

Report from Quality of Life subcommittee members Lee Gratwick and Anne Roth-Blizzard regarding the Impact Research Group booth at the York Valley Fest on 25 July, 2015.

Town maps were available for viewing. Physical/Natural Features and Infrastructure was of particular interest as people located their homes, and determined proximities of the gas wells and no drill zones. Copies of that map were made available for distribution.

We had also informational literature and handouts for distribution from the Cornell Cooperative Extension on Well Maintenance, NY State DOH Recommended Residential Water Quality Testing, a fact sheet from Little Lakes Sustainability Network, a brochure from the Sierra Club regarding switching to renewable energy, brochures from UnwasteNY.org on home energy assessments.

There was much interest in the moratorium and the Impact Research Group. A number of local citizens were unaware of the number and location of natural gas wells existing in town, did not know about IRG and asked for more information about our work, about preserving private sources of drinking water, expanding access to public water. We directed them to the Town of York website. A few left their contact information, wanting more involvement.

