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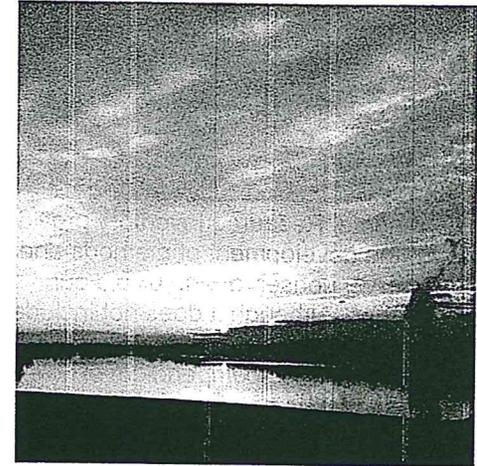
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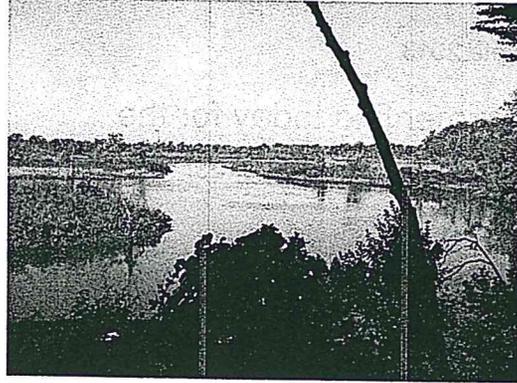
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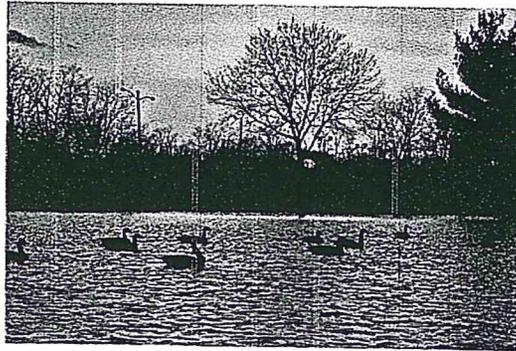


An in-depth, acre by acre guide to Air, Water, Soil, Plants and Wildlife within 9.31 square miles. 27 Tables and 20 Maps are included. The Environmental Resource Inventory for the Township of Bordentown, NJ identifies and describes the natural resources of this

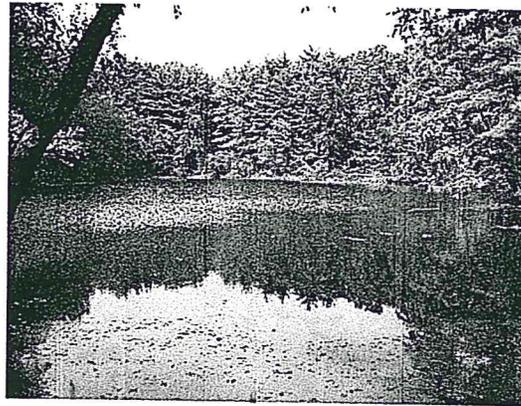
community. The Bordentown Township Environmental Commission chose to up-date the inventory, in 2013, to reflect the changes that have occurred in our area due to development, flooding, increased population and ecological degradation. A community's natural resources ~ it's soil, water, air, forests, fields, and waterways are fundamental to its character. The protection and wise use of those resources is essential to the public health, safety, and welfare of current and future residents.



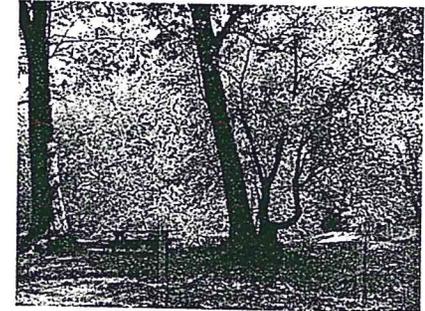
The Environmental Resource Inventory provides the basis for the development of methods and steps to preserve, conserve, and utilize our natural resources. Although it does not include specific recommendations to plan and act in this regard, it does provide a compendium of information that can be employed by the community to prepare a strategy for positive activism. The inventory reflects a particular moment in time and will be updated as new data becomes available.



In the past, Bordentown Township's natural resources made the Township an agricultural community. In addition, its position along the Delaware River and the growth of the transportation network that crosses Bordentown made the area an important industrial and commercial center in the 19th and 20th centuries. Today, as residential development in this part of Burlington County increases, the character of Bordentown Township is also undergoing change. Documentation of its resources has become a necessity, especially if it is to support residents of the future.



Bordentown's remaining wetlands and tidal marshes, which provide significant habitat for endangered and threatened plants and animals, will be vital to the continued health of the community and the enjoyment of its citizenry.



Located in the Central Western portion of the state of New Jersey, between New York City and Philadelphia, Bordentown Township is over 9 square miles with more than 11,500 residents. Since the year 2000, when the population was recorded at a little over 8,000, the strain on natural resources has also increased. There are about 28 miles of streams running through Bordentown Township, with 105 acres of lakes and ponds. Portions of four watersheds, each containing one sub-watershed within the Township. In 2010, all of these sub-watersheds were impaired for one or more designated uses. The Abbott Marshlands, located in the North west corner of the Township, is one of the most significant natural areas in the state and contains many rare plants and animals. A number of them are threatened or endangered, including the bald eagle, grasshopper sparrow, bobolink and the Northern harrier.