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HUNTERDON HOSTS NJ PARK NATURALIST ROUND TABLE MEETING



On April 6, the Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation hosted an in-house workshop on environmental and public issues challenging the Park Departments of New Jersey. Along with the Hunterdon Naturalist Staff, 18 other naturalists and environmentalists from Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Burlington, Essex, Bucks County – PA, New Jersey State Parks, New Jersey Water Supply Authority, and the Stony Brook & Milestone Watershed gathered to learn and share knowledge. The topics included; teaching youths with special needs, coexisting with Coyotes, threats related to the Emerald Ash Borer, and updates on the diseases and concerns surrounding the tick species found in New Jersey.

While representatives from Hunterdon presented many of the topics, we gained insight and constructive criticism from how our neighboring and surrounding counties are handling, or would handle their approaches to these issues. The networking and camaraderie that developed during this workshop will benefit our public as our resource pool expands with new friends and colleagues from around the state. We hope that this gathering will become an annual affair with each organization taking a turn to host the event.

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