

Demarest Environmental Commission Minutes
Tuesday, April 28, 2026
7:00 PM
118 Serpentine Road, Demarest, NJ 07627

I. Open Meeting

“This meeting was advertised in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of NJ.”

II. Attendance

The following committee members were present: James Chang, Ted Alevrontas, David Lerner. Absent committee members: Angela Rodin, Rajiv Krishnamurthy, Noelle Tutunjian

III. Old Business

- a. Northern Valley Greenway
- b. Community engagement / NVD liaison / social media
- c. Northern Valley EC engagement
- d. Community solar
- e. No Mo May / Slow Mow Summer

IV. New Business

- a. Native tree recommendations / invasive species. The EC is moving forward with its initiative to investigate and recommend tree plantings in town. Ray Slaman, the Boro's arborist, will join us in the future to discuss in more detail. Following Rajiv Krishnamurthy's recent presentation to the EC, we have so far discussed that existing Norway Maples already planted should remain in place. As the EC does more work on this topic, we plan to issue recommendations about trees to be planted in the future.
- b. Community clean-up. James Chang is organizing a town clean-up, scheduled to follow the baseball opening day parade. The EC discussed community outreach, which so far has been word of mouth. Closter EC participated in the platform United We Serve Bergen County.
- c. Community composting household sign-ups. This discussion was tabled until May.

V. Adjourn Meeting

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting,