

HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM

August 11, 2022 via Zoom Meeting Minutes

In attendance: J. Held, C. Allison, L. Croucher, J. Heinrich, E. Gleeson, C. Meyer, A. Connolly, G. & B. Koblis, C. Kelly, S. Fulmer, M. van Vuuren

COMMUNITY SOLAR

- Overview - Joann explained the benefits of community solar such as: CS goes through the energy grid, piloted a 3-yr program in 2019, certain # of subscriptions to low and middle income HH, goes through your local utility, etc. More info at: https://njcleanenergy.com/files/file/CI%20Program%20Literature/FY20%20Brochures/Community%20Solar%2011_9_19%20approved.pdf. Also can sign up through Energy Sage <https://www.energysage.com/p/hopewell/>.
- Community Education - not a lot of uniformity with subscribing, yet. Still in the “early adopter” stage.
- Municipal Resolutions of Support - would get points from Sustainable Jersey. Would need resolutions from each municipality (HT, Hopewell, Pennington).
- Grant Opportunity - Solar Landscape (SL) participated in our Decarbonize seminar last spring and received a few subscriptions as a result. They have a practice of offering a small grant to nonprofits who help them spread the word, and have \$750 that they could potentially give us. We could use this for one of our recycling projects. However, Pennington Boro is working with SL on a future solar array.

HOPEWELL HARVEST FAIR: Saturday, Sept. 17 from 10am-4pm

- Water Stations - we need GT volunteers to keep the 3 water coolers filled
- Recycling Station - Scott ordered them, wire frame w/ clear plastic bag
- Booth Activity - “Decarbonize Your Home” w/ a booth activity (Ideas: a booklet with a home self audit or a home comparison graphic? Rex’s solar spinner? Paul’s smart outlet? Joann’s kilowatt meter?)

REDUCE/REUSE/RECYCLE – Joann will be away on Aug. 27. Carol will set up the tent with others to help throughout the day. Joann subscribed to Terracycle Home and showed us the bin and the recycle bags where you can choose one category per bag, fill the bag, and TerraCycle will pick up the bag from your home <https://terracyclehome.com/>. There are currently 3-month, 6-month and 12-month subscriptions.

WEBSITE (Scott & Joann)

- New Host - HT needs to be “a part of the payment” which has delayed this transition.

RESIDENTIAL FLOODING: Best Management Practices – nothing to report

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 27, Sept 24, Oct 29: Recycling at Pennington Farmers Market

Sept 8, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8: Green Team Meetings at 7:30pm via Zoom

Sept 17: Hopewell Harvest Fair 10am-4pm

October: Annual ANJEC Conference <https://anjec.org/conferences-and-workshops/>