



HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM

working together to live smarter & grow greener

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Since our first meeting on Oct. 29, 2009, the Hopewell Valley Green Team (formerly known as the Hopewell Valley Green Future Task Force) has been working to foster actions among citizens and governments in the Valley that will lead to a more sustainable way of living.

We have been especially focused on: 1) Outreach & Education, 2) Local Economies, and 3) Recycling. Below are a draft Mission that we recently completed, a list of accomplishments, and a preliminary list of activities for the coming year. Members of the Green Team would be happy to make a presentation to any of our local governmental bodies or other organizations that are interested in sharing ideas about how to green the way we live in our Valley.

MISSION:

To lay the foundation for a sustainable future in the Hopewell Valley, by:

- Focusing the attention of our municipal leaders on green issues, grants and initiatives that can save tax dollars and improve the quality of our citizens' lives, both short and long term;
- Educating our children and the greater public about affordable, sustainable practices that can improve our working and living environments;
- Advocating for energy efficiency of existing building stock and the implementation of renewable energy technologies;
- Promoting responsible environmental management and conservation;
- Promoting social equity and fairness in the creation of sustainable communities and sustainable practices;
- Building greater self-reliance, through the support of our local farms, businesses and existing human resources; and
- Strengthening our sense of community by identifying opportunities for Hopewell Township, Hopewell Borough, Pennington and the Hopewell Valley School District to share assets and resources;