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Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee Volume 21 ANJEC Award Annabelle the Dragon Artistic Creation

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The Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee [WTEAC] has once again received a prestigious Environmental Achievement Award from the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions [ANJEC]. The award was conferred, among others, during the association's virtual 48th Annual 2021 Environmental Congress which began on October 19th.



The project for which the WTEAC received the award was titled, Wall Township – Achievement Award for “Annabelle the Dragon” Artistic Creation. ANJEC stated the following: “When visiting the Wall Township Environmental Committee at a virtual meeting, the commission invited the artist Robin Ruggiero to make a creation for one of their nature trails. Robin uses twigs, tree limbs, and whatever assets the woods provide, in addition to twine, and some rope in bringing her creation to

fruition. The installation of Annabelle the Dragon encourages people to visit the Wall Township's Community Park Self-Guided Nature Trail. Nature-based and nature-placed art is a wonderful benefit that everyone in the community can enjoy while also taking advantage of the historical and environmental education opportunities.”

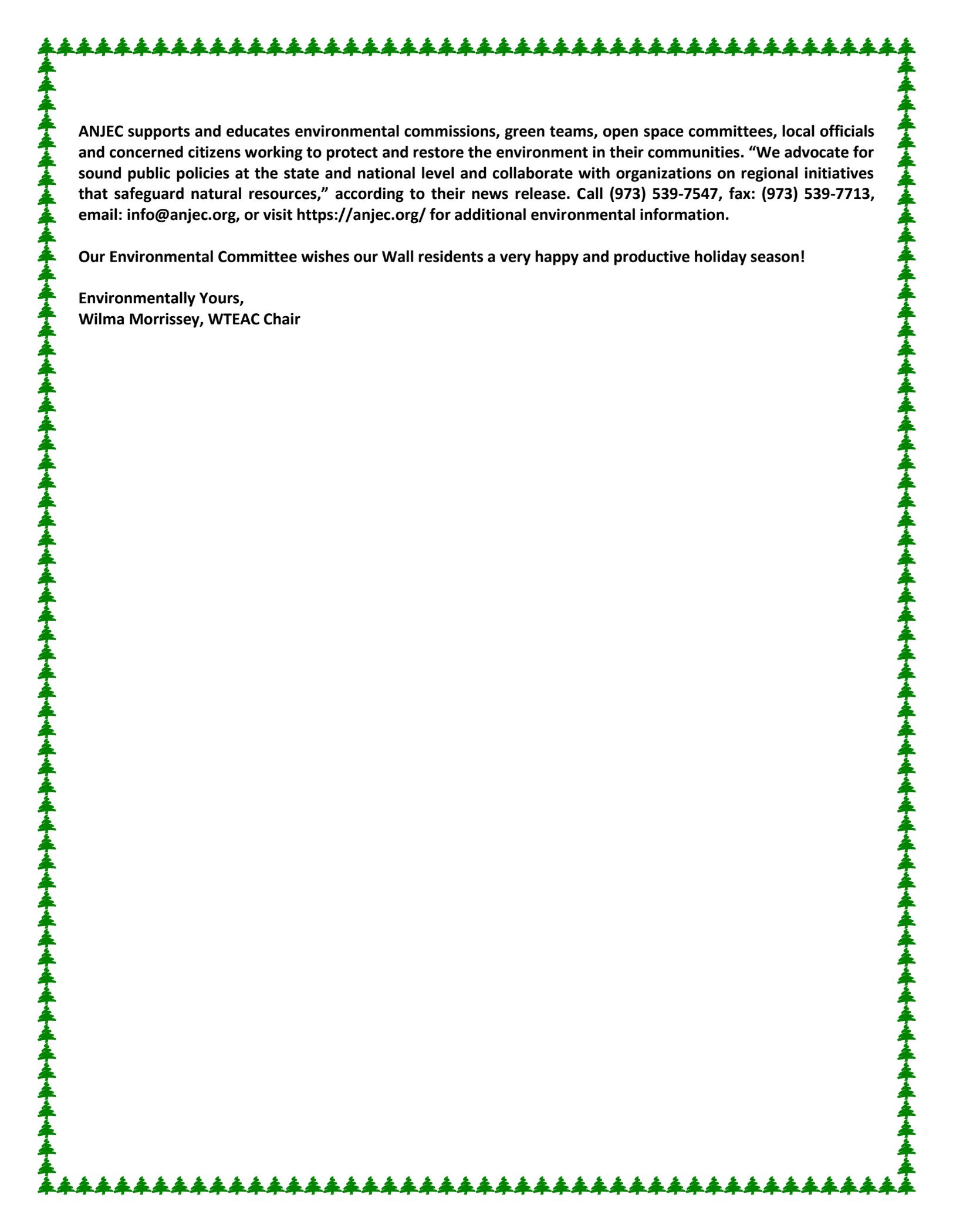
NJDEP Commissioner Shawn LaTourette was able to listen to the presentation of awards and hear about all the great work that we are all doing. The Keynote Address, by Surili Sutaria Patel, was titled “Climate Change and Health Equity, Demystifying the Many Truths.



The Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee would like to again invite our residents to enjoy our Community Park Self-Guided Nature Trail, for a walk on a nice brisk day, to visit both the trail and the Annabelle the Dragon artistic creation along the nature trail. The site is adjacent to the soccer fields behind the municipal complex. The park bench signifies the entrance to the trail, and Annabelle can be seen near the exit between stops 10 and 11 on the half-mile trail. This is a wonderful opportunity that gives visitors a brief glimpse into Wall's rich rural past. A full copy of the brochure is available to download on the WTEAC page on the township website <https://www.wallnj.com/323/Environmental-Advisory-Committee>, under

brochures. Visitors get a two for one – the self-guided nature trail and the artistic creation by Robin Ruggiero bringing nature and art together.

According to ANJEC's website, “ANJEC is a non-profit organization, helps New Jersey environmental commissions, individuals, local and state agencies preserve natural resources and promote sustainable communities. The mission of the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions is to achieve responsible and sustainable use of New Jersey's natural resources and protection of environmental health. ANJEC is a statewide organization that provides leadership, education, and support for environmental commissions and other local boards and public officials, and partners with other organizations to advocate for strong state and regional environmental policy.”



ANJEC supports and educates environmental commissions, green teams, open space committees, local officials and concerned citizens working to protect and restore the environment in their communities. “We advocate for sound public policies at the state and national level and collaborate with organizations on regional initiatives that safeguard natural resources,” according to their news release. Call (973) 539-7547, fax: (973) 539-7713, email: info@anjec.org, or visit <https://anjec.org/> for additional environmental information.

Our Environmental Committee wishes our Wall residents a very happy and productive holiday season!

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Wilma Morrissey, WTEAC Chair