NJ for a day outing. The rain could not dampen their enthusiasm for cutting sunflowers and enjoying the farm.

Coat Recycling

Members of the Environmental Department teamed up with residents of the Pheasant Run Homeowners Association in Forked River to collect new and gently-used winter coats. 161 women’s, men’s and children’s coats were accepted by **Your Grandmother’s Cupboard**, an Ocean County non-profit organization. Coats are

distributed to children and adults in need across the county in time for the start of the winter weather.

Animal Toys/Recycling

Members of the environmental department collaborated with the art and culture department collecting gently used Tee shirts to make pet toys for the Popcorn Park Zoo.