

Hopewell Valley Green Team
Annual Report for 2016

Current members

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

Jennifer E. Curtis – Hopewell Borough

Scott Fulmer – Hopewell Borough

Paul Kiss – Hopewell Township

Denise Moser – Hopewell Township

Rex Parker – Hopewell Township

Joann Held – Pennington Borough

Margret van Vuuren – Pennington Borough

Bronze Certification

Pennington Borough received Bronze Certification in December, joining Hopewell Township who earned Bronze in 2015.

Solar Challenge

Hopewell Township became a participant in the Sustainable Jersey Solar Challenge. The Green Team has joined them in promoting easy access to Residential Solar Installation quotes using Energy Sage through the SolarHopewell.org portal.

Recycling Events

February 6 and September 10: Styrofoam Collection

September 10: Paper Shredding (with Pennington Borough)

June 25, July 30, August 27, September 24 & October 29: Collection of recyclables at Pennington Farmers Market, including #5 Plastics, CDs/DVDs, styrofoam egg cartons, wine bottle corks, dental hygiene products, plastic film

Educational Events

March 19: Living Local Expo

May 21: Pennington Day

September 24: Hopewell Harvest Fair

Capacity Building Grant Activities

HVGT received a Capacity Building Grant from Sustainable Jersey in March 2015. In 2016, we wrapped up grant activities by:

1. Obtaining re-usable produce bags that will be given out at the Pennington Farmers Market this summer
2. Developing a plan for creating a “Vision of Sustainable Hopewell Valley” and making initial visits to solicit input from: Hopewell Township Environmental Commission; Hopewell Township Historic Preservation Commission; Hopewell Borough Business Association

Goals for the Coming Year

- Complete Solar Hopewell Challenge, including table at Mercer Green Fest
- Label and distribute re-usable produce bags
- Visit 6-12 groups as part of Visioning Effort
- Establish Green Business Recognition Program
- Continue Recycling Efforts