

Hopewell Valley Green Team Report
May 26, 2016

The Hopewell Valley Green Team (HVGT) is composed of representatives of 3 municipalities: Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township, and Pennington Borough. Current members are:

Jennifer E. Curtis – Hopewell Borough
Michael Fossel – Hopewell Borough
Chris Fossel- Hopewell Borough – Borough Council
Michele Hovan – Hopewell Borough – Borough Administrator
Paul Kiss – Hopewell Township
Denise Moser – Hopewell Township
Rex Parker – Hopewell Township
Mike Pisauro – Hopewell Township
Drewe Schoenholtz – Hopewell Township
Bob Miller – Hopewell Township – Community Development Coordinator/Zoning Officer
Vanessa Sandom – Hopewell Township – Township Committee
Joann Held – Pennington Borough
Margret van Vuuren – Pennington Borough
Eileen Heinzl – Pennington Borough – Borough Administrator
Thomas Quinn – Hopewell Valley Regional School District

Summary of Activities: June 2015-June 2016

Committees

We created 4 committees in order to pursue multiple goals throughout the year and to suggest additional activities. They are: Recycling, Energy, Green Business & Visioning.

Recycling Events

September 19, 2015 & February 6, 2016: Styrofoam Collection
June 27, July 25, August 29, September 26 & October 31: Collection of recyclables at Pennington Farmers Market, including #5 Plastics, CDs/DVDs, styrofoam egg cartons, wine bottle corks, and dental hygiene products

Educational Events

September 26: Hopewell Harvest Fair
March 26: Living Local Expo
May 21: Pennington Day

Capacity Building Grant Activities

HVGT received a Capacity Building Grant from Sustainable Jersey in March 2015. With this support, we have been working on 3 areas this year.

1. Improving and Updating our Website (with assistance from a student webmaster)

2. Obtaining re-usable produce bags that will be given out at the Pennington Farmers Market this summer. (At Pennington Day in 2015, we solicited input from visitors about the type of produce bag they would be most likely to use)
3. Developing a plan for creating a “Vision of Sustainable Hopewell Valley” with assistance from MaGa Associates

Goals for the Coming Year

- Purchase, label and distribute re-usable produce bags
- Launch Visioning Effort
- Establish Green Business Recognition Program
- Continue Recycling Efforts; add plastics collection for TREX