

**Conservation, Energy, & Environment Committee (CEEC) Report
Public Health, Safety & Environment Subcommittee, November 13, 2024
Submitted by Paula Jones, Chair, CEEC**

October & early November Activity:

1. The last day to submit photos for the Trees for Bloomfield Photo Contest was on October 23rd. Thirty two photographers submitted 54 photographs. Winners will be announced in December at a reception at 330 Park Ave (see upcoming events below).

2. Shred and E-recycling Day (November 2) data:

Date	File Shred – paper shredded	Take2 – electronics/batteries recycled
November 2, 2024	11,100 pounds (37 bins)	4,012 pounds/NA
May 4, 2024	8,700 pounds (29 bins)	3,016 pounds/209 pounds
October 7, 2023	9,600 pounds (32 bins)	4,135 pounds/NA
April 29, 2023	9,900 pounds (33 bins)	4,045 pounds/NA

The November 2nd event was at Bloomfield High School for the first time since Town Hall, the usual location, was busy due to Early Voting. Thanks to the Bloomfield School District for accommodating us.

Given the amount of paper shredded at both 2023 events and in May 2024, we requested one large 40-bin-capacity truck. (For the prior three events we had contracted for two trucks, but each truck was only half filled.) We were able to accommodate all residents. We also collected donations to help restock the Bloomfield Food Pantry.

Upcoming CEEC Events:

December 10th OR 17th, 5:30 – 7pm, Great Room, 330 Park Ave: 2024 Trees for Bloomfield Photo Contest reception. CEEC will be hosting a reception for all photo contest entrants. Invitations will be extended to the Bloomfield Beautification Committee, other TFB volunteers, Town Staff, and the Town Council. The reception will be open to the public.

March 5th, 6:30 pm, Nature Lecture webinar: “Light Pollution and its Effects on Birds, Wildlife, and Human Health” by Margery Winters, Assistant Director at Roaring Brook Nature Center. This webinar is co-sponsored by Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy and Bloomfield Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services.

The CEEC meets the second Thursday of each month from 4:30 – 6 PM via a hybrid meeting format (in person at Town Hall, Conference Room 5). Next scheduled meeting – November 14