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New Publication Digs up the Details on Open Space

MIDDLESEX COUNTY – A new publication is turning the topic of open space into an open book.

The Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA) has recently launched “open S.P.A.C.E.S.,” a free quarterly newsletter focusing on various facets of land preservation, both from a local and regional perspective.

With upwards of 7,500 acres of open space preserved in Middlesex County alone, the objective was to provide residents with updates on newly acquired parcels, environmental impacts, the wide array of outdoor hobbies and activities, procedural and policy insight, fun nature facts and quotes and so much more.

In only a short time, this formula for content has led to a tutorial on Geocaching, uncovered traces of the reputed “Black Diamond Express” on the Middlesex County Greenway, exposed pollutant-discerning insects in East Brunswick’s Ireland Brook and outlined the guidelines for the Great Backyard Bird Count.

“For decades now, we’ve witnessed residents showing their dedication and support for preserving this land for future generations,” said MCIA Chairman Leonard J. Roseman. “So in a way, we’re keeping them abreast on that investment – from the happenings to the history to the health of these properties.”

Since last year’s first printing, thousands of copies of “open S.P.A.C.E.S” have made their way to each of the County’s 25 municipal buildings and libraries.

Additionally, the public can view the periodical at any of Middlesex County’s numerous trailhead markers, where they’ve been rotationally posted, or by logging onto the MCIA’s website at www.mciauth.com.

Now residents may also vie for inclusion in the coming editions.

The “open S.P.A.C.E.S” editorial board has announced that it’s currently seeking essays, short stories and other original literary works, photographs and even drawings, especially from area youths and children, that highlight the publics’ experiences with local open space.

All submissions must include contact information for verification purposes and any written pieces should be limited to 150 words or less.

Interested parties may submit entries by emailing mp@mciauth.com or by mailing their content to The Middlesex County Improvement Authority’s Staff Writer Maria Prato at 101 Interchange Plaza Cranbury, NJ 08512.

“The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders has been dedicated to preserving open space and this newsletter essentially opens up a dialog with our County residents,” said Middlesex County Freeholder and MCIA liaison Carol Barrett Bellante. “We welcome their submissions and their perspective about open space in our County.”

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