

In the face of development pressures, the preservation of areas of open space is vital to the protection of environmentally sensitive areas, providing recreational opportunities for the enjoyment of present and future generations of Montgomery Township residents, and to the preservation of Montgomery Township's rich farming heritage. The Open Space Committee was formed to aid in the acquisition of open space in Montgomery Township.

The duties of the Open Space Committee are as follows:

1. Make recommendations to the governing body on whether lands proposed for dedication for stream corridors, general open space, or farmland preservation shall be accepted or approved by the Township Committee.
2. Seek on behalf of the Township, opportunities for the acquisition of open space and stream corridors, and for bringing participants into the Farmland Preservation Program in accordance with priorities established by the Township Committee.
3. Interact with other boards, committees, and commissions in the Township in coordinating recommendations for the acquisition of open space and stream corridors, and the development of Farmland Preservation Program participants.
4. Assist, as may be needed, in the implementation of open space, stream, corridor, and farmland preservation programs established or approved by the Township Committee.
5. Perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned by the Township Committee.

Meetings: The Open Space Committee generally meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM with the Pathways Committee to follow.

[Upcoming Meetings](#)

If you are interested in being considered for a volunteer position with us, apply using our [Online Volunteer Application](#).

Membership: Members are appointed by the Montgomery Township Committee.

Related Links

- [How Does the OSC work with other organizations to preserve open space? \(Video\)](#)

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Open Space Overview

Montgomery Township's Open Space Committee was formed in 1989 by the Township Committee in order to make recommendations to the governing body on the dedication of open space, seek opportunities for the acquisition of open space and farmland preservation, as well as assist and advise other committees and boards on open space-related issues. Since its inception, the Committee has been active in developing and periodically updating a master plan for open space, seeking acquisition projects and grant opportunities, hosting volunteer workdays, and assisting in Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Gold Award projects. In addition, the Committee and volunteers have created miles of pathways and trails throughout the Township.

As of September 2016, over 7,000 acres of land in the Township have been preserved, equivalent to **1 out of every 3 acres**. The Township frequently works on land preservation projects in partnership with outside agencies, both governmental and non-profits. Early on, the New Jersey Conservation Foundation (NJCF) negotiated for several open space and farmland easements on the Township's behalf, these were integral to a few large preservations (i.e. McAlpin, Raymond farm, and Donald Staats farm). On other projects, the Township has partnered with: the State Agricultural Development Committee (SADC); New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Division; Somerset County; Borough of Rocky Hill; Delaware & Raritan Greenway; and Montgomery Friends of Open Space (MFOS). These collaborations and creative funding strategies have made the success of Montgomery's open space and pathways program possible.

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